

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Commins seconded —
 "That Dr. Coote and Messrs. Shine and Guy be deputed to draft a circular and placard inviting the public to attend at a meeting of the Board in the Town Hall on Tuesday 16th inst, for the purpose of taking practical steps to establish a horse fair and jumping competition in Tuam."

Passed unanimously.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Patrick Cullin Chairman

Friday, 19th Nov, 1897.

Special meeting:

The annual meeting for electing a Chairman for the ensuing year was held today, Commissioners present were Messrs. Patrick Cullin, Michael Goggin, John Connelly, Francis Meagher, E. G. Guy, and Thomas Flattery.

Mr. Goggin read and signed his Declaration as Town Commissioner.

The Town Clerk having taken the chair,

Mr. Meagher proposed and Mr. Connelly seconded that the outgoing Chairman Mr. Patrick Cullin be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

Passed unanimously.

Mr. Cullin then resumed the chair and returned thanks for the compliment paid him.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullin Chairman

Monthly Meeting.

Monday, 6th December, 1897.

Commissioners present, Messrs. Patrick Cullin (Chairman of the Board), Thomas Flattery, Timothy Waldron, John Connelly, Francis Meagher and John MacSheehy.

Mr. Waldron read and signed his Declaration as Town Commissioner.

The Minutes of the previous meetings were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Account was laid before the Board showing a balance of £186.12.9 due to the Bank.

Cheques were ordered and signed for the Officers' salaries and other claims as per Finance Book, folios 31, 32, and initialled by the Chairman.

One of the cheques was to the Town Clerk for £12.17.9 for the Officers' salaries etc.

Messrs. Gatchell & Sons, 54 Mary Street, Dublin, having furnished their bill for repairing and adjusting the Town Weighbridge,

Mr. Flattery proposed, Mr. Connelly seconded and it was unanimously passed that a cheque be issued them for the amount viz £24.10.0.

Proposed by Mr. MacSheehy and seconded by Mr. Meagher —

"That the Crossing between Mr. C. St. Blake's gate and the Corner at the Bridge be improved and that the Town Inspector be authorised to get it done."

Passed unanimously.

In pursuance of notice given by Dr. Coote at previous monthly meeting, Mr. Connelly proposed, Mr. Meagher seconded and it was unanimously carried: — "That no proposition be discussed at Board unless first handed in writing and signed."

According to notice given by Mr. Shine at previous monthly meeting, Mr. Connelly proposed and Mr. Meagher seconded —

"That in future the October Pig Fair be held on Friday and not on Monday as hitherto and that this alteration be sufficiently advertised."

Passed unanimously.

The following letters were read: —

"Congested Districts Board for Ireland,
" 23, Rutland Square, Dublin,
" 2nd November, 1897.

"Sir,
"With reference to your letter of the 25th ultimo, I am directed by the Congested Districts Board for Ireland to inform you in the first place that Tuam is not within a Congested District, and that, even if it were, the Board never undertake the direct ownership or management of a Factory, such as is now suggested, though they would be willing to assist any well devised project of the kind in a Congested District. I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
" W. L. Micks.

"The Tuam Clerk James Connors' office,
" Tuam O Salway.

"Curtnafarraca, Killiney,
" Dublin, 5th December, 1897.

"Dear Sir,
"I have been travelling and otherwise occupied and could not sooner acknowledge receipt of yours, enclosing copy of a letter to our Secretary, with reference to Gas Light at Tuam Station. You are under a misapprehension as to the amount to be paid by the Railway Company, but our Secretary will be able to tell you exactly how the matter stands. Yours faithfully
" P. B. Bernard.

"John Glynn Esq., Tuam Clerk, Tuam."

The Chairman proposed and Mr Meagher seconded the following resolution which was unanimously passed—

"That we, the Tuam Town Commissioners, deeply express our deepest regret at the death of Mr William Morris, father-in-law of a respected member of this Board, Mr Edward J. Guy, and tender to our veteran colleague and his sorrowing family our sincerest sympathy in their sad bereavement. Copies of this resolution to be forwarded to Mr Guy and Mr Edward Morris."

The Motion of which Mr Shine had given notice on the 1st ultimo was argued to next monthly meeting viz:—

"That Mr Robert Kinnon & Co be requested to consult with the members of the Board and prepare a plan and Specification providing for butchers' stalls in front of Meat Market, also for a proper Market place at back of same for the use of vendors of butter and eggs."

The Board then adjourned to the 13th inst.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Patrick Cullin Chairman

Adjourned Meeting.

Monday, 13th December, 1897

Only one Commissioner, Mr Patrick Cullin, Chairman of the Board, attended.

John Glynn
Tuam Clerk.

Monthly Meeting

Monday, 3rd January, 1898.

Commissioners present, — Messrs Patrick Cullin (Chairman of the Board) John MacPhelipi, E. J. Guy, Francis Meagher and Timothy Waldron.

The Minutes of the preceding meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Account laid before the Board showed a balance of £227.0.6 due to the Bank.

Mr Francis Meagher proposed and Mr Guy seconded the following resolution which was passed unanimously:—

There is to be a ^{meeting} representative of Ireland to be held in Dublin on the 11th of January for the purpose of making a national Demand for Equality of treatment for Catholics in the matter of University Education. It is a monstrous grievance that Catholics have no University to pursue their studies where they can do so with a safe Conscience. The Protestants have Trinity College with her surroundings and also the Queen's College; we, the Catholics, three-fourths of the Nation are deprived of a University. Surely, there is no equality of treatment in this matter. Of course, we have primary and intermediate Education but we want the crowning or completion of the great work of Education, namely a University. As a public body we can do no better than send a few members of the Board to represent us on the 11th in Dublin. That we call upon the Government to give us Equality of treatment in the matter of University Education by establishing without necessary delay a University where the Catholics of Ireland can pursue their studies with a safe Conscience and that copies of the resolution be sent to the Lord Lieutenant, the Chief Secretary for Ireland, all the members of the Cabinet, and the Secretaries of the Committee and also Messrs Milbride, Dillon, Healy and Duffour."

The Board then adjourned to Monday 10th instant as a mark of respect to the memory of Mrs Luke Forde of Cloonfish, Rev Father Forde's mother whose funeral was taking place today.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Patrick Cullin Chairman.

Friday, 7th January 1898

Meeting by requisition Pursuant to the following requisition a meeting had been summoned for this day:-

"Inam, 4th January, 1898

"To Mr John Flynn, Town Clerk,
We the undersigned Town Commissioners of Inam, hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Friday 7th instant at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of appointing delegates to represent the Board at meeting in Dublin on the 11th instant, demanding a Catholic University for Ireland.

"Patrick Culkinn B.H.,
"John Connelly T.B.,
"M Gaggins T.B.,
"John Cunningham T.B.,
"Michael C. Shue T.B."

The following Commissioners attended at mid-day:- Messrs Patrick Culkinn (Chairman of the Board) Michael C. Shue, John Connelly, and Thomas Hatley (4)

The number being short of a quorum they adjourned to 6 o'clock when there were present as follows:-

Messrs Patrick Culkinn (Chairman of the Board), Michael C. Shue, James J. Begley, Thomas Hatley, John Mac Philpim, Francis Meagher, E. J. Guy, John Connelly, James Connors, Timothy Waldron, and J. P. Costello, M.D.,

The following were unanimously appointed as delegates to represent the Board at the Dublin Meeting:-

The Chairman (Mr Culkinn), John Mac Philpim, J. P. Costello, M.C. Shue, Francis Meagher, J. J. Begley, and the Town Clerk (John Flynn)

On the motion of Mr Shue it was ordered that the Clerk send a copy of the Board's resolution with reference to the Catholic University question passed at previous meeting to Mr John C. Redmond M.P.

Mr Shue proposed and Mr Connors seconded the following resolution which was unanimously passed:-

"That at this, a large meeting of the Town Commissioners, assembled, we hereby approve of the Movement to celebrate the '98 Centenary, and that the Rev Michael J. Mac Hugh C.A., Mr Patrick Culkinn, B.H., Mr Michael C. Shue T.B., and Mr E. J. Kelly - all members of the Centenary Committee, be asked to call a public meeting by placard for Sunday 16th instant, 1.30 p.m., in the Town Hall, to form a branch of the '98 Centenary Movement, and take steps to worthily celebrate the deed of the brave men who fell in those troubled times."

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Patrick Culkinn

Chairman

Adjourned Monthly Meeting

Monday, 10th January, 1898

Commissioners present, Messrs Patrick Culkinn (Chairman of the Board) M.C. Shue, James J. Begley, John Connelly, and Timothy Waldron.

Cheques were ordered and signed for the officers' salaries and other claims as per Finance Book, folios 32 and 33, and initialled by the Chairman.

Of the cheques ordered and signed was one to John Flynn, Town Clerk, for £4.9.5 for small bills ordered to be paid.

The following letter was read:-

"21, Great Charles Street,
"Mountjoy Square, Dublin,
"January 2nd, 1898."

Dear Mr Culkinn, - It has been suggested to me that which always has been in the forefront in national affairs should join its voice of protest with the rest of Ireland upon this great and important financial question which is now agitating the Country. Already all the principal towns are making arrangements to hold public meetings, and it is expedient that they should be held during the present month before the opening of Parliament. If it were necessary or desirable we would send some speakers, but in Inam that would be unnecessary with so much local talent in the neighbourhood. Should your meeting be held I am sure the following would attend:- The Archbishop, the Protestant Bishop, the Presbytery and College priests, Messrs Bernard, Lewin, John O'Han, Walthman, Sir St Gratian Bellaw, Colonel Nolan - all of whom take a great and active interest in this movement. In fact you have the materials for a very successful and significant meeting, and I trust my suggestions (made at the instance of the Organising Committee) will be appreciated in the spirit it is made, and that my desire to see my native town take its place in the great national movement will be the desire of its people also, not a man of whom must not feel the injustice and iniquity of the present financial arrangements under stress of which Ireland pays 2 1/2 millions more annually in taxation than is its fair and just proportion. Any suggestion or aid I personally can give you for the furtherance of the meeting are at your disposal. My only wish is to see it a success, worthy of the object and of the historic town. I send some pamphlets but more will be supplied if required or any other help given here. It occurs to me amongst those you might invite to speak or attend in addition to those hurriedly suggested are the Dean of Inam, Mr Martin McDonnell and Mr James Blake Concom of Bandon, all of whom are in perfect unison with the present movement. Of course this does not exhaust your local list, they just at the moment occur to me simply. Yours very sincerely,
"Richard J. Kelly."

"P. Culkinn Esq."

It was agreed to hold a special meeting to establish a Branch of the Irish Financial Reform League in the Town.

The following letters were read from Secretary, Waterford Limerick and Western Railway Co:-

Waterford Terminus, 4th Dec, 1897

John Glynn Esq, Town Clerk, Suam

"Dear Sir, - Gas Lamp at Suam: yours of the 30th ulto. seems to have been written under some misconception as to the terms of the arrangement. Kindly refer to my letter of the 18th Feby 1896 conveying to you the willingness of this Company's Board to bear half the cost viz £2.10.0 per annum of the lamp erected by the Commrs yours faithfully,

"John J Murphy, Secretary."

Waterford Terminus, 14th Dec, 1897.

John Glynn Esq, Town Clerk, Suam

"Dear Sir - Gas Lamp at Suam: Following mine of the 7th inst and have read the report in Saturday's newspaper of the Town Commissioners Meeting last week and whilst agreeing with your statement that "you ought to know as much about the price agreed upon as the secretary," I would again refer you to the very specific terms of my letter to you of the 18th February 1896, conveying the willingness of the Company to bear half the cost of the lamp viz £2.10.0 per annum. Nothing has since come under my notice which would in any way modify the terms of this proposal. Yours faithfully,

"John J Murphy, Secretary."

The Chairman said it was his recollection that before the lamp was erected he had mentioned to Mr Bernard, Chairman of the Railway Company, that the Commissioners would supply and erect put up at the Suam Station a lamp at their own expense provided the Railway Co. paid £5 a year for the lighting. The lamp was put up and lighted before the Secretary, Railway Company, wrote that £2.10.0 was what the Company would pay which sum the Commrs did not then nor since agree to pay accept.

The Board agreed that the lamp be extinguished unless the Railway Co. undertake to pay £5 a year for the lighting

It was ordered that a wagon of Malbay flags be got from Messrs Goherty & Sample Salway and that the Town Inspectors have as soon as possible the flagged footways repaired wherever necessary.

The following resolution forwarded by the Irish Cattle Traders and Stock Owners' Association, Dublin, was unanimously adopted:-

"That we demand from the Government the appointment of an Irish Agricultural Department to be worked by Irishmen who have a thorough knowledge of the agricultural necessities of their own country, seeing that in England where the agricultural interest is but 14 per cent of the industrial volume there is an agricultural department with 82 salaried officials, while in Ireland, where the overwhelming majority of the population have to depend for income on the products of the soil, there is no agricultural department whatever.

"That this Association Board is strongly of opinion that the establishment of an Irish Board of Agriculture and of a Veterinary College in Dublin would be of incalculable benefit to the Irish Live-Stock trade

And that a copy of the above resolutions be sent to the Premier the Lord Lieutenant, and the Chief Secretary."

The following resolution from the Technical Association for Ireland was unanimously adopted:-

"That we consider the immediate establishment of a Central organization to foster agriculture and industries with the aid of State funds as essential for the preservation of Irish Agriculture and Industries, and that in case the Government are unable to pass a Bill this session dealing with the subject, we call upon His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant to pass such an Organization by Charter.

"That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Lieutenant, the Chief Secretary for Ireland and the local Members of Parliament and the Press."

Mr Shive proposed, Mr Waldron seconded and it was unanimously passed that a copy of Thom's Directory for 1898 be got for the Board's use

The following letters were read:-

"Quinn's Hotel, Waterford

"10th Dec, 1897."

"Dear Sir, - I am in receipt of your favour containing a copy of a resolution passed by the Suam Town Commissioners at their meeting on 6th inst. I am very thankful to these gentlemen for their kind expressions of regret at my father's death and for the honour they pay his memory. I also thank yourself for the words of sympathy which your letter contains. Yours faithfully,

"E. Morris."

John Glynn Esq, Town Clerk, Suam."

"Suam, 11th Dec '97

"Dear Sir, - I beg to thank the Chairman and members of your Board for the very kind vote of condolence tendered to myself and Mrs Guy on the occasion of the death of my father-in-law, Mr William Morris, and take this opportunity now of assuring them how deeply grateful we both are. Very sincerely yours

"E. G. Guy."

John Glynn Esq, Town Clerk."

The following resolution proposed by Mr Shive and seconded by Mr Waldron was unanimously carried:-

"That we, the Suam Town Commissioners at this our first meeting of the New Year call upon the Government to release the Irish Political Prisoners who have too long suffered, we believe, unjustly, Copy to be sent to the Home Secretary

The following tender was accepted at meeting on 6th Dec 1897:-

"I agree to strip off all the slates of the Urinal roof, to re-slate same, and to cement the sides and top of said roof, in a workmanlike manner, affixing slates, laths, and cement for the sum of one pound eighteen shillings (£1.18.0)"

"Thomas Gan."

Mr Shive's motion regarding Mead Market adjourned from previous monthly meeting (see page 279) was further adjourned to next monthly meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Lenthin

Chairman

Monday, 7th February, 1898.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present Messrs Patrick Cullkin (Chairman of the Board) John Cunningham, Michael C. Shine, Francis Meagher and John Connelly.

Mr Cunningham read and signed his Declaration as Commissioner

The Minutes of the previous Meetings were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Account was submitted showing balance of £169.15.9 due to the Bank.

Cheques were ordered and signed for the officers' salaries and other claims as per Finance Book, folios 34 and 35 and initialled by the Chairman

Of the cheques ordered and signed was one to the Town Clerk £8.9.2 for small bills particulars in said folios of Finance Book.

Mr Shine suggested and it was ordered unanimously that the Clerk write to the County Surveyor about footpath at the Bridge Bishop street and asking him to point out portions of street channel to be repaired as Contractor was ready to go on with the work.

Mr Shine proposed and Mr Meagher seconded the following resolution which was unanimously passed:-

"That in future if the Contractor for printing to this Board does not after getting a week's notice supply the required number of placards that same be got at his expense; that bill posters be sent out at least fourteen days before each monthly fair to post those bills in the County District; and that a bellman be sent out in Tuam to announce the fair."

Proposed by Mr Shine and seconded by Mr Meagher:—"That three ladders be procured viz 20 feet, 25 feet and 30 feet long to be kept for use in cases of fire."

Passed unanimously.

The following letters were read:-

"Local Government Board, Dublin,
13th January, 1898.

Sir, - I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to inform you that the accounts of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be audited by Captain Graham Wynne Local Government Board Auditor. I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

D. J. MacSheehan, Assistant Secretary.
The Clerk to the Town Commissioners,
Town Commissioners' office,
Tuam.

Catholic University,
Stephen's Green Dublin, 10.1.98

"Catholic University Question."

"Dear Sir, - We beg to acknowledge with many thanks your letter of January 8th informing us that your Board had passed a resolution in favour of the speedy settlement of the Catholic University Question, and nominated delegates to attend the Dublin meeting on January the 11th for which we are much obliged.

"We remain faithfully yours

- "A. Birmingham M.D.
 - "Paul J. Droune
 - "Michl Cox M.D.
 - "Charles Dawson
 - "Chas J Doyle
- Non Secs
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"John Glynn Esq,
Town Clerk, Tuam,"

Mr Shine's motion regarding Meat Market adjourned from previous monthly meeting (see notice page 279) was further adjourned to next monthly meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullkin Chairman

Monday, 21st February, 1898

Special Meeting.

Pursuant to the following requisition a meeting of the Board had been summoned for this day:- "Tuam, 18th February, 1898.

"To John Glynn Town Clerk,
"We the undersigned Town Commissioners of Tuam hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Monday next, 12 o'clock (noon) for the purpose of considering letters addressed to the Chairman by the '98 Centenary Committee' and the 'United Irishmen's Centennial Association', and the advisability of adopting a resolution approving of suggestion that the Lord Mayor of Dublin should be requested to call a meeting of all sections of Nationalists in order to have but one association".

- "Patrick Cullkin C.D.,
- "John Connelly,
- "James J. Begley,
- "Francis Meagher,
- "E. J. Guy."

Commissioners in attendance, Messrs Patrick Cullkin (Chairman of the Board) James J. Begley, E. J. Guy, John Connelly, and Francis Meagher and Mr Shine

The Chairman proposed and Mr Connelly seconded the following resolution which was passed, none dissenting but Mr Shine:-

"That we the Inam Town Commissioners hereby approve of the suggestion of the Mayor of Connel that the Lord Mayor of Dublin should be requested to summon a meeting of all sections of Nationalists, in order to have but one association for the celebration of the 98 Centenary and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Lord Mayor of Dublin, the 98 Centenary Committee, and the United Irishmen's Centennial Association."

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkinn Chairman

Monday, 27th March, 1898

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners present, Messrs Patrick Culkinn (Chairman of the Board), Michael Goggins, Francis Meagher, John MacPhelin, John Connelly, and Mr. Shine.

The minutes of previous meetings were read and signed.

The Treasurer's account laid before the Board showed balance due to the Bank £208.18.11

Cheques were ordered and signed for the officers' salaries and other claims as per Finance Book (folios 35 & 36) and initialed by the Chairman.

Of these cheques ordered and signed was one to the Clerk for £8.0.11 to pay small bills, particularised in said folios of Finance Book.

Mr. Robert Kirwan, Esq., having certified that the sum of £9 was due to Mr. Edmond Concanon Contractor for repairs to roof, improving the ventilation and new windows at Town Hall, a cheque was ordered and signed for the amount.

The Chairman said there was a vacancy in the Board, Mr. Patrick Lyons not having attended for the last six months.

Mr. Meagher proposed and Mr. Goggins seconded that Mr. David H. Burke, Merchant, Shop Street, Inam be co-opted as Commissioner in room of Mr. Lyons.

The Chairman asked if any other member of the Board present had a candidate to propose for the vacancy and there was no response.

Mr. Burke was ^{plb} unanimously elected. Plb

The Board then adjourned to Monday, 14th inst.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkinn Chairman

Monday, 14th March, 1898

Adjourned Meeting

Commissioners present, Messrs Patrick Culkinn (Chairman of the Board) Francis Meagher, Ed. Guy, Mr. Shine, John MacPhelin, and John Connelly.

Cheques were ordered and signed for Mr. Edmond Concanon for £22.10.0, half year's rent of Fair Green to 1st March 1898 and to Mr. John Kenny Contractor for repairing flagged footpaths of the Town £4.12.0 (See Finance Book, folio 37)

Mr. P. J. Hannan, Organiser, Financial Reform League, appeared before the Board suggesting that steps be taken to hold a public meeting in Inam on the Financial Question.

The Board approved of the suggestion, naming Wednesday 30th March for such meeting.

A letter was read from the Board's solicitor, Mr. H. S. Concanon, "re Conway deceased - Messrs Conway & Quinn's Costs," enclosing copy of taxation of said costs and copy letter which he had received from Messrs Conway & Quinn showing that the balance of costs due to them was £104.14.0 and which sum they were entitled to be paid.

Mr. Shine proposed and Mr. Guy seconded the following resolution which was unanimously passed: -

"That we request the Midland Railway Co to give special facilities for the important Horse Fair to be held in Inam the last Wednesday in August."

Mr. Connelly proposed and Mr. Meagher seconded the following resolution which was unanimously passed: -

"That the Waterford, Kenilworth and Western Railway Co be requested to run a train on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 5 o'clock pm from Inam to Claremorris to accommodate people attending the Inam Markets. Owing to present railway arrangements, the people must either start for home before transacting their business or lose the train."

Mr. Edmond Concanon having come before the Board complaining of the state of unfinished footpath at Bishop Street Bridge,

Mr. Mac-Phelin proposed and Mr. Shine seconded the following resolution which was passed unanimously - "That Mr. Shine (a member of this Board) and Mr. Edmond Concanon (landlord of adjoining houses and a heavy cross-payer in the Town) be requested to appear before the Grand Jury at their meeting on Thursday 17th instant to bring under their notice the state of unfinished footpath at the Bridge Bishop Street, Inam, which is dangerous to the public safety and the fact that the Co. Surveyor has paid no attention to any communication from this Board with reference to it."

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkinn Chairman

Friday, 18th March, 1898

Meeting by requisition.

Pursuant to the following requisition a meeting had been summoned for this day:-

"Dunam, 14th March, 1898

"To John Glynn, Town Clerk,
"We the undersigned Town Commissioners of Dunam hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Friday next, 18th inst, 12 o'clock (noon) for the purpose of considering the proposed amalgamation of the Waterford Limerick & Western Railway with the Great Southern (and Midland) Great Western (and what effect it may have on Dunam District, and of also considering the advisability of having telephonic communication extended to Dunam."

"Patrick Cullen, J.P.,
"Michael C. Shine, J.P.,
"John Connelly, J.P.,
"E. G. Guy, J.P.,
"Francis Meagher, J.P.,

Commissioners in attendance, Messrs Patrick Cullen (Chairman of the Board), John MacPhelplin, Michael C. Shine, and Francis Meagher.

The number being short of a quorum there was no business done

John Glynn
Town Clerk

Friday, 25th March, 1898

Meeting by requisition.

Pursuant to the following requisition a meeting was held to day:-

"Dunam, 14th March, 1898,

"To John Glynn, Town Clerk,
"We the undersigned Town Commissioners of Dunam hereby request to convene a special meeting of the Board for Friday 25th inst, 12 o'clock (noon) for the purpose of considering the bill of costs furnished by representatives of the late Mr P. J. Conway Esq.

"Patrick Cullen, J.P.,
"John Connelly, J.P.,
"Francis Meagher, J.P.,
"Michael C. Shine, J.P.,
"E. G. Guy, J.P.,

Commissioners present, Messrs Patrick Cullen (Chairman of the Board) Michael C. Shine, Francis Meagher, John Connelly, E. G. Guy and John MacPhelplin.

There were also present, Messrs H. J. Concanan (the Board's Sols.) and J. M. Fadden, Inspector, the National Telephone Co. Ltd.

The Board decided to request their solicitor Mr. H. J. Concanan to speak to Mr. Quinn Solicitor with a view to get representatives of Mr. P. J. Conway to accept payment of the costs (£104. 14s. 0d) in periodic instalments.

Mr. M. Fadden having asked the Board to become subscribers to Telephone Exchange which was proposed to be opened in Dunam,

Mr. MacPhelplin gave notice that he would move at the next monthly meeting - "That the Board become one of the subscribers to the Telephone which is being introduced into Dunam."

Mr. MacPhelplin also gave notice that he would move at the next Monthly meeting -

"That the Dunam Town Commissioners wish to bring under the notice of the Right Hon. Gerald Balfour that it is highly desirable to establish National Councils in connection with County Councils, District Councils, and Urban Councils, the Dunam Town Commissioners feel that this great measure of local government would be incomplete unless National Councils for all Ireland are also established having its meetings held in Dublin."

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullen Chairman

I, David H. Burke, do solemnly declare that I will faithfully and impartially, according to the best of my skill and judgment execute all the powers and authorities reposed in me as Commissioner by virtue of the Town Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854, and the Town Councils and Local Boards Act, 1880, and that I am in occupation of a dwelling house in the Town of Dunam rated to the relief of the Poor at the next annual value or upwards of £4

Subscribed before me this
day of 1898

Witness

Monday, 4th April, 1898.

Monthly Meeting,
Commissioners present, Messrs Patrick Culkinn (Chairman of the Board), Michael O'Shine, Francis McEagher, E. J. Guy, Cunningham, and John MacPhiepin.

The Minutes of the previous Meetings were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Account laid before the Board showed balance of £237.6.9 due to the Bank.

Cheques were ordered and signed for the officers' salaries and other claims as per Finance Book folios 37, 38, and initialled by the Chairman.

One of the cheques was to John Glynn Town Clerk for £5.13.1 to pay small accounts particularized in said folios of Finance Book.

Mr P. D. Hamm, Organizer Financial Reform League came before the Board and suggested that steps be taken to establish in Tuam a branch of that league.

The Town Clerk was directed to issue a circular requesting the Townspeople to meet in the Town Hall on Tuesday, 5th inst, at 8 o'clock p.m. to consider Mr Hamm's suggestion.

Mr MacPhiepin's Motion of which notice had been given - that the Board become subscribers to proposed Telephone Exchange - was adjourned to Monday 11th instant.

The following letter was read from the Board's Solicitor:-

"Tuam, Co Galway, 4th April, 1898

"Re Mr Conway's Costs."

"Gentlemen, - I had an interview with Mr Quinn and instead of the payments being divided into four he would prefer the following arrangement: - £25 in July, £50 in October, and balance on the 29th March 1899. This spreads the payments over the same length of time as you suggested on Friday, but Mr Quinn is anxious for a large payment - £50 in October - as he wants to close up Mr Conway's estate. I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

H. D. Concanon.

To the Chairman and gentlemen,

"Tuam Town Commissioners, Town Hall."

Consideration of the letter was adjourned to Monday, 11th instant.

Mr Shine gave notice that he would move at the next meeting that a public meeting of the Townspeople be convened to take steps to safeguard their interests against the working of the Co-operative Society.

The Chairman gave notice that he would propose at the next meeting that our representatives in Parliament be requested to watch the interests of the Township whilst the Local Government Bill was being amended in Committee.

The following letter was read from the County Surveyor:-

Lydell's Hotel, Clifton

12th March, 1898.

"Dear Sir, - Mr Egan has been instructed by me to complete the pathway and I hope it will be finished without delay. In regard to the pavements I shall go to Tuam as soon as I possibly can - having regard to the work of the Assize, to explain what is required. I have to ask some little indulgence owing to my being very much engaged upon Government Relief works. I am very faithfully yours,

John Glynn Esq., Town Clerk, Tuam.

James Perry."

The Board adjourned to Monday, 11th instant.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkinn Chairman

Monday, 11th April, 1898

Adjourned Meeting

Commissioners present, Messrs Michael O'Shine, John Cunningham and J. D. Costello M.D.

The number being short of a quorum, Mr Shine proposed and Mr Costello seconded further adjournment to Monday, 18th inst.

Adjourned accordingly.

John Glynn
Town Clerk

Monday, 18th April, 1898.

Adjourned Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs Patrick Culkinn (Chairman of the Board), Michael O'Shine, James J. Dealey, John Cunningham, E. J. Guy, and J. D. Costello M.D.

Letter from the Board's Solicitor, Mr H. D. Concanon, re Mr Conway's bill of Costs having been read (as on opposite page [291]) and considered,

The Board unanimously decided to inform Mr Concanon that they would discharge the amount of the bill (£104.14^s) by three payments as desired by Mr Quinn Solicitor, if they were in sufficient funds in October to pay £50; if not, they would pay £25 in July next, £25 in October, £25 in March '99 and the balance £29.14^s in July '99.

Mr MacPhiepin's motion that the Board become subscribers to the proposed Telephone Exchange was again adjourned, to next monthly meeting.

It was also Mr Shine's motion regarding the Co-operative Society.

A letter was read from the Waterford Limerick and Western Railway Co. conveying their regret that as the traffic does not warrant them they are unable to run the additional trains desired between Tuam and Claremorris.

A scaled order was submitted from the Local Government Board dividing the Poor Law Electoral Division of Tuam into two Electoral Divisions, named respectively the Tuam Urban Electoral Division and the Tuam Rural Electoral Division, the Urban including that portion within the Municipal boundary of the town and the Rural that not included within the said boundary.

Mr Guy proposed, Dr Costello seconded and it was unanimously passed —
 "That our Parliamentary Representative, Mr Milbride be requested to ask the following questions in the House of Commons: — If the inhabitants of Tuam Township refuse to become an Urban Sanitary Authority shall they, under the new Local Government Bill cease to have Town Commissioners, and shall the business now transacted by the Town Commissioners be transferred to the Board of Guardians as the Rural District Council, and shall they get the income of the Town Commissioners viz, the Tolls and Customs of the fairs and Markets of the Township and have the Management of the said fairs and Markets."

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr M. C. Shine, and unanimously resolved —
 "The Town of Tuam has by Charters a number of fairs and markets which, since the Townspeople adopted the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, have so improved under the care of the Town Commissioners that they are second in importance to none in Connaught, and the income derived from them in Tolls and Customs, now £600 a year, has always been sufficient to cleanse, pave, flag, and light the town and no tax has been ever levied under the Towns Improvement Act. This is a satisfactory condition of the Town and the Townspeople are anxious it should continue."

"Now, if the Town be brought within the provisions of the new Local Government Bill it is sure to suffer. If made an Urban Sanitary District, taxation will increase on the householders; if merged in the Rural District (the Poor Law Union), all its business including the management of its fairs and markets and collection of its Tolls and Customs will be transferred to the Rural District Council (the Board of Guardians), on which the Town shall have but one representative. The great bulk of the Guardians know not the peculiar requirements and necessities of the Town, and, even if they did, they will not give the business the necessary time and attention. In this case the Town, instead of progressing, would eventually become an insignificant village, with its fairs and markets reduced to what they once were when the Tolls and Customs barely realized £40 a year. For want of the Tolls and Customs diminish in value there shall necessarily be an increase of £ in taxation on the householders."

"Therefore we respectfully ask Mr Balfour to insert a clause in the Bill allowing the Town Commissioners to continue as hitherto transacting the business of the Township under the Towns Improvement Act, solely, and request our Representatives in Parliament to press the matter on the attention of the Government."

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Balkin

Chairman.

Monthly Meeting.

Monday, 2nd May, 1898.

Commissioners present, Messrs Patrick Culkin (Chairman of the Board), Michael C. Shine, John Cunningham, James J. Begley, Francis Meagher, and John MacPhilpin.

The Minutes of the previous Meetings were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Account laid before the Board showed balance due to the Bank by the Board, £209.0.9

Cheques were ordered and signed for officers' salaries and other claims as per Finance Book, folios 38, 39, initialled by the Chairman.

Of the cheques signed one was for £2.11.4 to the Town Clerk to pay small bills particularized in said folios of the Finance Book.

The Clerk stated that he had filled and served notices of application to Barnical Sessions for presentments to make a flagged footpath on Circular road and to repair Old Ballygaddy road.

Approved unanimously.

Mr Shine proposed, Mr Cunningham seconded and it was unanimously passed —
 "That the May Fair be advertised in the 'Freeman's Journal', 'Daily Independent', 'Irish Times', 'Daily Nation', and 'Daily Express' on the 4th, 5th, 6th, & 7th inst; same papers to be requested to give it a paragraph in their news columns; that the fair be announced at Ballinasloe fair on the 6th & 7th inst by bellman; and that circulars of the fair be issued to the principal buyers that attend Tuam fairs."

Mr MacPhilpin proposed and Mr Begley seconded —
 "That the Tuam Town Commissioners become one of the subscribers to the Telephone which is being introduced into Tuam."

Mr Shine proposed and Mr Cunningham seconded that consideration of Mr MacPhilpin's proposition be adjourned to next monthly meeting.

For adjournment — Messrs Cunningham, Shine, and the Chairman (3).
 Against — Messrs Begley and MacPhilpin (2)

It was therefore adjourned.

Mr Shine withdrew his motion with reference to the Co-operative Society, of which he had given notice on 4th April (see page 291)

It was proposed by Mr Shine, seconded by the Chairman and unanimously passed —
 "That John Murphy and Thomas Dwyer be appointed enumerators for the May Sheep and Cattle Fairs."

Proposed by Mr Shine (and seconded by Mr Begley —
"That the Board's Solicitor (Mr H S Concanon) with Mr Quinn
Esq, wait on the Treasurer with a view to arrange for an overdraft
to meet Mr Conroy's bill of Costs."

Passed unanimously.

The Chairman proposed (and Mr Begley seconded) the following resolution
which was unanimously passed —

"That we, the Inam Town Commissioners, hereby emphatically
protest against the disqualification by Act of Parliament of the Clergy of this
County for offices to which they ought to be eligible from the fact of their being
citizens independently altogether of their acknowledged qualifications to serve the
public interest on the Boards that are to be constituted under the new Local
Government Bill; and that we request our Parliamentary representatives to
press the Government to expunge from the Bill the clause excluding the
Clergy from these Boards."

The following correspondence was read and ordered to be recorded on the
minutes:—

"Irish Office, Old Queen Street, S.W.,
London, 28th April, 1898.

Sir, — The Chief Secretary desires me to say that he has only received and
noted your letter of the 25th instant, with its annexed copy of resolution passed by the
your Town Commissioners, at their last meeting in reference to the Local Government
(Ireland) Bill. I am your obedient servant,

"L C Dowdall."

"The Town Clerk, Inam."

"House of Commons, 28th April, 1898.

"John Glynn Esq., Town Clerk, Inam,
Dear Sir, — I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th inst.,
with copy of resolution. The subject dealt with therein will have my most careful
attention. Yours sincerely,

"John Dillon."

"House of Commons, 28th April 1898.

"Dear Sir, — In acknowledging your resolution perhaps I should say
that there are no grounds whatever for the fears which it expresses.
Faithfully yours.

"T M Healy."

"John Glynn Esq., Town Clerk, Inam."

"House of Commons, 30th April, 1898.

"Dear Mr Glynn, — I enclose you for the information of your Board
the official reply to the question put to the Chief Secretary regarding the position
of the Inam Town Commissioners under the Local Government Bill.

"Yours faithfully,

"Denis Kilbride."

"Mr John Glynn, Town Clerk."

"Inam Township."

"Mr Kilbride (Galway, N): I beg to ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant
of Ireland whether, if the inhabitants of Inam Township refuse to become urban sanitary
authority, shall they under the new Local Government Bill cease to have Town Commissioners;
shall all the business now transacted by the Town Commrs be transferred to the Board of
Guardians as the rural district Council; shall they get the income of the Town Commrs —
namely, the tolls and Customs of the fairs and markets of the Township, and have the
management of the said fairs and markets?"

"Mr Gerald Balfour: As the Bill at present stands, if the Inam Town Commrs
refuse to become an urban district Council they will retain their existing constitution
as well as their property and powers."

"Stansard."

Daniel O'rioham applied for five shillings for posting at Milltown etc
placards of Inam Fairs, this work being outside his contract for Bill posting which
is confined to the town of Inam.

Application granted.

The Chairman on 4th April (ult) lodged to credit of the Board, £3 (three pounds)
the excess of half year's presentment from Grand Jury for road between the Market Cross
and the turn to Gardenfield over Michael Tullin's contract with the Board for
the work.

The Board adjourned to Monday 9th instant.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Patrick Cullin Chairman.

Monday, 9th May, 1898.

Adjourned Meeting.—

Owing to Fair being held in the town no Commissioners
attended and adjourned to Monday 16th instant,
John Glynn,
Town Clerk.

Monday, 16th May, 1898

Adjourned Meeting. Commissioners present (at 12 o'clock noon) — Messrs
Patrick Cullin (Chairman of the Board), Michael B Shine, Michael Giggins,
John Cunningham, John Connelly, E G Guy, and T B Costello M.D.

Cheques were ordered and signed as per Finance Book (folios 39, 40) initialled
by the Chairman, one of which was to the Town Clerk to pay Bill posters etc, 11/6.

Returns of the May Fair (cattle and sheep) were submitted as follows from the enumerators:-

Sheep: sold - 643 wethers,	3135 hoppers,	582 ewes & lambs	= 4360
unsold - 604 "	122 "	154 "	= 880
<u>1247</u>	<u>3257</u>	<u>736</u>	<u>= 5240</u>

Cattle: sold - 2348 heifers,	2045 bullocks,	⁽⁴⁰⁾ 740 cows,	109 calves	= 4642
unsold - 280 "	382 "	57 "	103 "	= 922
<u>2628</u>	<u>2427</u>	<u>197</u>	<u>212</u>	<u>= 5564</u>

The following Correspondence was read: - "House of Commons, 9th May, 1898"

"John Glynn Esq, Town Clerk, Tuam,
Dear Sir, - In reply to your letter of 5th instant I beg to say that I have an amendment on the paper in the sense of the resolution you enclose and I shall not lose sight of it. yours sincerely,
"John Dillon."

"Irish Office, Old Queen's street, S.W.
London, 9th May 1898"

"Sir, - The Chief Secretary desires me to say that he has duly received and noted your letter of the 5th inst, with its enclosed copy of resolution adopted by your Town Commissioners at their meeting on the previous day in reference to the Local Government (Ireland) Bill. I am your obedient servant,
"L O Dowdall."

"The Clerk of the Tuam Town Commrs"

The Board adjourned to 6 o'c pm.

Signed on behalf of the Board,
Patrick Cullkin Chairman.

Monday, 16th May, 1898.

Adjourned Meeting
Commissioners present (at 6 o'c pm) - Messrs Patrick Cullkin (Chairman of the Board), Michael O'Shine, Michael Higgins and J B Costello M.D.

Also present Mr James McDonnell (Contractor for Gas) who submitted a Statement of his account due him by the Board for gas etc, 10th May 1898, £242.8.8

Mr Meagher proposed and Mr Costello seconded the following resolution which was unanimously passed -

"That in future all public meetings who have the use of the room will be charged for gas actually consumed and for this purpose the Inspector find out the cost of gas per hour."

Signed on behalf of the Board,
Patrick Cullkin Chairman.

Monthly Meeting.

Monday, 6th June, 1898.

Commissioners present, Messrs Patrick Cullkin (Chairman of the Board) and John Connelly.

Adjourned to Monday, 13th instant, the number present being short of a quorum

John Glynn, Town Clerk.

Monthly Meeting

Monday, 6th June, 1898

Only two Commissioners attended namely Messrs Patrick Cullkin (Chairman of the Board) and John Connelly who adjourned to Monday 13th inst.

John Glynn, Town Clerk.

Monday, 13th June, 1898.

Adjourned Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs Patrick Cullkin (Chairman of the Board), Michael O'Shine, Timothy Waldron, E J Gray, and J B Costello, M.D.

The Minutes of the previous meetings were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Account showed balance due to the Bank by the Board £150.2.2

Cheques were ordered and signed for the officers' salaries and other claims as per Finance Book (folios 40, 41) as initialed by the Chairman. One of the cheques was to the Town Clerk (£5.19.3) for small a/c orders to be paid (see Finance Book fol. 40, 41).

The following letter was read: -

"Veterinary Department,
"Privy Council Office
"Dublin Castle, 16th May 1898."

"Sir, - I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to transmit to be laid before the Town Commissioners of Tuam, the accompanying extract from a report, dated the 12th inst, which has been received from a travelling inspector of this Department relative to his inspection of the Fair Green at Tuam on the occasion of the fair held there from the 9th to the 11th instant; and I am to invite the attention of the Commrs to the question of the improvement of the exits from the Fair Green with a view to afford to the cattle additional protection against injury during their egress. I am Sir etc
"J B Dougherty."
To the Clerk Town Commrs, Tuam. 4

"Extract from Government Travelling Inspector's Report dated 12th May, 1898, relative to his inspection of the Fair Green at Tuam on the 9th, 10th, and 11th May:-
 "The Fair Green is large and well situated, surrounded by stonewalls and a divisional wall in the centre. There are only two exits (very narrow) through which all lots of animals bought early are rushed out, the sharp edges of the stone gate supports causing injury to many beasts; the drovers try to get their lots first at the railway station. Most of the large dealers were on the Green, and some made complaints to me as to their animals being injured by these gates. The Fair Green belongs to the Town Committee."

It was ordered that the Inspector's report be shown to the lessee of the Fair Green, Mr Edward Concaum, who, the Board considered, should do the required improvement.

Mr Shine proposed, Mr Waldron seconded and it was unanimously passed—

"That the seal of the Town Board be affixed to the Petition to the House of Commons of Great Britain and Ireland—forwarded by the Irish Financial League—praying that effect may be given to the findings of the Royal Commission on the Financial Relations of Great Britain and Ireland."

At request of the Irish Tourist Association, the following resolution proposed by Mr Guy and seconded by Mr Shine was unanimously adopted:—

"That the Irish members of Parliament be requested to have inserted in the Local Government Bill now before Parliament a clause enabling County Councils to levy taxes and appropriate funds at their disposal for the purpose of advertising tourist resorts in their respective districts."

A letter was read from Mr A Caddell, Registrar of Petty Sessions Clerks, stating that £8.18.4 proportion of the Dog License money for the town under the Dogs Regulation (Ireland) Act 1865 was paid over to the Board's Treasurer.

Report was read from the Town Inspector, whereupon it was ordered that the walls of the several market places be limewashed; that the Contractor (Mr Kenny) be called upon to repair flagged footpaths where necessary; that Mr R J Kirwan C.C. be communicated with regarding leakage in Town Hall; and that dealers be warned to keep to the Fish Market and prosecuted should they refuse to comply.

Proposed by Dr Costello, seconded by Mr Guy and passed unanimously—
 "That in future people using the Town Hall with gas light be charged two pence per hour for gas."

The Cranor having reported that some of the weights in use were condemned by Inspector of Weights and Measures as unfit for further adjustment, it was ordered that new weights be procured instead, viz three 56 lb, one 14 lb, and two 4 lb.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Culkinn Chairman

Monthly Meeting.

Monday, 4th July, 1898.
 Only three Commissioners attended viz Messrs Patrick Culkinn, (Chairman of the Board) Michael B Shine, & John MacPhelipin,

John Glynn Town Clerk

Tuesday, 5th July, 1898.

A Special Meeting was held today.

Commissioners present, Messrs Patrick Culkinn (Chairman of the Board), Michael B Shine, Francis Meagher, G J Guy, Thomas Hattery and James J Begley.

The object for which the Meeting had been called was to pass a resolution requesting the Postmaster-General to appoint Mr Peter O'Hanagan to the vacant Postmastership of Tuam Post office.

The following resolution proposed by Mr Meagher and seconded by Mr Shine was unanimously adopted:—

"That we, the Tuam Town Commissioners, having heard that the position of Postmaster of the Tuam post office is vacant respectfully request the Postmaster-General to appoint Mr Peter O'Hanagan to the vacant post. Mr O'Hanagan has been for a number of years connected with the office and on all occasions exhibited towards the public the utmost consideration consistent with the strictest attention to his duty. The appointment would give the greatest satisfaction to the people of Tuam, whose unanimous opinion by the unanimous vote of this Board we voice on this occasion."

Copy to be forwarded to the Postmaster-General and to the Board of Guardians.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Patrick Culkinn Chairman

Friday, 8th July, 1898

Meeting by requisition

A Special Meeting of the Board was held today pursuant to the following requisition:—

"Tuam, 4th July, 1898.

To Mr John Glynn, Town Clerk,

We the undersigned Town Commissioners of Tuam hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Friday next, 8th instant at 12.00 (noon) for the purpose of transacting the ordinary monthly business and of considering writ served re Mr Conway's Law Costs and what steps to take regarding presentment for Circular road footpath.

"Patrick Culkinn, C.C.,

"John MacPhelipin C.C.,

"Michael B Shine C.C.,

"Francis Meagher C.C.,

"James J Begley C.C."

The Commissioners in attendance were Messrs Patrick Culkinn (Chairman of the Board), Michael B Shine, John Connelly, Timothy Waldron and Francis Meagher.

The Minutes of the previous Meetings were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Account was submitted showing balance due to the Bank, £199.14.7.

Cheques were ordered and signed for the officers' salaries and other claims as per Finance Book (folios 42, 43) and initialled by the Chairman.

Of these cheques was one to John Glynn, Town Clerk, for £5.15.7½, to pay small bills detailed in said folios of Finance Book.

It was ordered that remnants of old watering Cart be sold to Mr. Thomas Nolan, Toll Farmer, for a shilling which he paid to the Town Clerk.

At request of the Board, Mr. Shue consented to attend before the Grand Jury on the 15th inst. to tender ^{on their behalf} for Contract for Circular road footpath the Board to supplement, if necessary, the amount (£40) approved at Presentment Sessions, in order to carry out the Contract.

The Town Inspector having reported that sewer from rear of Town Hall to main sewer in front was stopped, it was ordered that same be properly cleared the expense to be proportionally paid by Messrs Waldron, Byrne and Lynch whose yards the sewer drains.

The Board adjourned to 8 o'clock, p.m., for attendance of their solicitor, Mr. H. J. Concanon, at which hour the above named Commissioners and Mr. Concanon met and conferred regarding writ re Mr. Conway's Law Costs.

It was decided that Mr. Concanon be asked to see Plaintiff's solicitor, Mr. Quinn, again, and try to prevail on him to accept the terms of payment proposed by the Board.

It was also decided that all the Commissioners present with Mr. Deley and the Board's solicitor wait on the Treasurer with a view to obtain an additional overdraft, the Clerk to make out for him a full statement of the ordinary annual outlay.

A letter having been read from Mr. Richard J. Kelly, B.L., applying for £4.4.0, his fee for attending as Counsel before the Grand Jury to move the Board's application for a refund of money expended by them on street cleaning, Mr. Concanon was requested to see Mr. Kelly about the matter.

The Clerk was directed to write to Mr. R. J. Kirwan B.E. asking him to inspect house which Mr. Waldron was building at rear of Town Hall and report to the Board whether same when completed would shut out light and air from rooms of the Hall.

Signed on behalf of the Board.

Patrick Cullkin

Chairman.

I, James Cummins, do solemnly declare that I will faithfully and impartially, according to the best of my skill and judgment execute all the powers and authorities reposed in me as a Commissioner by virtue of the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 and the Town Councils and Local Boards Act 1880. And that I am in occupation of a Dwelling House in the Town of Tuam rated to the relief of the poor at the net annual value of or upwards of £4 (four pounds).

Subscribed before me

this day of

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Monday, 1st August, 1898.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs Cullkin (Chairman of the Board), J. B. Costello, M.D.; John MacPhillin, Francis Meagher and Thomas Hatley.

Minutes of the previous meetings were read and signed.

The Treasurer's account submitted, showed balance due to the Bank by the Board, £

Cheques were ordered and signed for the officers' salaries and other claims as per Finance Book (folios) initialled by the Chairman.

Of these cheques was one to John Glynn, Town Clerk, £2.16.5, to pay small bills detailed on said folios of Finance Book.

Another of these cheques was one for £4.8.0 to Mr. Thomas Egan, unanimously issued him, on the motion of Mr. Hatley seconded by Mr. Meagher, to supplement Grand Jury Grant for making a flag footpath at Bishop street, said Grant being short of the amount necessary to execute the work.

Mr. Costello, one of the Deputation appointed at previous meeting to wait on the Treasurer with a view to obtain an additional overdraft for the Board stated the Treasurer refused the application and that Mr. Quinn solicitor, on the part of the representatives of the late Mr. Conway declined to accept the terms of payment offered by the Board.

The Cheque signed at previous meeting for £25 payable to Messrs Conway & Quinn solicitors as an instalment of debt was then cancelled.

It was proposed by Mr. Costello, seconded by the Chairman and passed unanimously that Mr. James Cummins be co-opted to fill the vacancy in the Board caused by his nonattendance for six months.

Proposed by Mr. Costello, seconded by Mr. Hatley and passed unanimously —
"That a special meeting be convened to consider the Financial position of the Board and that a balance sheet of expenditure and income etc be supplied to each Commissioner."

Monday, 8th instant, at 6 o'clock, p.m., was fixed for the Special Meeting.

The following letter was read:-

"Suam, July, 28th, 1898.
"Dear Mr Glynn - I attended as requested at Galway and tendered for the Circular Road pathway. I subsequently before the Grand Jury and had tender accepted. The Commissioners should now advertise for a Contractor. Yours faithfully,
"John Michael O'Shine."

Ordered that a Contractor be advertised for.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Patrick Cullkin Chairman.

Monday, 8th August 1898.

Special Meeting by requisition.

Pursuant to the following requisition a special meeting was held today:-

"Suam, 4th August, 1898.

"Mr John Glynn, Town Clerk,-

"We, the undersigned Town Commissioners of Suam, hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Monday next, 8th instant, at 6 o'clock, p.m. for the purpose of considering the financial position of the Board with a view of reducing for the future the hitherto usual annual outlay particularly the items for lighting, printing and advertising, water supply, flagging etc, and of revising the Tolls and Customs schedule and fixing a day for letting the Tolls and Customs, and receiving tenders for flagging, printing and advertising, and Circular-road footpath contracts"

"Patrick Cullkin, C.T.C.,

"John Connelly,

"James J Begley,

"Timothy Waldron,

"Thomas Hatley."

Commissioners in attendance, Messrs Patrick Cullkin (Chairman of the Board), Michael O'Shine, James J Begley, John Connelly, J B Costello, M.D., Timothy Waldron, Thomas Hatley, Francis Meagher and John Cunningham

The schedule of the Tolls and Customs for the current year (see same page 190) was unanimously adopted, unaltered, for year commencing 29th Sept, 1898.

The form of advertisement, on pages 262-263, inviting tenders for the Tolls and Customs for year commencing 29th of September, 1898 was unanimously adopted.

And the 14th day of September next was unanimously fixed for receiving and considering tenders for the Tolls and Customs of year commencing 29th of September, 1898.

Contracts for printing and advertising, flagging, and Circular-road footpath were ordered to be advertised, tenders to be considered at Monthly Meeting, 5th Sept next, the clerk to write meantime to Dublin printers for quotation for printing.

The following resolution proposed by Mr Shime and seconded by the Chairman was unanimously passed:-

"That, we the Suam Town Commissioners, have heard with regret of the death of Mrs Bernard of Castle Hacket and beg to tender to Percy B Bernard Esq. D.F., and family our sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement."

Proposed by D^r Costello, seconded by Mr. Hatley and unanimously passed:-

"That, we the Suam Town Commrs, have learned with regret of the severance of Dean Townsend's connection with our town where for well nigh twenty years he has lived in perfect amity with every class of the Community, endearing himself to all by his uniform courtesy, benevolence and kindness. And while hereby testifying to the high esteem in which the good Dean is held we pray God to restore him to health and vigour and grant him many years to continue the good work to which his life has been devoted."

The Clerk, by order of the Board, submitted a statement of the Board's annual income and expenditure, and of the Board's present liabilities, and after it had been considered,

The following orders were unanimously made:-

1. That the water service, costing £12 a year, be dispensed with on and after 29th Sept next.
2. That the cleansing of Shop shut, Fish Market, Potato Market, and Fish Meat Market be done by annual contract, same to be advertised at once and tenders to be considered at Monthly Meeting, 5th September next.
3. That the following Gas lamps be dispensed with in future:- (1) At Tierboy Crossroad, (2) Barrack Street, (3) Kirwan's Corner (if not paid £5 for by the Railway Co.), (4) Rustic Vane's, (5) Townhall door, (6) Bridge Bishop street, (7) Fair Green Dullmadaly road (except on October Fair nights), (8) Old road, (9) stile to Priests' Well, (10) James Ryan's, near Fair Green Ballypaddy road (except on October Fair nights), (11) Ulden Bank back gate, and the Town clock dials, the rest of the lamps to be lighted as usual at the charge fixed by Gas Contractor's tender of 6th August, 1894.
4. That the Catholic Administrator be asked to pay for the two Gas lamps on the Catholic Cathedral Ground and the Protestant Rector to pay for the lamp on the Protestant Cathedral Ground.
5. That the Gas Contractor, Mr James Mc'Donnell, be paid £10 per month henceforward, that is to say, £8 a month for current consumption of Gas and £2 towards paying off the amount (£243.2.2) due to him to date for Gas.
6. That representatives of the late Mr Michael Coran be paid £15 a year henceforward, that is to say, £10.19.0, current yearly rent of Fish Market and their part of Fair Green, and balance towards paying off the amount of rent (£86.1.0) due to them 1st May last.
7. That the Town Inspector shall report in future to the Board the name of every person breaking or in any way causing damage to the flags of the Town Footpaths in order to make the person pay cost of repairing same.

It was decided to clear out the Meat Market ground and set it for a term of years, and put to a poll whether it be for seven years or twenty-one years, there voted for seven years - Mr Costello, the Chairman, Mr Shine & Mr Hatley (4). For twenty-one years - Mr Begley, Mr Connelly, and Mr Waldron (3).

The Chairman declared the former proposition (Seven years) duly carried.

A Committee was appointed consisting of Messrs Shine, Costello, Begley, and the Chairman to wait on the Board's solicitor to ascertain from him the Board's powers under their lease of the Meat Market.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Patrick Culkinn Chairman

Monday, 22nd August, 1898.

Special Meeting by requisition,

the following requisition :-

A meeting was held today pursuant to

"Suam, 18th August, 1898.

"John Dlym Town Clerk -

"We the undersigned Town Commissioners of Duam, hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Monday next, 22nd inst, at 12 o'clock (nom) to consider the advisability of letting the Meat Market plot for a term of years, or selling the Board's interest in it, and of making an order to lock up the place at once and issue an advertisement inviting tenders.

- "Patrick Culkinn C.P.B.,
- "James J Begley,
- "Timothy Waldron,
- "Michael Liggins,
- "Michael B Shine,
- "Francis Meagher."

Commissioners present, Messrs Patrick Culkinn (Chairman of the Board) Michael B Shine, Francis Meagher, John Cunningham, James J Begley and Thomas B Costello, M.D.,

The Clerk having stated that the Board's solr, Mr H D Concanm, advised that the Board could either set the Meat Market Ground for any term not exceeding the unexpired period of their lease of same or sell their interest in it, Mr Costello proposed, Mr Cunningham seconded and it was unanimously passed -

"That possession be taken of the Meat Market as soon as the present Town Farmers' lease expires on the 28th September next and that it be not re-set for the purpose of a Meat Market."

It was ordered to insert in Falls and Customs advertisement that on and from the 29th Sept prose the Meat Market Ground would be closed to the public including butchers.

The Clerk having communicated to the Gas Contractor the Board's order, page 304, the Contractor wrote the following letter which was read:-

"Suam, Aug 20th, '98.

"Dear Sir, - I am in receipt of your Clerk's letter of the 12th inst relative to the lighting of the Town for the present year. Before arranging for the present, don't you think it would be reasonable to pay for the lighting of the past two years? You owe me £248.2.2. How or when do you propose paying me?"

"Yours obediently -

"James M. Donnell."

"P Culkinn Esq.

It was unanimously decided that expense of street lighting be further retrenched by cutting off the lamps at the Palace wall, Mr Begley's corner, the Hermitage, and the Court House (4).

A Committee was appointed consisting of all the Comms present (6) to wait on Mr McDonnell for the purpose of arranging with him for Gas for the ensuing year and of getting him to accept payment by easy instalments of the amount (£248.2.2) due to him to date for Gas.

Signed on behalf of the Board.

Patrick Culkinn Chairman

Monday, 5th September, 1898.

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners present, Messrs Patrick Culkinn (Chairman of the Board), John MacPhelipin, James J Begley, John Connelly, Francis Meagher and Thomas Hatley.

Also present, Mr James McDonnell, Gas Contractor,

The Minutes of previous meetings were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Account submitted showed balance of £194.19.11 due to the Bank

The Financial Business was adjourned to Wednesday 14th inst. Messrs John Murphy and Tho Dwyer were appointed enumerators for Sept Fair.

The following letter recommended by Committee to be sent to Mr James McDonnell was unanimously adopted by the Board:-

"Suam, 26th day of August, 1898.

"Dear Sir, - The Duam Town Commissioners direct me to inform you that they have finally decided to cut down the number of Gas lamps to twenty-two (22) with jets in Town Hall (Lobby, Clerk's office, and Board room) and Fire station and pay you the 1st Nov 1900, £40 of the amount (£248.2.2) due to you to date for Gas and £92 more the 1st Nov 1901, and £10 every month from 1st

August 1898 to 1st August 1901 to discharge the balance of the debt (£141.2.2) and cost of Gas consumed by said 22 lamps and jets from the present month to August 1901. The yearly cost for Gas will be for 19 lamps, at £2.10.0 per lamp, £47.10.0; 3 lamps, at £1.5.0 per lamp, £4.15.0; and jets in Town Hall and Fire station (say) £11.15.0; - total £63, or £5.5.0 per month. Paying you £10 per month wipes out £4.15.0 of the (£243.2.2) debt or £57 per year. August, 1899 there is paid of said debt £57; Aug 1, 1900, do, £57; Nov 1, do, do £40; Aug 1, 1901, do £27; Nov 1 do, do, £32; = the whole debt £243. Here follows a list of the lamps which are to be lighted as usual: - The Market Square, Floran's Shop, Waterslade, Presbytery, Chapel Gate, Silk's house, end of Dead Wall Bishop St, Dr Dowling's house, Mr McDonnell's Corner, Shruffham, Mall, Church Gate, Courthouse, Connolly's Salway road, Turf market Gate, Whyte's Corner, Hancock's Corner, Egan's Lane, Chapel road (two), Church ground, Burke's Tullinadaly road; Town Hall (Board room, lobby, and Clerk's office) and Fire station by meter. Lamp at Fair Green Ballypaddy road and lamp at Fair Green Tullinadaly road both to be lighted on October Fair nights only.

yours faithfully -
John Glynn, Town Clerk.

James McDonnell Esq., Tuam.

Mr McDonnell said he would light the lamps for a year the Board paying him £10 per month and leaving him free

The following letters were read and ordered to be recorded: -

"Cath. Hackett, Tuam,

"14th August, 1898.

"Dear Sir, - Please thank the Tuam Town Commissioners for the resolution of sympathy with me in my sorrow which they were good enough to pass at their meeting on the 8th. I am most sensible of their kindness. Allow me to thank you also for the letter with which you forwarded copy of the resolution. I am yours faithfully -

"Percy R Bernard.

"John Glynn Esq., Town Clerk, Tuam.

"99 Leeson Park, Dublin,

"August 16th, 1898.

My dear Sir, - your letter enclosing the resolution passed by the Tuam Town Commissioners in reference to my leaving Tuam has been forwarded to me here, and I hasten to express my heartfelt thanks for the very kind and handsome manner in which the Commissioners have been good enough to express their feelings towards me. Please say how very much I value the expression of their kindness and good-will and how very thankful I am. Mrs Townsend and I will always retain a lively and pleasant recollection of the kind courtesy and friendliness we have so long met with from our fellow townsmen of Tuam. Believe me, yours faithfully,

"William C Townsend Dean &c

"John Glynn Esq., Town Clerk's office,
Tuam.

There was but one tender for the printing and advertising Contract, Mr R J Kelly's, at £25, Consideration of which was adjourned to Wednesday 14th instant.

There being no tender for any of the three Contracts - Circular road footpath, repairing flagway, and Cleansing Shop Street the Clerk was directed to bring on these again in Circular for next monthly meeting to take further steps regarding them

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullin Chairman

Wednesday, 14th September, 1898.

Special Meeting.

Pursuant to following requisition a special meeting was held to-day: -

"Tuam, 9th September, 1898.

"Mr John Glynn, Town Clerk,

"We, the undersigned Town Commrs of Tuam, hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Wednesday next, 14th instant, at 12 O'Clock (noon) for the purpose of transacting the monthly financial business and of considering tenders for the Tolls and Customs, and the advertising and printing Contract

"Patrick Cullin, B.D.C.,

"Francis Meagher, J.C.,

"James J Begley, J.C.,

"Timothy Waldron, J.C.,

"E. G. Gray, J.C.,

Commissioners present, Messrs Patrick Cullin (Chairman of the Board), John Mac Kelpin, Michael C Shino, Thos B Costello M.D., Timothy Waldron John Connolly and Thomas Hatley.

Cheques were ordered and signed for the officers' salaries and other claims as per Finance Book folios 44/45 and initialed by the Chairman.

One of these cheques was to John Glynn Town Clerk for £3.1.8 to pay small bills detailed in said folios of Finance Book.

There was but one tender for the Tolls and Customs, Mr Thomas Nolan's, which was as follows: -

"Tuam, September 14th, 1898

"The Chairman

"The Tuam Town Commissioners:

"Gentlemen - I propose and agree to take the Tolls and Customs of the Borough of Tuam from 29th September 1898 to the 28th September 1899 according to advertisement. I offer for same the sum of £525. I offer for my sureties for the faithful fulfillment of same, Mr Michael Hamell Tuam and Mr John Tierney Belmount. I remain, Gentlemen your obt. St., Thomas Nolan.

"We the undersigned will become sureties for Thomas Nolan for the above -

"Michael Hamell, Tuam,

"John Tierney, Belmount."

Annexed is copy of the Tolls and Customs advertisement :-

"The Tolls and Customs
of the Borough of Tuam from 29th Sept 1898
to 28th September 1899
to be let

"at a special meeting of the Tuam Town Improvement Commissioners on Wednesday 14th September next. The terms of payment to be as follows: - The Toll Farmer to pass his bills ~~within~~ joined by two solvent sureties for the amount of his contract. The first of said bills for £150 to be made payable on the 24th October next, and the balance of the Contract by five bills in equal proportions the first payable on the 1st January, 1899; the second on the 10th March, the third on the 10th May, the fourth on the 4th July, and the fifth on the 10th September in the same year. The tenders and sums offered to be in writing, signed by the applicant and two solvent sureties, will be received in the letter-box of the Board room up to the taking of the Chair on the above-named day. A Guarantee Society will be accepted as security. The Contractor must provide any extra men required by him for fairs etc. He will be also required to meet his bills strictly on the day they mature. Otherwise both himself and sureties will be proceeded against by the Board's solicitor without further notice. The Commissioners do not bind themselves to the highest or any tender. The revised schedule of the Tolls and Customs etc payable within the Borough, can be seen on application to the Clerk. Possession will be given on the 29th September next, the Commissioners reserving to themselves all control over the fairs and markets and their respective sites with power to make any change in same that may to them seem advisable, and to use the ground of the Potato Market for any purpose they may consider necessary. The present Meat Market ground to be on and after said 29th September closed to the public, including Butchers. The Commissioners also reserve to themselves, as usual the keys of all the doors and gates of the several market sites, weighhouse, etc, with the key lock of any of which the Toll Farmer is by no means to interfere nor with any board bearing advertisement exhibited in any part of said sites, neither is he to charge toll or custom for any such advertisement board. The tenders will be considered on conditions that parties tendering will satisfy the Board or whosoever may be appointed by them as to the solvency of sureties. The Contractor will be required to execute a lease to be prepared by the Board's solicitor before he gets authority to collect said tolls. The entire expense of said lease must be paid by the Contractor and also all other expenses in connection with said contract including stamps on sureties bills. If any tents or booths for the sale of spirituous liquors are erected at the Fair Green or any place within the Borough of Tuam on the occasion of any of the Tuam Fairs or of Athletic or other sports they shall be subject to a toll of £5 to be collected by the Town Commissioners.

"By order

"John Glynn, Town Clerk."

"Office Town Commissioners
Tuam, 8th August, 1898.

Mr Connolly proposed and Mr Shine seconded that Mr Nolan increase his bid for the Tolls and Customs to £550 and that same be accepted.

Passed unanimously Mr Nolan having done as proposed.

Mr R J Kelly's tender for the printing and advertising contract was referred to a Committee consisting of the Chairman, Dr Costello, and Messrs Shine and Connolly who were authorised until next monthly meeting to order any printing or advertising meantime required.

Letters were read from victualers - Messrs Tho Hopkins, John Hopkins and John O'Connor, also from Messrs French Bros proposing to take certain portions of the Meat Market ground at an annual rent.

Not entertained, as the Meat Market Ground should first be advertised for letting.

Ordered that the next October Pig Fair be held on Friday instead of Monday and that placards be put up announcing the change.

Mr Shine proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution which was unanimously passed -

"We, the Tuam Town Commissioners, having learned of the advent of His Grace the Most Rev Dr Carr, Archbishop of Melbourne on a private visit to our own illustrious prelate Most Rev Dr MacEvilly beg as a public body to tender to him a cum mite faicte. Our welcome is rendered more cordial by the recollection that he spent many years in Tuam at the Parochial House and at St Jarlath's College, and we trust that his visit here will be one that shall be grateful for him to remember in the great land whither he is going, and whether ^{when} his eminence as an ecclesiastic, his brilliance as a scholar and his patriotism as an Irishman have earned for him imperishable fame. As a small token of our esteem, we, voicing the sentiments of the inhabitants, request our fellow townsmen to have their lamps illuminated on tomorrow (Thursday) night."

The Enumerators' returns for the September Sheep and Cattle Fair were read as follows: -

Sheep - Sold: 1100 wethers,	806 ewes,	1000 lambs,	7 rams = 10123
Unsold: 348 "	1124 "	521 "	19 " = 2012
<u>1448</u>	<u>9140</u>	<u>1521</u>	<u>26</u> = 12135

Cattle - Sold: 188 bullocks	157 heifers,	105 cows,	42 calves = 492
Unsold: 184 "	199 "	57 "	160 " = 598
<u>372</u>	<u>356</u>	<u>157</u>	<u>202</u> = 1090

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Patrick Cullen Chairman

J.W.
15.9.99

Monday, 3rd October, 1898.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs Patrick Cullin (Chairman of the Board), James J. Bealey, Michael C. Shine, Thomas Flaherty, John MacSheehy, Thomas B. Costello M.D., and John Cunningham,

Minutes of previous Meetings were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Account submitted showed balance of £150.10.5 against the Board.

Cheques were ordered and signed as follows:—

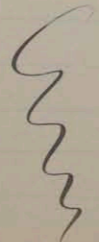
John Glynn, Town Clerk, one month's salary	£ 3.6.8
Thos Dwyer, Town Cramer, do	2.10.0
B. McHugh, Town Inspector do	1.0.0
B. McHugh, Caretaker of Town Hall, half year's salary	2.10.0
C. W. P. Quinn, Treasurer, one year's salary	10.0.0
John Glynn, Town Clerk for street cleansing	2.0.0
P. Kerin J. R. O. Galway, quit rent	9.8
James McDonnell, on Gas a/c	10.0.0
John Glynn Town Clerk for	
J. Butler asst Cramer, one month's salary	16.8
J. O'Leary, Caretaker of Fire station, do	15.0
D. Crissham, Bill Poster, gr's salary	7.6
A. McHugh, Caretaker of Markets do	10.0
D. Hare, assisting at Potato Crane 8ds @ 2p	6.0
J. Glynn, Town Clerk, gr's stationery	10.0
J. Kenny, repairing footpaths	1.3.6
B. McHugh Town Inspector turf & Bunds	17.11
	£ 5.6.7
	£ 37.2.11

The Toll Farmer, Mr. Thos Nolan, having complained that on previous Saturday the police had interfered with the Fowl and Butcher Markets, by putting the people off the footpaths, the Clerk was directed to write to the District Inspector R. S. C., about the matter.

The following resolution proposed by Mr. Shine and seconded by Mr. Bealey was unanimously passed—

"That we, the Inam Town Commissioners, desire to express our thanks to J. L. Lewin Esq. D.L. for the able assistance rendered by him in connection with the New Horse Fair recently established in Inam."

The Toll Farmer, Mr. Thos Nolan, brought under notice that there were gaps in the Fair Green wall which should be built up before the next Fair; the Clerk was directed to write to Mr. Edmund Concanon calling on him to repair the wall in question.



Mr. Shine proposed (and Mr. Bealey seconded) the following resolution which was unanimously passed—

"That we advertise for letting in one or two Divisions the Meat Market in accordance with resolution of 8th August, a sketch to be made of the place and Mr. Concanon our solicitor to be consulted as to terms of advertisement."

Mr. Shine suggested and it was ordered that the Clerk write to the Dublin Daily papers, as he had done last year, requesting them to send down representatives to report the October Fair.

The Town Inspector having asked for direction as to what to do with the Town pump from which, the Cap being off, a foul smell was emitting, the Clerk was directed to write to the Board of Guardians offering the pump for sale as it was not used by the Townspeople there being waterworks.

Messrs Bealey, Shine and the Chairman were appointed as Committee to point out to Surveyor the Divisions which he is to show on map of the Meat Market ground.

Signed on behalf of the Board
Patrick Cullin Chairman

Monday, 17th November, 1898

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs Patrick Cullin (Chairman of the Board), Michael C. Shine, Francis Meagher, John Connelly, John Cunningham and Thomas B. Costello M.D.

Also present, Mr. Henry J. Concanon solicitor to the Board.

Minutes of previous Meeting were read and signed.

Treasurer's account laid before the Board showed balance of £49.5.11 due the Bank.

The Clerk read the following document which was served on him:—

"In the High Court of Justice in Ireland,
Queen's Bench Division,
Wednesday the 5th day of October 1898,
Before the Honble Mr Justice Kenny:

"John K. Conway and Madeline Quinn
v
The Inam Town Improvement Commissioners
and John Glynn their Clerk
On motion of Mr. Zetserian H. of Counsel for the plaintiffs and on reading the judgment in this action obtained by the plaintiffs against the defendants on the 29th July last for £110.10.0 debt including costs which is still unsatisfied and an affidavit of the plaintiff Madeline Quinn filed 3rd October instant.

"And it appearing that the said Commissioners have acquired the Fair and Market rights of the Town of Inam and that on the 14th September 1898 the tender of Mr. Thomas Nolan of Inam, farmer, to lease the Tolls from 29th September, 1898, for £550 for the year was accepted.

And it also appearing that the Lessee for the time being of said Tolls passes

promissory notes (signed in this case it is believed, by the said Thomas Nolan, Michael Hamell of Tuam and John Tierney of Belmont, all in the County of Galway) the first for £150 payable on 24th October and the balance by five notes for equal amounts payable 1st January, 10th March, 10th May, 4th July, and 10th September following the letting and which notes are lodged by the said Commissioners in the National Bank, Tuam, and drawn against by them as they require as mentioned in the said affidavit.

"It is ordered (subject to whatever claims the said Bank may have upon the said rent of £550, for any moneys advanced in respect thereof or in respect of the promissory notes so lodged in said Bank therefor) that John Quinn solicitor, on behalf of the plaintiffs on entering into security in such amount and mode as shall be required by a Master of this Division for the due performance of his duties under this order be appointed Receiver by way of equitable execution (without fee or salary) over the defendants' beneficial interest in so much of the said rent of £550 as shall be sufficient to satisfy the plaintiffs' said judgment and also £4.4.0 as and for the costs of completing the said security and of this motion. That all future proceedings in reference to the said Receiver be taken in this Division the said Receiver hereby undertaking to account at such time or times and in such manner as the said Master shall appoint for such moneys as shall be received by him under this order.

"And it is further ordered that this order be forthwith served personally on the Chairman and Clerk of the said Commissioners on the said Thomas Nolan, Michael Hamell and John Tierney and on the Manager of the Tuam Branch of said Bank.

"By the Court
John Fox Goodman, Regt."

Conway & Quinn Solicitors.

M^r Conway Concaun sol^r said that on being called upon by the Chairman of the Board and the Town Clerk in reference to the foregoing order he prepared case for Counsel from whom he got opinion that the Town Comm^{rs} were bound to levy a rate as the residue of the Dols and Customs after paying expenses was not enough to meet their liabilities. The Commissioners have power under the 17 & 18th Vic Cap 103, Sec 6 to levy a shilling in the £.

Messrs Meagher and Shine and M^r Costello were appointed as Deputation with the Board's solicitor Mr Concaun to go to the Treasurer (Mr Quinn Manager National Bank) and ascertain whether he would assist the Board to get over their present financial difficulty.

The Board adjourned to Monday 14th instant.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Patrick Cullen

Chairman

Adjourned Meeting

Monday, 14th Nov, 1898

Commissioners present, Messrs Patrick Cullen (Chairman of the Board), Michael C. Shine, James J. Besley, Francis Meagher, John MacPhelin, J. B. Costello M.D., and John Cunningham
Also present H. J. Concaun Esq, sol^r to the Board.

The following letter was read:-

R. J. Constabulary Tuam,
8th October, 1898.

"Dear Sir, — In reply to yours of 7th inst I beg to state that I am not aware that the police on Saturday interfered with the fowl and butter market in a manner which if continued will have an injurious effect on the market." It is incumbent on the police in obedience to Act of Parliament to see that the thoroughfares are not obstructed to the public inconvenience, and to carry out this, sometimes, onerous duty to the best of their ability, in as considerate a manner as possible, is all that the police have done or will do. I am reluctant to think that any police action in this matter could have an injurious effect on the market of this thriving town. I am yours faithfully,

J. K. W. Kiffin-Dale, D.S.

John Glynn Esq, Town Clerk.

The Clerk was directed to write again to the District Inspector on the subject as not only on Market days but also on Sundays people standing on the footpaths are made "move on" by the police as if Tuam were Dublin or other large city.

Applications having been made by Mr J. Dillellin for use of the Board room for Commercial young men's Dancing Class and by Mr W. Rooney for Irish National Foresters Band Concert,

M^r Costello proposed and Mr Connelly seconded — "That the Foresters' Band Concert performers be granted the use of the Tuam Hall for practising for the Concert to be held on 8th Dec on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 8 to 10 oc pm and on Sundays from 4 to 6."

Passed unanimously

Proposed by Mr Besley, seconded by Mr Meagher and passed unanimously —

"That the Commercial young men get the use of the Town Hall for dancing class on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8 to 10 and on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 6 to 8 and from 8.30 to 10 on Sundays for meetings, up to 5th Dec '98."

The following letter was read and ~~read~~ ordered to be recorded on the minutes:—
Castlegrove, Tuam, 10th October, 1898.

"Dear Sir, — I have received your letter of the 7th instant enclosing a resolution unanimously passed by the Town Comm^{rs} of Tuam in reference to the New Horse Fair. Will you kindly convey to the Comm^{rs} my sincere thanks for the complimentary terms in which they refer to me and for the very kind manner in which the resolution was discussed by the members of the Board. It was a great pleasure to me to assist as far as I could my friends and neighbours in Tuam in their efforts to establish a fair which must be productive of benefit to Tuam and the surrounding country. Very truly yours,

John Glynn Esq, Town Clerk, Tuam.

"J. J. Lewis"

The following letter was read -

"St. John's Abbey, Nov 6th, 1898.
Dear Sir, - I beg to call your attention to the fact that no steps have been taken towards making the footpath on Circular Road for which a sum of £40 was granted by the Grand Jury. I will be obliged by your kindly bringing the matter before the Town Commrs at their next meeting. Truly Yours,
"Margaret J. Turner."

"Mr J. Glynn"

The Board having advertised the contract and failed to get a tender, Mr. Shive who was in correspondence with the County Surveyor on the matter was asked to speak to him with a view to have the specification altered so that the £40 grant would cover the contract.

Dr. Costello proposed and Mr. Meagher seconded the following which was unanimously passed -
"That immediate steps be taken to release the Commissioners from their contract for maintaining and cleaning Shop street and Pallyfadby road and Sullinadaly road."

Abstract of the Board's account for year ended 29th September 1897 and report of audit of same by Captain Graham Wynne, Local Government Board Auditor were read. The report was as follows: -

(Copy)
"Auditor's Report on the Accounts of the Town Commissioners of Tuam for the year ended the 29th of September 1897:

"5.11.1898
Sir, - I have the honor to inform you that I have examined the above mentioned a/c and compared the same with the books and vouchers of the Town Commrs and found them to agree and to be correct, with the exception that I have disallowed the payment of eight pounds £8 - made to Messrs P. Culkin and J. Glynn (four pounds £4 each) and surcharged the same upon Messrs P. Culkin, G. Guy, and J. Connelly and certified that this amount is due from them. I enclose an abstract of the above mentioned a/c, and a copy of the minutes of the meeting by requisition held on the 20th of Aug 1896 and of the meeting held on Monday the 12th of October, 1896, relating to the payments which I have disallowed. I have the honor to be, Sir, your obt. st
"G. Wynne, Auditor.
"To the Chief Secretary."

The abstract and report were ordered to be published as usual.

Annexed is tender for printing and advertising which was considered at meeting of 3rd October ult, the Board deciding to accept it if Mr. Kelly would reduce the amount to £22: -

"Herald office, Tuam, August 31st, 1898.
Gentlemen, - I beg to offer to do the printing and advertising for your Board as advertised by you for the coming twelve months - the advertisements to appear regularly in Tuam Herald and Tuam News - for the sum of twenty five pounds sterling.
Signed,
"Richard J. Kelly,
"Proprietor, Tuam Herald"
The Tuam Town Board."

"We agree to become sureties for the faithful performance of the contract taken by R. J. Kelly Esq from Town Board for printing and advertising for 1898-99.
"Robert Farrell,
"Patrick Bradley."

Following is the advertisement for the printing and advertisement as published in the local papers: -

"The Tuam Town Commissioners, will receive and consider at their meeting to be held on Monday 6th September next tenders for contract to do all the advertising and printing of every description required by the Board (except Crane Dockets) for one year from 6th September 1898 consent in writing of two solvent sureties to join in a bond for the faithful performance of the contract to be enclosed with tenders."

Subjoined are two letters subsequently received from Mr. R. J. Kelly relative to above tender:
"Dublin office,
"21 Great Charles St.,
"Oct 6th 1898.

"Dear Sir, - I am in the receipt of your letter from Tuam Town Board offering me £22 for the work done at my office and the News for the past few years at £24. This work has grown and we intended thereof looking for a consequent increase to compensate for such growth but under the peculiar circumstances of your Board at present we do not wish to insist upon same and we are therefore prepared to accept £24 the amount you have hitherto paid for several years past and which is little enough for the work done for your Board at both offices. We shall continue the contract at that figure from date of its expiry last month.
Yours truly
"R. J. Kelly."

"Dublin office,
"21 Great Charles street,
"Oct 31, 1898.

"My dear Sirs, - I am prepared to publish your advertisement in Tuam Herald and Tuam News and do the usual printing as in former years for the price of former years and if it be of any convenience to your Board not to look for the amount in question (£24) until your Board is in a position to pay it as probably you will at the end of the year. But the work being the same if anything more I cannot feel justified in making any reduction, particularly when the proposed reduction would be a trifle so far as your finances are concerned.
Yours respectfully
"Richard J. Kelly."

"Tuam Town Board."

The foregoing two letters having been read,
Dr. Costello proposed, Mr. Meagher seconded and it was unanimously passed -
"That Mr. Kelly's printing contract be accepted at £24, considering the extra trouble in advertising our new horse fair."

John McCoy applied for permission to use the Fire Station as a workshop which was granted he undertaking to keep the place sufficiently heated and the walls, roof etc in proper repair, all at his own expense.

Mr. H. J. Concanan, the Board's solicitor, who with three members of the Board (Messrs Meagher, Shine and Dr Costello) had been deputed at previous meeting to ask the Treasurer, Mr Quinn, National Bank, to assist the Board out of their financial difficulty - having stated result of interview with the Treasurer,

Mr MacPhelim proposed and Mr Begley seconded - "That the terms come to between the Committee of the Board and the Manager of the National Bank viz that on Mr Quinn solicitor agreeing to accept £60 on account of the judgment at suit of J. H. Conway & Ors against the Board the Bank would pay their cheque for that amount and also the salaries due, but on the understanding that the order served by Mr Conway remain binding and that a rate be struck by the new Board when elected, - be agreed to, Mr Quinn, Solicitor, having signified his assent."

Mr Shine proposed as an amendment and Dr Costello seconded - "That a special meeting of the Board be called for Monday next 21st instant at 10 o' clock p.m. to finally decide the steps to be taken to settle the present financial difficulty by striking a rate or otherwise."

Those voted for the Amendment Messrs Cunningham, Meagher, Costello and Shine (4). Against - Messrs Begley, MacPhelim and the Chairman (3)

The amendment was declared Carried.

Annexed are Enumerators' gap returns of October Sheep and Cattle fairs:-

Sheep: Sold - Wethers 7784, Ewes 4923, Hogsheads 2804, Lambs 1486, Rams 62 = 17059
Unsold - " 1892 " 1329 " 1221 " 556 " 54 = 5052
22111

Cattle: Sold - Heifers 4204, bullocks 3808, Calves 105, Cows 104, Bulls 1 = 8222
Unsold - " 278 " 295, " 170, " 18 " 0 = 761
8983

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Patrick Cullkin Chairman

Special Meeting.

Monday, 21st Nov, 1898.

Pursuant to resolution passed on 14th instant a special meeting had been summoned for this day "to finally decide the steps to be taken to settle the present financial difficulty by striking a rate or otherwise"

The following Commissioners attended - Messrs Patrick Cullkin (Chairman of the Board), Michael C Shine, Francis Meagher, John MacPhelim, Thomas P Costello M.D., and John Cunningham.

After some deliberation it was considered advisable to postpone the business until Monday 28th instant and meantime convene a special meeting for that day by requisition.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullkin Chairman.

Monday, 28th Nov, 1898.

Meeting by requisition.

A meeting convened in pursuance of the following requisition was held today:-

Inam, 21st Nov, 1898.

To John Glynn, Town Clerk,

"We the undersigned Town Commissioners of Inam, hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Monday next, 28th instant at 12 o' clock (noon) for the purpose of finally deciding the steps to be taken to settle the financial difficulty of the Board and of transacting the monthly business including the ordering and signing of cheques for officers' salaries and other claims."

Michael C Shine, J.C.,
James J Begley, J.C.,
Timothy Waldron, J.C.,
Francis Meagher, J.C.,
M. Higgins, J.C.,
John Connelly J.C.,
John MacPhelim J.C.,

The following Commissioners attended, Messrs Patrick Cullkin (Chairman of the Board), James J Begley, Michael C Shine, Francis Meagher, John Connelly, John MacPhelim and John Cunningham.

Also present, Rev John Mc Dermott, Am., and Mr James Mc Donnell

Mr Shine states that he had since their last meeting been speaking to the Treasurer and to Mr Quinn solr. The latter was willing to withdraw Receiver's Order and accept the debt due representatives of the late Mr Conway, £25 now and balance in instalments spread over the ensuing year but the Treasurer would allow the Board no overdraft without security.

At suggestion of Mr James Mc Donnell the business was further adjourned to next monthly meeting, 5th Dec prox.

Signed on behalf of the Board, Patrick Cullkin

Chairman

Monday, 5th December, 1898

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs Patrick Bulkin (Chairman of the Board) Francis Meagher, John MacPhelin, Michael Shine, and John Cunningham.

Minutes of previous Meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurer a/c laid before the Board showed balance £42.15.11 due to the Bank.

A letter was read from Mr Dale, District Inspector, R.I.C., stating that he had nothing to add to his reply of 5th Octobe, as to the police interference complained of.

Proposed by Mr Shine seconded by Mr Cunningham and ordered that the matter be referred to the Board's Solicitor, Mr St Concaun, for advice as to what course to take regarding it viz the action of the police in putting people off the foot paths on Market and other days.

The Chairman proposed Mr Meagher seconded that the Board approve of the resolution forwarded by the Limerick Board of Guardians calling upon all sections of the Irish Parliamentary Party to unite.

Passed unanimously.

The Town Inspector, P McHugh reported as follows:—

"Owing to ventilator having been made through flue of room fire place in Old Billiard room the smoke from that room comes into the Board room and is blacking the walls and, to allow same to escape outside, the windows of the Board room have to be left open. I would recommend that it be closed up as the opening, besides letting smoke into the Board Room, injures the drawing in the Billiard Room chimney. I have also to report that the wall between the Town Hall plot and Mr Timothy Waldron's premises was taken down by Mr Waldron whilst building addition to his shop and has not been rebuilt, the place is now quite open."

The Chairman proposed, Mr Shine seconded and it was unanimously passed— "That the Clerk write to Mr R D Kirwan R.C. asking him to inspect the ventilator and to specify a remedy, and to Mr Waldron requiring him to rebuild wall between his premises and the Town Hall plot and, the place closed up same as before he levelled the boundary."

The Board adjourned to Monday 12th instant.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Bulkin Chairman

Adjourned Meeting

Monday, 12th December, 1898.

Commissioners present, Messrs Patrick Bulkin (Chairman of the Board), James J Begley, Michael Shine, Francis Meagher, Edward J Guy, John MacPhelin and Mr B Estelle, M.D.,

Messrs Shine and Begley having gone to the Treasurer as depute by the Board to request him to cash cheques for the officers' salaries for the months of Nov and December he consents and the following were ordered and signed for

John Glynn	2 mos salary	£6.13.4
P McHugh	do	2.0.0
Thos Dwyer	do	5.0.0
Joseph Keifer	3 mos salary	2.10.0
J Glynn	2 mos street cleansing	6.0.0
J Murphy	for enumerating at Oct fair	2.0.0
Thos Dwyer	do	2.0.0
John Glynn	for	

John Butler 2 mos salary £1.13.4

John McBoy do 1.10.0

J Glynn expenses attending

before Income Tax Commrs

at Claremorris on 12th Oct 17.6

Pat Hare assisting at Plate Game 1.0.0

George French 3 mos salary 12.6

J Connolly do 10.0

P McHugh for sundries 16.9

Thos Dwyer for making a

map of Meat Market £ 11.6

£ 4.6.7

£ 33.9.11

The following letter was read:—

"Dublin office:,"

"21, Great Charles street,"

"Dec 5th, 1898.

"Dear Sir, — I am in the receipt of your letter of 30th Nov respecting the contract for the Town Board printing and advertising. As I understand your letter your Board accept my tender with a qualification that I am to insert in the Town papers the notices in connection with the Horse Fair required by a Committee outside your Board. If the horse fair project is adopted and worked by your Board as part of your Board's ordinary business I cannot object to same but if it is intended by this to get the advertising for an outside Committee done for nothing I must on principle object to the papers being made the instruments for such an unfair proposal. We shall insert the regular advertisements of your Board and those for which your Board have made themselves responsible but we shall not insert on the free list the notices of a Committee outside your Board.

"Yours faithfully," Richard J Kelly

J Glynn Esq Town Clerk
"Town"

Proposed by Mr Costello and seconded by Mr Shine —
 "The Horse Fair is one of the ordinary fairs of the Town and promoted by the Town Commissioners. The Committee was formed at a public meeting got up by the Commissioners to assist them in making it a success. The printing and advertising contract was given on the understanding that there would be an increase of advertising on account of this fair and in consequence a bigger sum was voted to be given the Contractor"

Passed unanimously, copy of same to be sent to Mr R. J. Kelly.

The following letter were read: —
 "The Presbytery, Tuam,
 Dec 12, 1898.

"Dear Sir, — I have to request of your Board kindly to allow me the use of the Concert Room for a Concert which I intend having on the nights of January 2nd & 3rd next. The object of the concert is a charitable one, namely, to supplement the funds of the Vincent de Paul Society for the relief of the poor and destitute in the town and neighbourhood. I would also request the use of the room for the purpose of preparing for the concert. I think the young men who have the use of the room will make no objection to my encroaching for some nights on their enjoyment. Yours sincerely,
 J. McDermott."

To the Chairman Town Commissioners"

Proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr Begley Rev Father McDermott's request was unanimously granted.

"The Rectory, Tuam, 12.12.98.
 "Dear Sir, — I write to you as Chairman of the Town Commissioners, to ask if I may have the use of the Town Hall for a Concert on the nights of the 5th January (Thursday three weeks). If the Commissioners will kindly grant me this I shall be much obliged. Yours faithfully
 J. Mac Lulich."

Mr P. Bulkin Chairman Town Commrs."

Granted unanimously on the motion of Mr Gwy seconded by Mr Begley

"Tuam, Dec 10, 1898.
 "Gentlemen — The Dancing Class Committee have instructed me to request the use of the Board room until 1st March next, the hours to be from 8 to 10 on weekday nights for dancing, and from 8.30 to 10 on Sunday nights for Committee meetings. I trust you will be pleased to grant this request, I remain yours faithfully
 M. D. Leahy."

"The Tuam Town Commrs."

On motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Shine use of the Board room was unanimously granted as asked, provided the Dancing Class select hours so as not to clash with others having the privilege of access to the Board room and that instead of 8.30 to 10 they hold Committee meetings sometime between 1 and 6 o'clock

Mr Shine proposed and Mr Meagher seconded that the Town Inspector be ordered to take the necessary steps to compel dealers in fish to keep to the fish market provided for them and not go about the street with their fish.

Passed unanimously

The Town Inspector was also directed to insist on all householders in the Town keeping the footpaths swept in front of their respective ~~houses~~ dwellings

The clerk was directed to notify in Circular for the January monthly meeting that the question what to do regarding the Meat Market grounds would be considered at that meeting

The Board adjourned to Monday 19th inst.
 Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Bulkin Chairman

Monday, 19th Dec, 1898.
 Adjourned Meeting.
 No Commissioners attended to day.
 John Glynn
 Town Clerk

Monday, 2nd January, 1899.
 Monthly Meeting
 The Commissioners present were Messrs Patrick Bulkin (Chairman of the Board), James J. Begley, Francis Meagher, Michael C. Shine and Thomas D. Costello, M.P.

The Minutes of previous Meetings were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Account showed balance due to the Bank by the Board £69.12.6

Surveyors of Taxes having notified that 20th instant, 2 o'clock, was fixed for hearing, by the County Court Judge at Galway, of appeal against Income Tax assessment, £13.9.0, The Clerk was directed to appear there on that day pursuant to notice.

Consideration of Correspondence including a letter from Mr R. J. Kelly relative to his tender for printing and advertising contract was adjourned to Monday 9th instant.

The question as to what steps to take regarding the Meat Market ground was further postponed and ordered to be included in circular for next monthly meeting

Adjourned to Monday 9th instant.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

James M. Donnell

Chairman

Monday, 9th January, 1899

Adjourned Meeting. Only two Commissioners, attended, viz Messrs Patrick Cullin and Michael C. Shine

John Glynn
Town Clerk.

Town of Tuam

Election of Commissioners for the above Town in the year, 1899.

I, the undersigned, being the Returning Officer at the Poll for the Election of Commissioners for the said Town held on the 16th day of January 1899, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the Election is as follows:—

Names of Candidates		Places of abode	Number of votes recorded
Surnames	Other names		
Begley	James Joseph	Bishop Street	193
Blake	Charles Henry	Bridge House	206
Burke	Lawrence	Vicar Street	143 (143)
Canavan	Patrick	Bishop Street	154
Connelly	John	Shop Street	166
Costello	Thomas Rodkin	Bishop Street	225
Cullin	Patrick	Shop Street	154
Dowling	John Edward	Eastlands House	184
Glynn	Joseph Aloysius	Beech House	184
Goggins	Michael	The Mall	165
Gry	Edward George	The Square	140
Keane	Francis	Dublin Road	154
McDonnell	James	Waterlode	230
MacPhillin	John	Waterlode Place	151
Meagher	Francis	The Square	172
Murphy	Patrick	Shop Street	225
Shine	Michael Cornelius	Bishop Street	200

And I do hereby declare that the said

James McDonnell
Thomas Rodkin Costello
Patrick Murphy
Charles Henry Blake
Michael Cornelius Shine
James Joseph Begley
Joseph Aloysius Glynn
John Edward Dowling
Francis Meagher
John Connelly
Michael Goggins
Patrick Cullin
Patrick Canavan
Francis Keane and
John MacPhillin

are duly elected Commissioners for the said Town.

Dated, this 16th day of January, 1899.

John Glynn,
Returning Officer.

I, James McDonnell, having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam, hereby declare that I take the said office upon myself, and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this
23rd day of January 1899
John Glynn,
Town Clerk.

James McDonnell

I, Thomas Basil Costello, having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam, hereby declare that I take the said office upon myself, and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this
23rd day of January 1899
John Glynn,
Town Clerk.

Thomas Basil Costello

I, Patrick Murphy, having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam hereby declare that I take the said office upon myself, and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this
6th ~~23rd~~ day of January 1899
John Glynn,
Town Clerk.

Patrick Murphy

I, Charles Henry Blake, having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam hereby declare that I take the said office upon myself, and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this
23rd day of January 1899
John Glynn,
Town Clerk.

Charles H Blake

I, Michael Cornelius Shine, having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam hereby declare that I take the said office upon myself, and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this
23rd day of January 1899
John Glynn,
Town Clerk.

Michael Shine

I, James Joseph Begley, having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam, hereby declare that I take the said office upon myself, and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this
23rd day of January 1899
John Glynn,
Town Clerk.

James Joseph Begley

I, Joseph Aloysius Glynn, having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam, hereby declare that I take the said office upon myself, and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this
23rd day of January 1899
John Glynn,
Town Clerk.

Joseph Aloysius Glynn

I, John Edward Dowling, having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam, hereby declare that I take the said office upon myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this
23rd day of January 1899
John Glynn,
Town Clerk.

John Edward Dowling

I, Francis Meagher, having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam, hereby declare that I take the said office upon myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this
23rd day of January 1899
John Glynn,
Town Clerk.

Francis Meagher

I, John Connelly, having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam, hereby declare that I take the said office upon myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this
23rd day of January 1899
John Glynn,
Town Clerk.

John Connelly

I, Michael Goggins, having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam, hereby declare that I take the said office upon myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this
23rd day of January 1899
John Glynn,
Town Clerk.

Michael Goggins

I, Patrick Cullkin, having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam hereby declare that I take the said office upon myself, and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this
23rd day of January 1899
John Glynn,
Town Clerk.

Patrick Cullkin

I, Patrick Canavan, having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam, hereby declare that I take the said office upon myself, and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this 23rd day of January, 1899
John Glynn, Town Clerk. Patrick Canavan

I, Francis Keane, having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam, hereby declare that I take the said office upon myself, and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this 23rd day of January 1899
John Glynn, Town Clerk. Francis Keane

I, John MacSheehy, having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam, hereby declare that I take the said office upon myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this 23rd day of January 1899
John Glynn, Town Clerk. John MacSheehy

I, James McDonnell, having been chosen Chairman for the Commissioners of the Town of Tuam hereby declare that I take the said office upon myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this day, 23rd January, 1899.
John Glynn, Town Clerk. James McDonnell

Special Meeting.

Monday, 23rd January, 1899.

Pursuant to notice issued by the retiring Chairman, Mr Patrick Cullkin, a meeting was held today for the purpose of electing a Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year.

The following attended and made and signed their respective declarations as Commissioners:-

Messrs Patrick Cullkin, Francis Meagher, Michael C Shime, John Connelly, John MacSheehy, James J Deary, Francis Keane, Charles K Blake, James M'Donnell, Dr J E Dowling Esq; Michael Saggins, Dr J B Costello Joseph A Glynn Esq and Patrick Canavan.

Mr Cullkin who occupied the chair proposed and Mr Meagher seconded that Mr James M'Donnell be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

There was no other candidate.

Mr M'Donnell was declared unanimously elected and he then took the chair having first made and signed his declaration as Chairman.

Dr Costello proposed and Mr Meagher seconded a vote of thanks to the outgoing Chairman, Mr Patrick Cullkin, for all the time and attention he had given the business of the Board during the period of his Chairmanship.

Passed, only Mr Shime dissenting.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

James M'Donnell, Chairman

Monday, 6th February, 1899.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board) James J. Deley, Patrick Canavan, Michael Soppin, Charles H. Blake, Francis Keane, Patrick Cullen, John MacPhelin, John Connelly, D. J. Costello, J. Glynn, Michael C. Shine, Patrick Murphy and Francis Meagher.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Account showed balance due to the Bank £33.12.6.

The Town Clerk as Returning officer laid before the Board an account of expenses incurred in connection with the recent election of Town Commissioners amount £29.4.4.

There was also submitted from Mr R. J. Kelly Proprietor "Tuam Herald" a bill for printing and advertising in connection with said election of Town Commissioners amount £38.0.0.

The following letter was read:—

"Dublin Office: 21 Great Charles Street,
Dec 15, 1898.

"Dear Sir, — I am in receipt of a resolution passed by your Board respecting my tender for the printing and advertising of your Board. As far as I can understand the resolution it is based upon insufficient information. In accepting the tender for £24 as your Board propose to do they are not giving any increase as the resolution says. The figure for some time past has been that, so that not only do your Board propose that the two papers should advertise for nothing the notice in connection with a horse fair got up (and managed by persons not directly connected with your Board but your Board suggest by the resolution that this work should be done for nothing which in the peculiar circumstances of this case is a proposal the two papers concerned regret they cannot accede to anxious as they are to meet the views of the Board so far as those views are consistent with fairness. The horse fair Committee might be allowed to make their own arrangements particularly when their attempt to do so last year by ignoring local work was so conspicuously successful in their opinion.

"Yours truly,

"Richard J. Kelly."

J. Glynn Esq, Town Clerk.

On the motion of Mr Cullen seconded by Mr Glynn a Committee was unanimously appointed, consisting of the following members, to inquire into and report upon the financial state of the Board and also on Mr R. J. Kelly's bill for printing and advertising in connection with the recent election of Town Commissioners, five members to form a quorum and first meeting of the Committee to be held on Tuesday 7th instant at 6 o'clock, viz — Messrs James McDonnell, Patrick Cullen, Patrick Murphy, Francis Meagher, Joseph A. Glynn, Michael C. Shine, D. J. Costello, and Francis Keane (8)

Mr Patrick Murphy handed in the following notice of motion:—

"Take notice that for some other member of the Board on my behalf will at the next meeting of the Board move a resolution that the Agent of the Bank of Ireland Galway be appointed Treasurer to the Board and that all resolutions standing in the way be first rescinded.

"Patrick Murphy."

The following letter was read:—

"Gas works, Tuam,

"January 22nd 1899.

"To the Tuam Town Commissioners:

"Gentlemen, — May I hope that one of the first acts of the new Board will be to give the necessary directions to have the lamp at the Railway Crossing lighted. Some of you, gentlemen, are aware that the Railway Company in a communication to your Board, expressed their willingness to pay the sum of two pounds ten shillings towards the lighting of this most important lamp. For that amount, we are quite willing to light the lamp in question on the same conditions as the other public lamps. That being so why keep us in darkness. You will please pardon me for bringing this matter before you.

"Your obedient servant,

"T. M. Walsh."

Mr Shine proposed, Mr Blake seconded and it was unanimously passed that the lamp at the Railway Station Crossing be again lighted if the Railway Co agree to pay the Board £2.10.0 per year for the gas thereby consumed.

The Town Clerk reported that by Direction of the Board he had appeared at Galway on 21st ultimo before the County Court Judge, appealing against Income Tax assessment £18.9.0 and that his Honour having gone into the matter reduced the amount to £12.3.4.

The following notice was given by D. J. Costello:—

"Take notice that I shall move at the next monthly meeting that the hour for the ordinary monthly meeting in future be changed from 12 o'clock (noon) to an hour in the evening.

"D. J. Costello."

The following letter was read:—

"St Mary's, Dunmore,

"February 5th, 1899.

"Dear Sir, — I was very much surprised this day at reading in the "Tuam Herald" an advertisement fixing your new February fair for the 15th instant and stating that the date given in Moore's Old Almanac was wrong. Our fair in Dunmore has been established for six or seven years and published in all the almanacs for the 14th pigs and 15th cattle, sheep and horses. I am sure both yourself and your Board will agree with me and the people of Dunmore (that unless done by mistake) this would be a most unneighbourly and unkind act. I trust you will kindly bring the matter before your Board tomorrow when I am sure they will see this injustice and have the matter made right. I need scarcely say that the fair of Tuam and Dunmore being held on same day would greatly injure both.

"Yours faithfully,

"S. J. McDonough."

"To the Chairman Town Commissioners,
Tuam.

The Clerk was directed to reply that the Board regretted the clashing of the Tuam fair with Runmore; but this happens only once in a while. The third Wednesday of the month was fixed for the Tuam new fair and not till now has the February one fallen on the 15th and a considerable period shall again have elapsed before the like occurs.

The question as to what to do with the Meat Market ground was further adjourned to next monthly meeting for consideration.

The Town Inspector, Mr B. M. Hugh, reported as follows:—

"There is smoke still coming into the Board room. I think it comes from the Billiard room and through the man-hole. There are several spots of flapping requiring repair especially one near the National Bank. I have called on Mr Timothy Waldron to rebuild wall between his premises and the Town Hall plot which he took down sometime ago, and he said he would do so at once".

The Chairman proposed and Dr Costello seconded that Mr Murphy and Mr Shive be asked to find out the cause of the smoke coming into the Board room and have the same removed and also look after the down pipe which wants repairing.

Passed unanimously.

The Board then adjourned to Monday 13th instant.

Signed on behalf of the Board. James M. McDonnell.

Chairman

Monday, 13th February, 1899

Adjourned Meeting

Commissioners present, Messrs James M. McDonnell (Chairman of the Board) Michael C. Shive, J. A. Glynn, John MacPhelipin, Patrick Culklin, Francis Keane, Charles H. Blake, Michael Goppin, Patrick Canavan, John Connolly, Francis Meagher, and Dr J. B. Costello

Cheques were unanimously ordered and signed for		£ s d
John Glynn		6 13 4
B. M. Hugh		2 0 0
Thos Dwyer		5 0 0
John Glynn		3 0 0
Joseph Kenner		2 10 0
Dr Draxwell		38 17 10
John Glynn for John Butler	1 13 4	
P. Keane	18 0	
D. Crisham	7 6	
D. Crisham	5 0	
A. M. Hugh	10 0	
B. M. Hugh	15 4	
J. M. Coy	1 10 0	
J. Dwyer	0 6	
J. Glynn	1 0	
J. Lynch	2 5	
		6 3 1
		£ 64 4 3

The following report from Committee was read:—

"Tuam Town Commissioners,

"Committee Report:

"A Meeting of the Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the Financial state of the Board and on Mr R. D. Kelly's bill for printing and advertising in connection with the recent Election of Commissioners, was held on Tuesday, 7th February 1899 at 6.00 pm.

"Members present, Messrs James M. McDonnell & J. B. Costello presiding, Patrick Culklin, J. A. Glynn, Francis Meagher, Patrick Murphy and Dr J. B. Costello.

"The Town Clerk having submitted a statement of the Board's liabilities and the unavoidable calls to be met during the year just entered into, the Committee concluded that to get over the present financial embarrassment and to steer clear of such in future the Board should procure a credit not to exceed £350 to be drawn upon as occasion may require.

"And that in order to keep the Board's expenditure well within their income the Committee suggest that some of the offices under the Board be dispensed with viz those of Caretaker of the Town Hall, Town Inspector, Caretaker of Fire Station and Bellman.

"And that the salary of Caretaker of the Town Clock be reduced to £5, which office if its present occupant refuse to agree to the reduction, should be advertised and tenders therefor invited.

"The duties of the abolished offices to be added to those of the remaining, for instance the Town Clerk to see to the locking up of the Town Hall every night; or have those offices amalgamated with others and but one person appointed to discharge all the duties thereof.

"Thus an annual saving of £30 would be effected.

"The Committee recommend that the cleansing of Shop Street and the several Market places be done by contract and that a Contractor for the purpose be advertised for.

"The Committee also report that Mr R. D. Kelly's bill comes within his contract with the Board and suggest that Mr Kelly be referred to his letter bearing date, 6th October 1898.

"At a meeting of the Committee held on Saturday, 11th February, 1899—members present Messrs James M. McDonnell & J. B. Costello presiding, Francis Meagher, J. A. Glynn, M. C. Shive, Patrick Murphy and Francis Keane—the foregoing statement of the Committee's suggestions was unanimously adopted and agreed to be submitted to the Board at their next monthly meeting for consideration.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

James M. McDonnell, Chairman.

Mr Glynn gave the following notice:—

"Take notice that at the next monthly meeting of the Board I or some member on my behalf will move that the report of the Committee appointed to consider the financial condition of the Board be considered and adopted."
"J. A. Glynn".

It was ordered to send a copy of the Committee's report to each member of the Board.

Signed on behalf of the Board

James M. McDonnell

Chairman

Monday, 6th March, 1899.

Monthly Meeting, Commissioners present, Messrs James M'Donnell (Chairman of the Board), Patrick Murphy, J. A. Glynn, Esq.; Patrick Cullin, M. C. Shine, John Connelly, Francis Keane, D. J. Costello, Michael Giggins, James J. Begley, Francis Meagher, John MacShippin and Patrick Anavan.

Minutes of previous meetings were read and signed.

Treasurer's Account submitted showed Balance against the Board, £94.3.11

After some discussion the motion of which Mr Murphy had given notice viz: "That the Agent of the Bank of Ireland, Galway, be appointed Treasurer to the Board," was adjourned to Monday 13th instant, awaiting replies to the following resolution proposed by D. Costello, seconded by Mr Glynn and unanimously passed—

"That the Clerk be directed to write to the National Bank and Bank of Ireland Galway asking them if they will make us an advance not to exceed £300 from time to time as we may require it at the salary of Ten pounds (£10) per annum."

Mr Shine gave the following notice:—

"Take notice that for some member on my behalf will move at the next monthly meeting that the resolutions passed on the 8th and 22nd August 1898 about the Meat Market be rescinded and that tenders be invited for the letting in one or more lots for such term and on such conditions as the Board may decide on."

Michael C Shine

"6th March 1899."

The Report of the Committee read at the previous meeting and entered on page 332 of this Minute Book having been discussed,

Mr Shine proposed and Mr Glynn seconded—

"That the Report of the Committee as to caretaker of Town Hall and Town Inspector be amended by fixing the salaries of the combined offices at £9 (nine pounds)

Passed, none dissenting but Mr MacShippin.

Mr Shine proposed and Mr Glynn seconded and it was unanimously passed— "That Mr Reifer be asked, as recommended by the Committee, if he will accept as salary, £5 (five pounds) a year for winding and caretaking the Town clock and if he refuse that the matter be reconsidered at next meeting."

Mr Shine proposed and Mr Connelly seconded—

"That the Report of the Committee as to Caretaker of the Fire Station be amended by fixing the salary at £5 (five pounds) per year."

After some discussion the proposition was withdrawn and the following proposed by D. Costello and seconded by Mr Murphy was unanimously passed:—

"That the Clerk be directed to write to the Water Works Committee asking them to recommend to the Board of Guardians that their Plumber Mr M. Coy be ordered to take charge of the Town Fire extinguishing apparatus."

Proposed by Mr Glynn seconded by Mr Murphy and passed unanimously.

"That the Report of the Committee appointed to inquire into the Financial Condition of the Board and Mr R. J. Kelly's contract be adopted as amended."

It was agreed that advertisement be inserted in the Local paper inviting tenders for contract to cleanse for one year the road, from the Market Cross to the Bridge, Shop Street, thence to Mr Rishworth's Wool store, Dollypaddy road, and to the Fair Green gate, Tullimadaly road, also the Fish Market and Potato Market, and the flagged footpaths along the Potato Market, Town Hall, Shop Street Bridge, and the Commissioners flag store Bishop Street. Contractor to get temporary use of the Potato Market for the shut mud, tenders to be considered at the next monthly meeting.

The following letter was read:—

"Dublin office,

"21, Great Charles Street,

"Feb 28, 1899.

"Dear Sir,— Although I have received no communication from your Board respecting my application for the payment of work done in connection with the recent election I understand indirectly that your Board seems to be under the impression that a contract exists with me for doing the ordinary printing and advertising apart from the special work in question. I think it well at once to set right all possible misconception on the point and do not wish your Board for one moment to be under any misapprehension in the matter so far as I can help it. I must to elucidate matters refer your Board to the main facts as shown by the correspondence and attendant circumstances, which doubtless your minutes will reveal in detail. The old contract at £24 expired in September. Tenders were duly invited. I tendered at £25 for the usual work. This was considered excessive and new tenders were invited. On 6th Oct the Board offered me £22. This I declined. On 30th Nov the Board agreed to give me £24 provided I advertised the Horse Fair. On 5th Dec on receiving your Clerk's letter to this effect I wrote declining saying that I objected to the condition and that I would only accept the contract at £24 for the regular advertising. On 12th Dec a further resolution was sent me saying that the Horse Fair was to be included as part of the contract. On 15th Dec I wrote saying I regretted I could not accede to the condition about Horse Fair. It is plain from this correspondence that your Board on their side tried to force upon me a condition in a contract. I would not accept and consequently I fail to see how I therefore could be considered as a party to a contract the principal condition in which I declined to accede to. Your correspondence with me shows plainly that I all along consistently (and distinctly) declined to accept the Horse Fair condition and I am at a loss to understand how a contract could under those circumstances be imposed on me to the conditions of which I did not agree or assent. I have thought it well to set this matter clearly and at once before your Board so that they may not be under further misapprehension in the matter.

"Yours truly,

"Richard J. Kelly.

"Town Commissioners, Galway."

The Clerk was directed to refer Mr R. J. Kelly to his letter to the Board dated 6th October 1898 especially to the last sentence of it.

A letter was read from Secretary Waterford Limerick & Western Railway Co requesting to be furnished with a formal account for Gas Consumed by Lamp at Railway Crossing, Inam, at £2.10.0 per year up to 31st August last.

A resolution from Carrick-on-Suir Urban District Council protesting against the heavy taxation entailed on towns by Electors of County Councils and Urban Guardians was unanimously adopted.

The following is copy of a sealed order received from the Local Government Board:-

"Existing Officers, Urban District Councils
and Town Commissioners.

"In exercise of the power given to us by the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, Section 124, we, the Local Government Board for Ireland, hereby order and appoint that the provisions 115 to 119, inclusive, of the said Act so far as they relate to all existing officers of Municipal Corporations, Urban District Councils and Town Councils shall come into operation on this date.

Given under our hand and seal of office, this Twenty-first day of February
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

"G. W. Dalrymple

"H. A. Robinson

"J. J. Stafford

"R. Bagwell."

The Board adjourned to Monday 13th instant, the Clerk to state in Circular that at the adjourned meeting that a resolution would be proposed thereat in favor of the amalgamation of the Waterford Limerick and Western Railway Co. with the Great Southern.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Chairman.
James McDonnell.

Adjourned Meeting.

Monday, 13th March, 1899.

Commissioners present, Messrs James M. Donnell (Chairman of the Board), Patrick Murphy, M. C. Shine, Patrick Cullen, J. A. Glynn, Dr. J. B. Costello, Francis Meagher, Charles O'Blake, James J. Begley, Francis Keane, and J. MacPhelin.

The following letters were read:-

"The National Bank, Limited,
- Inam, 13th March, 1899.

"John Glynn Esq, Clerk,

"Inam Town Commissioners, Inam,

"Dear Sir, - In reply to your letter of 6th inst. handing me copy of a resolution passed at the last meeting of the Commissioners, relative to their Banking account, I beg to inform you that this Bank is quite willing to allow the Inam Town Commissioners, a temporary overdraft not to exceed £350 (three hundred and fifty pounds) from time to time as they may require it, free of interest, on condition that the present Treasurer's salary of £10 a year be continued to me or to my successors in management. This arrangement to hold good for three years from this date after which time the Bank to be at liberty to enter into a fresh arrangement with the Commissioners on giving them three months notice.

"I am, dear Sir,

"yours faithfully,

"C. W. Quinn, Manager.

"Bank of Ireland Office,
Galway, 11 March, 1899.

"Dear Sir, - The Inam Board have hitherto paid £10 p.a. to their Treasurer in return for an advance of £200. In reply to your query as to whether the Bank would give £350 at the same remuneration as before, I have to say that the Bank would not ask more than would pay interest on the true average balance but the salary should be fixed at such a figure. It appears that the overdraft of your Board was frequently nearly paid off by the Toll Farmers' recurring payments, and as the probable future average balance would be about £200, in that case the £10 a year would be enough and hitherto must have been more than enough. I would suggest that the question of the Treasurer's salary be left over until the end of the year and such an amount then paid as would cover actual interest. I am yours faithfully

"J. D. Lawson, Agent.

"J. Glynn Esq, Clerk to the Inam Board, Inam."

Mr Murphy proposed and Mr Cullen seconded -

"That the Agent of the Bank of Ireland, Galway, be appointed Treasurer to the Inam Town Commissioners."

Mr Shine proposed and Mr Begley seconded -

"That the account be not changed from the National Bank to the Bank of Ireland."

There voted for Mr Murphy's proposition - Messrs Blake, MacPhelin, Cullen, Murphy and the Chairman (5).

For Mr Shine's proposition - Messrs Keane, Begley, Meagher, Costello, and Shine (5).

Mr. Glynn declined to vote.

The Chairman giving his Casting vote declared Mr. Murphy's proposition Carried.

Mr. Shine gave the following notice -

"Take notice that for some member on my behalf will at the next monthly meeting move that the resolution passed at today's meeting changing the account of the Board from the National Bank to Bank of Ireland be rescinded."

Michael C. Shine.

"13th March 1899"

Proposed by Mr. Shine and unanimously agreed to -

"That the opinion of the Board's solicitor be obtained as to the legality of the decision come to about changing the Board's account from the National Bank to the Bank of Ireland."

A letter was read from Mr. Perry Co. Surveyor stating he would, in Duam on the 14th instant to settle what is to be done in regard to pavement etc.

Mr. Murphy proposed and the Chairman seconded the following -

"That we, the Duam Town Commissioners, are of opinion that it would be in the interests of the trade of this town and neighbourhood that the amalgamation of the Great Southern and Great Western Railway Co with the Waterford Limerick & Western Railway Co should take place and that copies of this resolution be sent to the Chief Secretary, the members of Parliament for the County and Borough of Galway and the Chairman of both Railway Companies."

Mr. MacPhelin proposed and Mr. Cullin seconded -

"That Mr. Patrick Murphy's resolution regarding Waterford & Limerick Railway Co be not entertained inasmuch as 52 large traders have signed a memorial in favour of the Midland Great Western Railway."

Those voted for Mr. Murphy's proposition - Messrs. Blake, Keane, Belsky, Meagher, Glynn, Shine, Murphy, and the Chairman (8)

For Mr. MacPhelin's proposition - Messrs. MacPhelin and Cullin (2)

Dr. Costello declined to vote.

Mr. Murphy's proposition was declared Carried.

Following is copy of Circular from the Local Government Board -

"Dublin, 10th March, 1899,

Sir, - I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to inform you that having received several communications from the recently elected urban district Councils and Town Commissioners relative to the position of the Chairmen thereof as justices of the peace under Section 26 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, the Board considered it advisable to obtain the opinion of the Law officers of the Crown on the subject. The Law officers are of opinion that the section referred to operates immediately upon the Chairman's taking the oaths required by law to be taken by a Justice of the Peace, and the Board would therefore suggest that a return duly certified, showing the

name and occupation of the elected Chairman who had made the required declaration of office and was desirous of acting as a Justice should be forwarded to the Clerk of the Crown and Stamps, Four Courts, Dublin, and his instructions obtained.

"I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

"Thomas A. Money, Secretary."

To the Clerk of each Urban District and the Clerk to the Town Commissioners of each town:

The Chairman stating that he was not desirous of acting as a Justice of the Peace the document was merely marked "read".

Dr. Costello proposed and Mr. Keane seconded the following resolution which was passed nem con: -

"That we the Duam Town Commissioners as representing the Capital of the West, hereby express our approval of the Gaelic League movement and pledge ourselves to aid in perpetuating the Grand Old Tongue of the Gael."

Cheques were ordered and signed for the officers' salaries and other claims as follows: -

John Glynn	£ 8 2
B. McHugh	3 6 8
J. Dwyer	1 0 0
J. Glynn	2 10 0
E. J. Concaum	1 10 0
Raoul Joyce	11 11 0
D. B. Kirwan	2 1 9
J. Glynn for J. Butler	1 5 3
P. Hare	16 8
G. French	8 0
B. McHugh	12 6
M. Keegan	7 3
J. M. Coy	10 0
Messrs. McDonnell & Co	15 0
Christian Bros	3 7
J. Glynn	9 3
J. Glynn	5 3
J. Glynn	10 0
	4 17 6
	£ 28 2 2

The clerk stated that Mr. Leufer, window and caretaker of the town block, had replied to the Board's query that he would not accept £5 per year as salary and that he would write a letter to the Board for their next meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Board, J. W. Donnell
Chairman

J.W.
15.9.99

Monday, 3rd April, 1899.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board) Patrick Cullen, Patrick Murphy, C. H. Blake and J. Glynn.

Proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr Cullen the Meeting adjourned to Monday 10th instant.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

James McDonnell. Chairman.

Monday, 10th April, 1899

Adjourned Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board), Patrick Cullen, Charles H. Blake, Francis Meagher, Patrick Conavan, Michael C. Shime, Patrick Murphy, John Mac Philpin and Francis Keane.

The Minutes of previous meetings were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Account laid before the Board showed balance due to the Bank £110.15.9.

Cheques were ordered and signed as follows:-

John Glynn	£3.6.8
B. M. Hugh	1.0.0
J. Dwyer	2.10.0
B. M. Hugh	2.10.0
B. H. O'Reilly	4.14.0
John Glynn for John Butler	16.8
Pat Hare	10.0
H. M. Hugh	10.0
D. Crisham	7.6
Street cleaning	8.10
B. M. Hugh	7.0
Michl Burke	10.0
Mrs Kennedy	8.6
	£3.18.6
	£114.19.2

The following letters were read:-

"Bank of Ireland office, Galway 1st April, 1899. Dear Sir, - In reply to yours of 30th ult enclosing copy of the resolution recently passed by the Tuam Commissioners appointing the Agent of the Bank here Treasurer to their body, and in which letter you enquire if the Bank will consider a salary of £10 p.a. as sufficient salary, I beg to say that I am much obliged to the Commissioners for their vote, and that the Bank will give the overdraft of £350 at the salary named, £10. I am sorry my first note to you on this

point was not more definite but I could not get a reply from the Bank in sufficient time for your meeting and I could not make definite promises that I might not be able to fulfil. I am, yours faithfully,

John Glynn Esq., Town Commissioners' office, Tuam. J. D. Lawson, Agent.

Bank of Ireland Office Galway, 6th April, 1899.

"Dear Sir, - yes you can either write as you suggest the words above or below, or if you send me the cheques I will have them stamped for you with our rubber stamp. Did Mr Murphy tell you of a few things I want you to do when opening the a/c? I must have the signatures of the members of the Board before they draw on me. You can take them yourself at the Board as they attend, and send them to me on a piece of paper and witness them. As you will be over-drawing, will you send me the Toll-farmers' bills as you did to the National Bank? Also I want copy resolution of Board appointing the Bank Treasurer signed by you and Chairman.

"yours truly - J. D. Lawson, Agent."

John Glynn Esq., Town Clerk, Tuam."

Mr Shime proposed according to notice and Mr Murphy seconded - "That the resolution passed on the 8th and 22nd August, 1898, about the Meat Market be rescinded and that tenders be invited for the letting in one acre or more lots for such term and on such conditions as the Board may decide on."

Passed unanimously

Mr Laurence Burke, Tuam, proposed to take contract to sweep the road and channels from the Market Cross to the Bridge Shop street, thence to Rishworth's wool store, Dallypaddy road, and to the Fair Green Gate Sullinadaly road, also the Fish Market and Potato Market and the flagged footpaths along the Potato Market, Town Hall, Shop street Bridge, and Commissioners' Hay store in Bishop street and to remove in due time the swept mud from all these places the contract to continue for one year from date of its acceptance and to be carried out to the entire satisfaction of the Board pursuant to advertisement for the sum of Twenty pounds."

Mr Michael Keegan, Clonsilla, proposed to take said contract for the sum of Twenty six pounds.

Mr Shime proposed and Mr Keane seconded that Mr Burke's proposal be accepted Mr Burke to get use of the Board's Tumbling Cart and of the Potato Market for sweepings of those portions of the Town comprised in his said proposal. Passed Unanimously.

The following letter was read from Winder and Cartaker of the Town Clock:-

Bishop Street, Tuam, 3/4/99.

To the Chairman and Tuam Town Commissioners.

"Gentlemen - A few days ago I was asked by Mr Glynn, Town Clerk, on behalf of your Board to know would I do the Town Clock at £5 per year. I beg to inform you that I cannot do it less than the salary I have at present. Apart from winding it three times weekly I have to look after it almost every day and during the winter or bad weather twice daily to keep it right. I never spared any trouble in order to always have the clock up to the very minute. As your Board is aware it is a cheap clock and therefore troublesome and even should it be the best clock made it could not go much better when left at the mercy of the rain for which there seems to be no remedy after all the money which was spent on it ten years ago. Also since the latest alterations were made in the Town Hall the Tower was full of smoke the whole winter.

"Your obedient servant
Joseph Leufer."

Mr Canavan proposed and Mr Shine seconded that Mr Leufer's salary be allowed to stand viz £10 per year.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Mr Cullin seconded by Mr Shine and unanimously

passed - "That Mr John Kenny of Cortoon be employed to inspect the clock tower and chimney flues of the Town Hall and report thereon furnishing a specification as to necessary repairs. A Committee consisting of the Chairman, Mr Murphy and Mr Shine to accompany Mr Kenny during his inspection."

The following letter was read -

"Tuam Herald, April 9, 1899.

"Gentlemen, - With reference to an account furnished and due by you for printing and advertising in connection with the recent elections which still remains unpaid I have to state that as I do not desire to add to the embarrassment of the Board if possible I am prepared to leave the settlement of this account to Mr MacPhelim one of your body and to abide by his arrangement. I make the offer without prejudice but in a sincere desire to have an amicable and satisfactory settlement of this account and other matters in dispute.

"Yours faithfully
Richard J. Kelly."

"The Chairman & Town Commrs of Tuam."

Mr Cullin proposed and Mr Meagher seconded -

"That Mr R J Kelly be given £35 in full discharge of his bill (£38) for printing and advertising for the Board in connection with the late election of Town Commissioners."

Passed unanimously.

Mr R J Kelly (who was present) agreed to so accept the sum voted him viz £35

Proposed by Mr Francis Keane and seconded by Mr Shine -
"That we the Tuam Town Commissioners express our sincere wish that, no matter what the Commission or Intermediate Education may eventually decide, the encouragement given to the teaching of the National Language at present most inadequately for, may be amply enlarged and extended. Copy of this resolution to be sent to Secretary Intermediate Commission, 42^{1/2} Great Brunswick Street Dublin"

Passed unanimously.

The following letter with cheque for £6.13.4 for Gas consumed by lamp at Tuam Railway Crossing was received and read: -

"Waterford Terminus, 20th March, 1899

"John Glynn Esq Town Clerk Tuam

"Dear Sir, - Gas Lamp: With reference to your letter of the 20th ultimo I beg to say that my Board have confirmed the arrangement to contribute £2.10.0 per year for the lamp. Yours truly,
John Murphy, Secretary."

Letters were read from the Chief Secretary for Ireland, the Chairman of the Waterford Limerick & Western Railway Co and the Chairman of the Great Southern and Western Railway Co acknowledging receipt of the Board's resolution in favor of amalgamation of the latter with the former Co.

A sealed order was received from the Local Government Board made pursuant to section 124 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898 repealing so much of the Sewer Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 as incorporates sections 6 to 10 and 12 to 16 of the Commission's Clause, Act 1847.

A circular with form, was received from the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, requesting a return of inspectors appointed for the Town of Tuam under the Shop Hours Act 1892.

The form was returned marked "nil".

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Chairman

Per. to Council

Monday, 1st May, 1899

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board) Patrick Cullin, C St Blake, Patrick Murphy, M C Shine, J A Glynn, Francis Keane, John Mac Philbin, Francis Meagher, Patrick Conavan, and John Connolly.

Minutes of previous meetings were read and signed.

Treasurer's account showed balance against the Board £119-10-11

The following letter was read from the Board's solicitor:-

Inam, Co Galway, 1st May, 1899.
Gentlemen - Re Treasurership: Mr Glynn has consulted me on this matter. you have power to appoint a Treasurer, and he is an officer removable at your pleasure. I am, therefore, of opinion that Mr Murphy's resolution was legal.
Your obedient servant,
H J Concanon.

To the Inam Town Commissioners.

The following notice handed in by Mr Michael C Shine was accepted:-

"Take notice that I or some member on my behalf will move at the next monthly meeting that the resolution appointing the Bank of Ireland Treasurer be rescinded and that the National Bank be re-appointed Treasurer.
Michael C Shine."

1st May '99.

Cheques were ordered and signed as follows for -

John Glynn	2.5.2
Thomas Dwyer	3.6.8
Joseph Leifer	2.10.0
C W P Quinn	2.10.0
M D Leahy J R	5.16.8
Local Government Board	12.3.4
John Glynn	4.5.0
Comm'd Concanon	29.4.4
D S Kirwan & Sons	21.15.0
D S Kirwan & Sons	29.16.0
James McDonnell	12.3.8
Reps of the late Mr Michel Moran	70.0.0
Mary Connolly	15.0.0
John Glynn for J Butts	2.0.0
O M'Hugh	16.8
P Kere	15.0
Messrs Kelly Dublin	8.0
D Crisham	1.8
P Corcanon	6.0
O M'Hugh	1.6
The National Bank	2.0.0
	2.16.4
	119.10.11
	£332.14.11

It was ordered that the National Bank be directed to forward to the Bank of Ireland Galway the Toll Farmer's Bills.

The following tenders were read and considered:-

"The Chairman and Gentlemen

"Inam Town Commissioners -

"Gentlemen, We the undersigned beg to propose to occupy the four stalls opposite Stephen Keely's on the Circular Road provided they are opened in the front and separate from the Meat Market at the back by boarding them. I Thomas Hopkins, will take two of them, John Hopkins one and John O'Connor the fourth at one shilling per week or 52/6 yearly. We remain, Gentlemen, yours,

(Signed)

Thomas Hopkins
John Hopkins
John O'Connor.

Inam, May 1st, '99

Inam, 1/5/99.

"The Inam Town Commrs."

"Gentlemen - We propose and agree to take the centre and back stalls of Meat Market from the Fire Station to the line of stalls to be fitted up for the butchers, for the sum of £9 yearly provided we get an entrance at Mr M'Hugh's gable on Circular Road and we will give the use of the lower shed for regulating weights as usual and an entrance to Fire station. We are, Gentlemen, yours respectfully,
"French Bros."

Vicar St, Inam, 1/5/99.

To the Chairman Inam Town Council

Dear Sir, - In accordance with your advertisement, I propose to give £9 for that portion of the Meat Market ground outside the stalls adjoining Mr Keely's, which I understand, will be let to the victualers. Yours truly,
P Ryne."

Mr Murphy proposed and Mr Cullin seconded that Messrs Hopkins & O'Connor's tender be accepted, the rent to be paid weekly in advance. Agreement to this effect to be drawn up and signed.

Passed unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr Glynn, seconded by Mr Cullin and unanimously passed that the French Bros' tender be accepted, the rent to be paid weekly in advance. Agreement to this effect to be drawn up and signed.

Ordered that a Contractor be advertised for, to make in the Meat Market the alterations required by Messrs Hopkins and O'Connor, tenders to be considered at next monthly meeting.

Mr Shine proposed and Mr Blake seconded that Messrs John Murphy and Thomas Dwyer be appointed Enumerators for the May Sheep and Cattle fairs.

Passed unanimously.

It was agreed that at the next monthly meeting the Board would consider the advisability of fixing an early date for the next letting of the Tolls and Customs, and of reserving to themselves in future lettings all control of the Potato Market, so that "soft" "Merry-go-rounds" or the like be not allowed there without the Board's permission.

Mr Connelly proposed and it was unanimously ordered —
"That the Waterford Limerick and Western Railway Co and also the Midland Great Western Railway Co be asked to run special trains on Sunday 7th May for the accommodation of pig buyers coming to our fair to be held on Monday, 8th inst."

It was ordered that a Chubb's Patent lock and a strong door porter be got for the door of the Town Hall also keys of same for the Commissioners and their officers, price quotations to be first obtained for these and also for (say) 200 additional keys which the Clubs and Societies having access to the Hall will require.

Also ordered that the Board's solicitor, Mr McConaughy, be consulted as to whether it would be advantageous to the town to have it made an Urban District and get over from the Rural District Council the sanitary business of the Township.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Patrick Cullin Chairman.

Monday 5th June 1899

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs Patrick Cullin (in the chair) John L Dowling M.D.; Francis Meagher, Charles A Blake, John MacPhailpin, Michael K Shime, John Connelly, and Thomas B Costello M.D.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed

The Treasurer's account showed balance against the Board £246.4.7

Cheques were ordered and signed as follows for

John Glynn	3.6.8
Thomas Dwyer	2.10.0
James McDonnell	10.0.0
John Murphy	2.0.0
Thomas Dwyer	2.0.0
John Glynn for	
B McHugh	15.0
J Butler	16.8
P Hare	10.0
G French	12.6
Mrs Kennedy	8.6
	<u>3.2.8</u>

£22.19.4

Mr Shine's motion to rescind resolution appointing the Bank of Ireland Treasurer and to re-appoint the National Bank Treasurer was adjourned to next monthly meeting.

There being but one tender for contract to make specified alterations in the Meat Market, — Mr Thomas Egan's which was not opened — it was ordered to re-advertise, tenders to be considered at next monthly meeting.

The following letter was read from County Surveyor:—

Galway, 28th May, 1899.

"Dear Sir, — Mr A M A Murphy tells me that his brother is building a new Post office in Tuam and that it will be necessary for the safety of the public as well as a convenience during the building to stop the traffic in the lane. I presume also that it will be advisable to have a boarding put up. Will you kindly let me know the mind of the Town Commissioners on this subject as I shall be governed by what they think right? Mr Murphy is anxious to proceed as soon as possible with the work. Will you please show this letter to Mr McDonnell and the other Commissioners, and let me have a reply as soon as possible. I am, very faithfully yours,

James Perry."

"To John Glynn Esq,
Town Clerk, Tuam.

It was ordered to reply that the Board had no objection as they understood the stopping of traffic in the lane was to continue but three or four days.

There being no tender to supply a Chubb's patent lock and keys and strong door porter, it was ordered to re-advertise for a Chubb's Patent lock and key and a strong door porter with 200 keys of specimen to be seen at the Town Clerk's office, viz: key that opens the old Billiard Room door latch; tenders to be considered at next monthly meeting.

Also ordered that notice be given that at next monthly meeting the schedule of Tolls and Customs would be revised and day fixed for the next letting of the Tolls and Customs.

A letter was read from Manager Waterford & Limerick Railway stating that he would run a special train on Sunday 7th May for accommodation of buyers attending Tuam pig fair next day.

Manager Midland Great Western Ry wrote saying he regretted he could not run a special to connect with the Waterford and Limerick train on Sunday, May 7.

Annexed are Enumerators' returns of the May Sheep and Cattle fairs:—
Sheep: Sold — Wethers 189, Ewes and lambs 466, Hogshead 3024, rams 4, — Total 3688
Unsold — " 173 " 328, " 1248 " 5, — " 1751
5439

Cattle: Sold — Bulls 2096, Heifers 1430, Calves 117, Cows 164, — total 4107
Unsold — " 523 " 936, " 92 " 87, — " 1638
5745

Signed on behalf of the Board

for M. McDonnell.
Chairman

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Monday, 3rd July, 1899.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs James M. Donnell (Chairman of the Board), Patrick Culkin, Charles H. Blake, Francis Keane, J. A. Glynn, Michael C. Shine, John MacPhilpin and D. J. Costello.

Minutes of the preceding meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurer's account laid before the Board showed balance due to the Bank, £269.3.11

Cheques were ordered and signed as follows:-

John Glynn	£ 3.6.8
Thomas Dwyer	2.10.0
Jas M. Donnell	10.0.0
R. J. Kelly	35.0.0
John Glynn for J. Butler	16.8
Bill Hugh	15.0
P. Hare	8.0
H. McHugh	10.0
J. Glynn	1.0.0
Patrick ^{Costello}	3.0
D. Crisham	7.6
	£ 4.0.2
	£ 54.16.10

The following resolution proposed by Mr J. A. Glynn and seconded by Mr M. C. Shine was passed with none dissenting but Mr MacPhilpin:-

"That the article on railway amalgamation in the Duam Herald of the 1st instant is incorrect in stating (1) that the resolution of the Duam Town Commissioners was a surprise resolution and (2) that not half the members agreed to it.

The resolution was mentioned at one meeting and a week's notice given to every member of the Board. Eleven members attended: 8 voted for the resolution, 2 against, and one did not vote.

"That the Petition Petition in favour of the Amalgamation was signed by over 100 Clergy, merchants and inhabitants of Duam many of whom were amongst the 52 signatories to the Midland Petition."

Two tenders were received for contract to make specified alterations in the Meat Market ground: one from Mr John Kenny at £42, the other from Mr Thomas Egan at £35.

There being no estimate furnished with specification, it was unanimously decided that the Chairman consult Mr R. J. Kirwan D.E. as to Mr Egan's tender which if considered reasonable by Mr Kirwan he (Chairman) will accept on behalf of the Board.

Tenders received for contract to supply a Chubb's Patent Lock, doorporter and a number of latch keys being considered informal, it was unanimously decided to advertise for a Chubb's latch with 200 keys and a strong doorporter, tenders for same to be considered at the next monthly meeting.

Mr Shine proposed and Mr Culkin seconded the following resolution which was unanimously passed:-

"That we strongly condemn the proposals of Lord Peel before the Royal Commission in reference to the licensed trade." Copies of this resolution to be sent to the Borough and County members of Parliament.

It was proposed by Mr Murphy, seconded by Mr Glynn and unanimously passed:-

"That our solicitor be instructed to get the opinion of Council as to the advisability of the Duam Town Commissioners becoming Sanitary Authority."

Mr Shine pursuant to notice and Mr Keane seconded:-
"That the resolution appointing the Bank of Ireland Treasurer be rescinded and that the National Bank be re-appointed Treasurer."

Those voted for the proposition Messrs Shine, Costello and Keane (3).
Against - Messrs Culkin, Blake, Glynn, MacPhilpin, ^{Murphy} and the Chairman (6).

The proposition was declared lost.

The Schedule of Tolls and Customs for current year as on page 190 of this Minute Book was unanimously adopted for year next ensuing 28th Sept 1899.

It was unanimously ordered to advertise for letting the Tolls and Customs for year ending 28th September 1900, the advertisement to be the same as last year (see page 309 of this Minute Book) with addition that "the lease is to contain a clause reserving to the Town Commissioners exclusively the right to allow the use, and to levy toll or custom for such use, of Turf Market Ground for any purpose other than as Market for Turf, Potatoes, Cabbage and Scallops: Tenders to be considered at the next monthly meeting"

It was unanimously decided to grant £5 towards Fund for advertising Duam New Horse Fair to be held on 30th August 1899

The Town Cramer having reported that the public Crane at the Potato Market wanted repairing it was ordered that John Silk, Blacksmith, be asked to see to the matter.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

James M. Donnell Chairman

Monday, 7th August, 1899.

Monthly Meeting -

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board), Charles H. Blake, Francis Keane, J. B. Costello M.D., and Patrick Murphy.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Treasurer's account showed balance against the Board £244.0.9

Cheques were ordered and signed as follows for -

John Glynn		£3.6.8
Thomas Dwyer		2.10.0
James M. Donnell		10.0.0
O. K. Braddell		38.5.6
Robert Sample		4.7.6
Joseph Kenner		2.10.0
John Glynn for		
John Butler	16.8	
B. M. Hugh	15.0	
P. Kere	10.0	
J. Silk	2.10.0	
Inspector of Weights & Measures	11.2	
Messrs McDonnell & Co	2.5	£ 5.5.3
		<u>£ 66.4.11</u>

Mr P. Byrne having appeared before the Board complaining that an advertisement of his exhibited on Meat Market Wall in Vicar St was removed therefrom it was agreed that he be allowed to put it up there he paying charge to be fixed at next meeting of the Board.

Notice was read from Surveyor of Taxes, Galway, of assessment of Income Tax on Tolls and Customs £12:3:4 and same being considered too high it was ordered to serve notice of appeal.

The Town Inspector reported that there were a few spots of the flagged footpaths that badly required repairing, that passage, here of Town Hall was in a very unsanitary state, that new wicket to the Town Hall gate was wanted and that leakage still continued over Town Hall Lobby.

Ordered that the flagging be repaired, new wicket provided, and Messrs Waldron, Byrne and Lynch noticed to remove from here of Town Hall all nuisance and obstruction and keep the passage clear and in a sanitary state in future.

There was but one tender for the Tolls and Customs, Mr. Thomas Nolan's which was as follows: -

Tuam, August 7th, 1899.

The Chairman, Town Improvement Commissioners:
Gentlemen, - I propose and agree to take the Tolls and Customs of the Borough of Tuam from 29th September 1899 to the 28th September 1900 according to advertisement and I offer for same the sum of £600. I offer for my sureties for the faithful fulfilment of same Mr Michael Kameel High Street, Tuam, and Mr John Tierney of Belmont.

Tuam, Gentlemen,

your obedient servant

Thomas Nolan.

"We the undersigned are willing to become sureties, for Thomas Nolan for the above"

Michael Kameel, Tuam,

John Tierney, Belmont.

Annexed is copy of the advertisement which was duly published: -

"The Tolls and Customs of the Borough of Tuam from the 29th September 1899 to 28th September 1900 to be let at a special meeting of the Tuam Town Commrs on Monday 7th August next, the terms of payment to be as follows: -

"The Toll Farmer to pass his bills joined by two solvent sureties for the amount of his contract. The first of said bills for £150 to be made payable on the 24th October next, and the balance of the contract by five bills in equal proportions, the first payable on the 1st January 1900, the second on the 10th March, the third on the 10th May, the 4th on the 4th July and the fifth on the 10th Sept in the same year.

"The tenders and sums offered to be in writing signed by the applicant and two solvent sureties, willing to become sureties, will be received in the letter box of the Board room up to the taking of the chair on the above named day. A guarantee society will be accepted as security. The Contractor must provide any extra men required by him for fairs etc. He will also be required to meet his bills strictly on the day they mature. Otherwise both himself and sureties will be proceeded against by the Board's solicitor without further notice. The Commissioners do not bind themselves to the highest or any tender.

"The revised schedule of the Tolls and Customs, etc payable within the Borough can be seen on application to the Clerk.

"Possession will be given on the 29th September next, the Commrs reserving to themselves all control over the fairs and markets and their respective sites with power to make any change in same that may to them seem advisable, and to use the ground of the Potato Market for any purpose they may consider necessary.

"The Commrs also reserve to themselves as usual the keys of all the doors and gates of the several Market sites, weighhouse etc with the lock of any of which the Toll Farmer is by no means to interfere nor with any board bearing advertisement exhibited in any part of said sites, neither is he to charge toll or custom for any such advertisement board.

The Tenders will be considered on conditions that parties tendering will satisfy the Board or whosoever may be appointed by them as to solvency

of sureties. The contractor will be required to execute a lease to be prepared by the Board's solicitor before he gets authority to collect and tolls. The entire expenses of said lease must be paid by the Contractor and also all other expenses in connection with said contract including stamps on surety's bills.

"The lease is to contain a clause reserving to the Town Commrs exclusively the right to allow the use, and to levy rent, toll or custom for such use, of Turf Market ground for any purpose other than as Market for Turf, Potatoes, Cabbage and Scallops.

"If any tents or booths for the sale of spirituous liquors are erected at the fair green or any place within the Borough of Tuam on the occasion of any fair or of athletic or sports they shall be subject to a toll of £5 to be collected by the Town Commrs."

"By order

"John Glynn, Town Clerk."

"Office of Town Improvement Commrs
Tuam, 3rd July, 1899"

Mr Cullkin proposed and Mr Keane seconded that the tender be accepted.

Accepted unanimously

Tenders were received as follows from
Messrs Harty & Co to supply one Chubb's latch and key, 1/6;
200 extra keys for same, £8.10.0; one strong door porter, 2/6; - total £19.7.6
Messrs McDonnell & Co - one Chubb's latch, 2/6; 200 keys to pass same, @ 5 each; one strong door porter, 4/0; - total £5.7.4

Proposed by Mr Murphy and seconded by Dr Costello, Messrs McDonnell & Co's tender was unanimously accepted.

Ordered that price per key to the societies having access to the Town Hall be 6^d.

A Committee was appointed consisting of Messrs Cullkin, Costello, Keane, Murphy and the Chairman to see the Board's solr. Mr H. Concanan and know from him Counsel's opinion as to advisability of the Board becoming Sanitary authority.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

James McDonnell. Chairman

Monthly Meeting.

Monday, 4th September, 1899.

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board), J. A. Glynn, Mr Shine, Francis Meagher, Patrick Cullkin, C. H. Blake and Dr J. B. Costello.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Account showed balance against the Board £295.12.5.

Cheques were ordered and signed as follows:—

John Glynn		£3.6.8
Thomas Dwyer		2.10.0
James McDonnell		10.0.0
John Glynn for J. Butler	5.2	
	16.8	
B. M. Hugh	15.0	
J. Dwyer	1.0	
J. French	12.6	
		2.5.2
		£18.1.10

Mr Shine having suggested that leather braces be got for the Board's Water Hose, it was left to the Chairman to order such if Mr R. J. Kirwan C.E. approved of them.

A bill presented by John McCoy, Plumber for oil and labour in connection with the Water Hose was referred to Tuam Sanitary Committee as was also a letter from Timothy Waldron in reply to the Clerk's letter relative to unsanitary state of rear of Town Hall.

There being no tender for the Board's Printing and Advertising for ensuing year it was ordered to re-advertise the contract, tenders to be considered at the next monthly meeting.

Messrs John Murphy and Thomas Dwyer were appointed enumerators for the fairs of September and October.

Mr Cullkin proposed, Mr Glynn seconded and it was unanimously passed that the same lamps as last year with additional lamp opposite the Mitre Hotel, Bishop Street be lighted during year ending 10th May 1900 and supply gas to the Clerk's office, Board Room and Fire Station by meter on same terms as last year, the Contractor agreeing thereto.

In revising the list of fairs of the Town the June and August ^{pig fairs} were struck out the fairs decided to be held and advertised in future being

January, third Wednesday, pigs
 February do do
 March 9, pigs
 " 10, Sheep and Cattle
 April, third Wednesday, pigs
 May 8, Pigs
 " 9, Sheep
 " 10, Cattle
 July 3, Pigs
 " 4, Sheep and Cattle
 August, last Wednesday, Horses
 September 9, Pigs
 " 10, Sheep and Cattle
 October, third Tuesday, Sheep
 " " Wednesday, Cattle
 " " Thursday, horses
 " " Friday, pigs
 November, third Wednesday, pigs
 December 14, pigs
 " 15, Sheep and Cattle

Signed on behalf of the Board

James McDonnell. Chairman

Monday, 25th Sept, 1899.

Special Meeting

Pursuant to the following requisition a special meeting was held to day :-

"Suam, 21st September, 1899.

" To John Glynn,
 Town Clerk, Suam.

" We, the undersigned Town Commissioners of Suam, hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Monday next 25th instant at 12 o'clock (noon) for the purpose of considering and deciding whether they will petition the Local Government Board for Ireland to separate from the Suam Rural District the Town of Suam and constitute it an Urban Sanitary District.

" P. Murphy
 " John Connelly
 " Patrick Cullen
 " Francis Meagher
 " J. B. Costello
 " Jas McDonnell"

Commissioners at the Meeting were Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board), M. C. Shine, W. J. Dowling, Francis Meagher, J. A. Glynn, Patrick Cullen, W. J. B. Costello, John MacPhiepin, Francis Keane, and Patrick Murphy.

Also present, Messrs H. J. Concanon Solr to the Board, and Edmund Lupton, Solr.

A letter was received from Mr H. J. Concanon Solr, enclosing one to him from the Local Government Board and a draft Petition for adoption.

The letter and Petition having been read and considered Mr J. A. Glynn proposed and Mr Patrick Murphy seconded the following resolution which was passed unanimously: - That we the Suam Town Improvement Commissioners at a special meeting convened by notice dated 21st September 1899 hereby adopt the Petition now presented to us praying that we become Sanitary Authority and that rateable area to be included extend to Suam Rural as well as to Suam Urban Electoral Unit."

It having been remarked that the notice convening the meeting contained no intimation as to including the Suam Rural Electoral Unit in the rateable area it was decided to convene a special meeting for Monday 25th October next for the purpose of legally adopting a resolution similar in effect to the foregoing.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

James McDonnell. Chairman

Monday, 2nd October, 1899.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell Chairman of the Board; Joseph A. Glynn, John MacPhiepin, Michael C. Shine, Patrick Murphy, Patrick Concanon, Francis Meagher and Patrick Cullen,

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and signed.

Treasurer's Account showed balance against the Board £233.14.3.

Cheques were ordered and signed for

John Glynn	£3.6.8
Thomas Dwyer	2.10.0
Jas McDonnell	10.0.0
Edmund Concanon	21.15.0
Jas McDonnell	5.0.0
Thomas Egan	35.0.0
John Glynn for J. Butler	16.8
D. M. Hugh	15.0
P. Hare	6.0
H. McHugh	10.0
D. Crisham	7.6
J. Glynn	3.4
Christian Bros.	2.0
M. S. Walsh	8.4
John Murphy	1.0.0
Thos Dwyer	1.0.0
Laurence Burke	5.8.10
	10.0.0
	£93.0.6

There was but one tender for the printing and advertising contract, Mr R. D. Kelly's which was as follows:-

"Tuam Herald" office
"Tuam Oct 2nd 1899.

"Gentlemen, - I beg to propose to do all the printing required by your Board and to advertise all notices in Tuam Herald and Tuam News for twelve months according to terms of your advertisement for a sum of £24.0.0, and enclose names of sureties. This will not include any work that may be required by the Board should it get an extension of sanitary powers and only refers to the ordinary duties of the Town Board as in former years. Yours very faithfully,
Richard D. Kelly."

"The Board of Commissioners Tuam."

"We the undersigned agree to become sureties for Mr R. D. Kelly for Tuam Town Board Contract for twelve months.
(Signed) "Wm Daly,
"Robert Farrell."

The advertisement was as follows:-

"The Tuam Town Commissioners will receive and consider at their monthly meeting to be held on Monday 2nd October next tenders for contract to do all the advertising and printing of every description required by the Board (except Crane Docket) for one year from 6th Sept 1899, consent in writing of two solvent sureties to join in a bond for the faithful performance of the contract to be enclosed with tender."

Mr Glynne proposed, Mr Meagher seconded and it was unanimously passed that Mr Kelly's tender be accepted.

Auditor's report was read as follows:-

"Gentlemen, - I have the honor to inform you that I have audited the a/c of the Tuam Town Commission for the year ended 29th September 1898 and up to the 31st March 1899. The Toll Farmer has lodged the full amount for the year ended 29th Sept 1898 viz Six hundred pounds (£600). The Toll Collection was let for five hundred and fifty pounds (£550) for the year ended 29th September 1899 and three hundred and ten pounds (£310) was lodged by the 31st March 1899. The accounts were presented in proper form. I enclose abstracts duly certified. I have the honor to be, Gentlemen, your obedient servant
"G. Wynne, Auditor."

Mr MacPhilpín proposed and Mr Cullin seconded the following:-
"We, the Tuam Town Commissioners, thank the Chairman of the Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland for having ordered a special train from Broadstone to Tuam to accommodate buyers who came in largest numbers to our September Fair. The Fair, they Commissioners may add, was an exceedingly good one for buyers and sellers."

There voted for the proposition Messrs Cullin and MacPhilpín (2).
Against - Messrs Meagher, Canavan, Murphy, Shine and Glynne (5)
Declared lost.

Secretary, Tuam Branch Gaelic League, applied for permission (which was unanimously granted) to use the Board room for the teaching of an Irish Class on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 8 to 10 o'clock and for the giving of a public lecture at an early date in support of the Gaelic Movement.

The following notices were handed in and accepted:-

"Take notice that I or some other Commissioners on my behalf will move at the next meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners that the election of Commissioners be triennial and that the Local Government Board be requested to make an order to that effect. Dated, 2nd October, 1899.
"J. A. Glynne."

"Take notice that I or some other Commissioners on my behalf will move at the next meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners that a byelaw be made under the Local Government Act 1898 Application of Enactments Order Sec 9(1) fixing the fine for resignation of the Chairman at ten shillings and of any other Councillor at five shillings. Dated, 2nd October, 1899.
"J. A. Glynne."

A circular was read from the Parnell Demonstration Committee inviting delegates from the Board to attend in Dublin at the laying of the foundation stone of monument to Parnell.

It was suggested that as Mr Shine was going that he represent the Board.

Passed nem con.

Annexed letter enclosing a cheque on the Bank of Ireland for £8 was read:-
"Local Government Board
"Dublin, 18.9.99

"To Town Clerk, Tuam,
"I have received the amount of surcharge made at my audit of the year 1897 a/c from the Solicitor into whose hands I placed the case for recovery etc and enclose cheque for same (ie) eight pounds, which kindly place to account of Town Commissioners and acknowledge receipt thereof.
"G. Wynne, Auditor."

Subjoined are Enumerators' Returns for the September sheep and Cattle fairs:-

Sheep, sold:	Wethers, 868;	Ewes, 8621;	Lambs, 1256;	Rams, 20;	- total 10765.
unsold:	706;	128;	646;	6;	- 2576
					Total exhibited 13341

Cattle, sold:	Bullocks, 172;	Heifers, 197;	Cows, 98;	Calves, 81;	- total 548
unsold:	161;	180;	62;	118;	- 521
					Total exhibited 1069

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Patrick Cullin

Chairman.

Monday, 2nd October, 1899.

Special meeting. Pursuant to the following requisition a special meeting was held today:—

"Suam, 25th September, 1899.

"To John Glynn, Town Clerk, Suam.

"We the undersigned Town Commissioners of Suam, hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Monday 2nd October next at 12 o'clock (noon) for the purpose of petitioning the Local Government Board for Ireland to constitute them an Urban Sanitary Authority the Urban District to embrace Suam Urban and Suam Rural Electoral Units.

"James McDonnell

"P. Murphy

"Patrick Culklin

"J. A. Glynn

"Francis Meagher

"John MacPhilpin".

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board, Joseph A. Glynn, John MacPhilpin, Michael C. Shine, Patrick Murphy, Patrick Canavan, Francis Meagher, and Patrick Culklin.

Also present, Mr H. J. Concanon Solicitor to the Board

Patrick Culklin Chairman

Monthly Meeting

Monday, 6th November, 1899

Commissioners present, Messrs Patrick Culklin, Patrick Murphy, M. C. Shine, Patrick Canavan, Francis Keane, J. A. Glynn, and Dr. J. B. Costello.

On motion of Mr Murphy, seconded by Mr Canavan and passed unanimously,

Mr Culklin took the Chair and presided.

The Minutes of previous meetings were read and signed.

The Treasurer's account submitted showed balance against the Board £168.14.9.

Cheques were ordered and signed as follows, for

John Glynn	£ 3.6.8
Thomas Dwyer	2.10.0
Joseph Kenfer	2.10.0
Jas McDonnell	10.0.0
Depts of late Michel Moran	7.10.0
Hodges & Figgis	1.5.0
Richd J Kelly	12.0.0
John Butler	2.0.0
Thomas Dwyer	2.0.0
John Glynn for J Butler	15.0
P. M. Hugh	16.8
P. Hare	10.0
Mary Connolly	1.0.0
John Murphy	2.0.0
Thos Dwyer	2.0.0
Carriage on Map	— 10
Johngham	— 1.0
W. Cunningham	— 7.6
Pat Raftery	— 7.6
D. Crisham	— 7.6
Pat Hare	1.8.0
	£ 9.14.0
	£ 52.15.8

Mr Robert J. Herwan D.E. furnished specification and estimate of sewer agreed to be constructed from main sewer in the Square to the point in the Town Hall yard where the drains from Mr Byrne's and from Mr Waldron's meet.

Ordered that contract for the work be advertised tenders to be considered at the next monthly meeting.

Report having been made that smoke from Mr Timothy Waldron's chimney in adjoining house enters the Board room of the Town Hall the Clerk was directed to write requiring Mr Waldron to remedy the matter.

Mr Shine having stated that he thought Mr Timothy Waldron was encroaching on the Town Hall yard by making a second entrance into it (and occupying the ground with barrels, cases etc the Clerk was directed to look up the Commissioner's lease with a view to stop the encroachment.

Mr Glynn proposed and Mr Murphy seconded —
"That the election of Town Commissioners be triennial and that the Local Government Board be requested to make an order to that effect"

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Mr Glynn seconded by Mr Murphy and passed unanimously —
"That a byelaw be made under the Local Government Act 1898 Application of Enactments Order Sec 9 (1) fixing fine for resignation of the Chairman at Ten shillings and of any other Councillor at five shillings."

The following letter was read:—

"Tuam Co Galway, 18th October, 1899
"Dear Sir, — Re Petition to Local Government Board: For the information of your Board I beg to inform you that the Local Government Board have fixed Thursday, the 2nd November next for holding inquiry as to extension of boundaries etc. The inquiry will commence in the Court House, Tuam, at 12 o'clock, noon, on that day before Mr J. Wilson Lynch. Yours truly
H. J. Concanan."

"John Glynn Esq, Town Clerk, Tuam."

It was proposed by Mr Glynn and unanimously ordered that a copy of "Vanston's Local Government Act, 1898," be procured.

Messrs James J. Begley and Michael Goggin, not having attended any meeting of the Board for over six months the Clerk was directed to inform them that they were disqualified and to ask for an explanation of their non-attendance.

At request of Mr John O'Hanagan of Lisadyra it was agreed to move at the next monthly meeting that a crossing be made at Fair Green Gate, Ballygaddy road, notice of same to be given in circular.

It was proposed by Mr Shine seconded by Mr Glynn and unanimously passed that Messrs Hirsch Bros.' rent for portion of Meat Market let to them date from 14th October same as that of the Victuallers' stalls.

Mr Shine proposed and Mr Keane seconded that Thomas Dewyer Cranor and John Butler assistant-Cranor be granted, as usual every second year, the sum of £2 each for winter over-coats.

Passed unanimously.

It was ordered that the Town Inspector get all broken flags of the Town footpaths raised and replaced with new ones.

A letter was read from the Treasurer, Bank of Ireland Galway acknowledging receipt of the Toll Farmers' bills payable to Chairman of the Board and of lodgment of £8 by the Town Clerk, surcharge received from the auditor, Capt Wynne.

The enumerators' returns for the October Sheep and Cattle fairs were read as follows:

Sheep — Sold: Wethers 5532	Ewes 5346	Hoggets 5058	Lambs 933	Rams 87	Total 16956
Unsold: " 745	" 1541	" 1140	" 1848	" 26	" 5300
					Total exhibited 22256

Cattle — Sold: Bullocks 4775	Heifers 3216	Cows 79	Calves 48	Bulls 0	Total 8118
Unsold: " 581	" 535	" 44	" 155	" 1	" 1316
					Total exhibited 9434

The Board adjourned to Monday 13th instant

Signed on behalf of the Board

Michael C. Shine Chairman

Monday, 13th Nov, 1899.

Adjourned Meeting

Commissioners present, Messrs Patrick Cullen (in the chair) Patrick Murphy, Francis Meagher, Mr Shine, Francis Keane & Dr Dowling

Suggestions were made that more street-lamps be lighted. Could the Board afford to increase the contract for Gas.

After some discussion Mr Murphy, Dr Dowling and Mr Shine were deputed to see the Contractor and on part of the Board to arrange with him as to any additional lighting considered necessary.

Mr Murphy suggested and it was unanimously agreed that Mr Shine with Mr Kirwan Dr examine the roof and flues of the Town Hall and employ a competent man to stop the leakage and smoke in the Board Room.

The following letter was read from the Local Government Board:—
"Dublin 8th Nov, 1899.

"Sir — I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant containing copies of resolutions adopted by the Tuam Town Commissioners at their meeting on the 6th instant relative to triennial elections and to the fines payable by the Chairman and Commissioners to biennial elections and to the fines payable by the Chairman and Commissioners on resignation. In reply I am to state that the provision contained in Section 23 (1) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 as to triennial elections does not apply to Town Commissioners. As regards the proposed byelaw fixing fines on resignation I am to state that the expression "Corporate office in a Council or Board" in Article 9 (1) of the Schedule to the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898, is defined by the previous Article to mean "a Corporate office in a County Council, and also the office of Councillor of a Council of an Urban County District not a borough or of a rural district and the office of a guardian, and of the Chairman and or

Vice-chairman of any such County or District Council or of a Board of Guardians". The Tuam Town Commissioners are not therefore required under the Order in question to make byelaws imposing fines for non-acceptance or resignation of office by members of that body. I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
 At all Swaine, Secretary,
 John Glynn Esq, Town Clerk, Tuam.

Referred to the Board's Solicitor, Mr H J Concanon,

Mr James J Begley came before the Board and explained the cause of his absence from the Board's meetings for over six months.

Mr Shine proposed and Dr Dowling seconded and it was passed unanimously "That having heard Mr Begley's explanation of his non-attendance we are quite satisfied with same".

Signed on behalf of the Board

Michael C Shine Chairman

Monday, 4th December, 1899.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs Michael C Shine, Patrick Murphy, Francis Keane, John Connelly, Francis Meagher, Patrick Connavan and Dr J P Costello.

On the motion of Mr Murphy, seconded by Mr Keane, Mr Michael C Shine took the chair and presided.

Minutes of the previous meetings were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Account, submitted, shows balance against the Board £271.10.5.

Cheques were ordered and signed as follows:-

John Glynn	£ 3.6.8
Thomas Dwyer	2.10.0
Das McDonnell Esq	10.0.0
Edward Poyonrky	1.1.6
Michael Lynskey	11.0.3
G Steele, J.R.	9.8
John Glynn for	
John Butler	15.8
B M Hugh	15.0
Pat Hare	8.0
George French	12.6
D Crisnam	2.0
P Rafferty	7.6
B M Hugh	6.6
D Crisnam	7.6
	£ 5.15.8
	£ 32.8.9

There being no tender for contract to make a sewer at the Town Hall it was ordered to re-advertise the Contract.

The following resolution proposed by the Chairman (Mr Shine) and seconded by Mr Murphy was unanimously passed:-

"That we, the Tuam Town Commissioners, desire to place on record the expression of our deep regret at the death of Mr Charles H Blake, one of our most popular members and as a special mark of esteem adjourn this meeting to this day week. We beg to convey to the members of his family our sincere sympathy in their sad affliction. Copies of this resolution to be forwarded to Mrs Blake, Mr C G Blake Chicago, U.S.A. (son); Mrs Roman Melbourne, (sister); and to Mr J D Blake and Dr Richard Marby Blake (brothers of deceased)".

The Board then adjourned to Monday 11th instant.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Patrick Culbert Chairman

Monday, 11th December, 1899.

Adjourned Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board), Michael C Shine, John Connelly, Francis Meagher, J A Glynn, Dr J P Costello and Francis Keane.

Mr Shine proposed and Mr Meagher seconded that Mr James J Begley, Bishop Street, Tuam, be co-opted as Town Commissioner to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr Charles H Blake.

Passed unanimously.

The filthy state of the streets having been brought under notice by the Chairman, the Clerk was directed to write to the County Surveyor requesting him to see that the Contractor keeps the streets at least in a reasonable way; also to Mr Laurence Burke Contractor for cleansing Ship Street informing him that if he did not at once cleanse that street and keep it in proper order the work would be done at his expense.

The following letter was read:-

Dublin 2nd December, 1899.

Sir, - With reference to the recent inquiry held by Mr J Wilson Lynch, into the application of the Town Commissioners of Tuam to have the Town constituted an Urban Sanitary District and its boundaries extended, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they observe that the Commissioners do not desire to be created an Urban Sanitary authority unless they obtain an extension of the municipal boundary so as to include the area recommended by the Municipal Boundaries Commission in 1879. Under these circumstances the Local Government Board will not at present make an Order under section 42 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, constituting the Town an Urban Sanitary District, and they will await the result of any application which the Commissioners may make to the County Council, under Article 26 of the Local Government (Application of enactments) Order, 1898. I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
 At all Swaine, Secretary,
 John Glynn Esq, Clerk to the Town Commissioners,
 Tuam.

Mr Glynn proposed and Mr Meagher seconded the following resolution which was unanimously passed:—"That we, the Tuam Town Commissioners, having petitioned the Local Government Board for an extension of the area of the Borough of Tuam and that the Borough as extended be constituted an Urban Sanitary Authority, the County Council be requested to make a representation under Article 25 of Application of Enactments Order 1898 calling upon the Local Government Board to make an Order that the Borough of Tuam be extended so as to include the extension recommended by the Exham Commission."

It was ordered to advertise for a contractor to make a crossing at the Fair Green Gate, Ballygaddy road to connect the footpaths.

A letter to the Chairman from Secretary "Young Ireland Society, Ballyhaunis" was read asking for use of the Town Hall for night of 29th Dec the object being to help the Augustinian Fathers to restore the old Abbey of Ballyhaunis.

Granted, free of charge.

The following letter was read:—

"Brooklawn, Tuam, 10th Dec 1899
Dear Sir, - I am in receipt of yours of the 4th inst, conveying the kind resolution of sympathy passed by the members of the Town Board on the death of my brother, for which I am much obliged. I remain truly yours,
"John Glynn Esq
"Town Clerk."
"John D Blake."

At suggestion of Mr Shine it was ordered to notify in circular for next monthly meeting that the Board would at said meeting consider a proposal to provide a library for the Tuam Catholic Temperance Society

The Chairman having said it would be a great convenience to have scales erected at Farrell's Mill and a man put in charge to weigh corn &c, the Clerk was directed to give notice of the matter in circular for next monthly meeting.

It was also ordered that the Clerk write to Drogheda for information as to concrete blocks used for streets and footpaths, there instead paving and flagging.

The following letter was read:—

"Dublin, 21 Great Charles Street,
Nov 18, 1899.
"My dear Sir, - I am in receipt of cheque for £12 and have to thank you for same. The amount of the fees due me for attendance at Galway Grand Jury in a successful application for a refund is four guineas. It is now some five years due or more I should think and it is full time it were discharged as by my services the Board got a refund of £40. Yours very truly,
"Richard J Kelly."
"John Glynn Esq."

Marked "read".

A statement of the financial position of the Board at end of year, 29th Sept 1899, was submitted by the Clerk and ordered by the Board to be printed, a copy to be given to each of the Commissioners.

The Chairman said it was arranged that the Town Clock be lighted in future from 4pm. to 11 pm. to which the Board unanimously agreed.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Patrick Cullinan Chairman

I, James Joseph Begley having been co-opted Commissioner for the Town of Tuam declare that I take said office upon myself, and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.
Made and subscribed before me

this 23rd day of January 1900

John Glynn
Town Clerk

James J Begley

Monday, 1st January, 1900

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs Patrick Cullinan, Michael O Shine, Patrick Murphy, Francis Meagher, Francis Keane, Patrick Conavan and J. Glynn

On the motion of Mr Glynn seconded by Mr Meagher the chair was taken by Mr Cullinan.

The Minutes of the previous meetings were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Account submitted showed balance against the Board, £163.14.2.

It was ordered that Hugh McHugh Caretaker of the Potato Market etc be refunded 4/6 rate paid by him for house that he holds from the Commissioners.

Also ordered that Pat Raftery be paid £1.10.0 on acc of repairing footpaths.

Cheques were ordered and signed as follows:—

John Glynn	£3.6.8
Thomas Dwyer	2.10.0
Jas McDonnell	10.0.0
Oct Draddell	37.17.9
Messrs McDonnell & Co	5.7.4
John Glynn for John Butler, 16/8; A McHugh, 10/0;	} 5.10.3
P Nare 8/0; Hugh McHugh, 10/0;	
San Crisham, 7/6; A McHugh 4/11;	
Th P Egan 17/0; P Raftery, 30/0;	
H McHugh 4/6	
	£64.12.0

There being no tender for making sewer from here of Town Hall to the main sewer in the Square, it was ordered to re-advertise the contract, tenders to be considered at next monthly meeting.

Thomas Egan tendered "to make a crossing 35 feet long connecting footpaths at the Fair Green gate Ballypaddy road of two courses of cut stone twelve inches wide and a paved space of twelve inches between said courses, to the entire satisfaction of R. D. Kirwan Esq for the sum of £4.17.6."

There was no other tender for the contract.

It was decided to refer the tender to a Committee consisting of Messrs Jas McDonnell Esq, Patrick Murphy Esq, Francis Keane Esq, and Patrick Cullen Esq, with power to arrange with Mr Egan as they deem fit.

The Board being informed by Mr Glynn Esq, that until appointed Urban Council they could take no steps to establish a library the matter was let stand over.

It was considered unnecessary to erect weighing scales at Farrell's Mill the scales in use being sufficient, the Cranes occasionally, when there is a crowded market, to be given an extra assistant.

The Clerk was directed to write to the County Surveyor about presentments granted by the Grand Jury for repairing the street channels of the town and the stone steps at Mr McDonnell's corner and Mr Kyrie's.

It was decided that Mr McDonnell Esq, Mr Murphy and Dr Costello with Mr Concanon (the Board's solicitor) attend as a deputation at meeting of the County Council on Wednesday 3rd inst to request the Council to pass a resolution recommending to the Local Government Board the extension of the boundary of Tuam Township petitioned for by the Commissioners.

A letter was read from the Town Clerk of Drogheda that his Board were laying down their footpaths with concrete but not in blocks. The Contractor's price is 3/5 per square yard.

The following letter was read:-

"The Bridge House Tuam, Co Galway
Dec 19th '99

"Dear Sir - Will you kindly convey to the Tuam Town Commissioners, my sincere thanks for their kind expressions of sympathy on the death of my husband the late Mr Charles A Blake. Yours very truly,

"Rose A Blake"

"John Glynn Esq, Town Clerk, Tuam."

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Jas McDonnell

Chairman.

Form No 8.

Notice of Result of Election,

Town of Tuam.

Election of Commissioners for the above Town in the year, 1900.

I, the undersigned, being the Returning Officer at the Election for the said Town, do hereby give notice that the Candidates at the Election whose names are entered hereunder have been duly elected Commissioners:-

Patrick Canavan,	Bishop street, Tuam,	Merchant,
Patrick Cullen,	Shop street, Tuam,	Merchant,
Michael Liggins,	The Mall, Tuam,	Merchant,
Francis Keane,	Dublin Road, Tuam,	Merchant,
John MacDhillpin,	Waterlode Place, Tuam,	Newspaper Proprietor,

Dated this 15th day of January, 1900.

John Glynn,
Returning Officer.

I, Patrick Canavan, having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam hereby declare that I take the said office upon myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this
23rd day of January 1900
John Glynn
Town Clerk
P. Canavan

I, Patrick Cullen, having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam hereby declare that I take the said office upon myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this
23rd day of January 1900
John Glynn
Town Clerk
Patrick Cullen

I, Michael Liggins, having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam hereby declare that I take the said office upon myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment & ability.

Made and subscribed before me this
23rd day of January 1900
John Glynn
Town Clerk
Michael Liggins

I, Francis Keane, having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam hereby declare that I take said office upon myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability

Made and subscribed before me this

23rd day of January 1900

John Glynn

Town Clerk

Francis Keane

I, John Mac Philpin, having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam hereby declare that I take said office upon myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability

Made and subscribed before me this

23rd day of February 1900

John Glynn

Town Clerk

John Mac Philpin

I, James McDonnell, having been chosen Chairman for the Commissioners of the Town of Tuam, hereby declare that I take said office upon myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability

Made and subscribed before me this

23rd day of January 1900

John Glynn

Town Clerk

James McDonnell

Annual Meeting

Tuesday, 23rd January, 1900

The annual meeting for election of Chairman for the ensuing year was held today

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board) James & Begley, Michael Grogins, Patrick Canavan, Francis Keane, John Connelly, Patrick Murphy and Patrick Bulkin.

Messrs Begley, Grogins, Canavan, Keane and Bulkin signed their respective declarations as Commissioners.

Mr Bulkin proposed and Mr Meagher seconded - That Mr James McDonnell be re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

Passed unanimously

Mr McDonnell then signed his declaration as Chairman for the ensuing year.

Signed on behalf of the Board

James McDonnell Chairman

Monthly Meeting Monday, 5th February, 1900

Commissioners, Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board) Francis Meagher, Patrick Murphy, Michael O'Shine, Patrick Bulkin, J. A. Glynn, John Connelly, Patrick Canavan, James & Begley, Francis Keane and Dr J. B. Costello.

Minutes of the previous meetings were read and signed

The Treasurer's Account showed Balance against the Board £228.6.2

Cheques were ordered and signed as follows:-

John Glynn	£ 3.6.8
Thos Dwyer	2.10.0
James McDonnell Esq	10.0.0
Joseph Leufer	2.10.0
Tobias McHugh	6.1.2
J E Steele Esq	13.0.0
D J Kirwan & Sons	12.3.8
do	19.17.4
John Glynn	5.0.0

do for B McHugh 15/0, J Butler 16/8, P Ware 10/0, B McHugh 12/4, J Glynn 10/0, D Crischan 6/0, Mrs Kennedy 8/6

£ 3.18.6

Galway County Council

There was no tender for Contract to make a sewer from here of Ben Hall to main sewer in the Square.

The Chairman reported that the Committee to whom Mr. Egan's tender for Contract to make a Crossing at Fair Green Gate Ballygaddy road, amount £417.6 had been referred at the January meeting accepted same on behalf of the Board.

The following letter was read:-

"To the Town Commissioners,
Gentlemen, - We have been desired by the Town Commercial Ball Committee to request the use of the reading room of the Catholic Temperance Society as a Ladies' cloak room for the night of the Ball on Monday 5th Feb 1900. We have been refused the use of the room by a majority of the Committee of the Catholic Temperance Society and consequently we are obliged to appeal to you to come to our assistance. The room is required from 8 pm. on the night of 5th inst. and is very necessary for the convenience of the Ladies attending the Ball.

"M. D. Leahy } Hon Secs of Town
" J. J. Mellin } Commercial Ball

"Town, 3rd Feb, 1900."

On motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Meagher the application was unanimously granted.

Mr Glynn handed in the following notice of motion which was accepted:- "Take notice that I or some other member on my behalf will move at the next meeting of the Town Commissioners, that all resolutions granting the use of rooms in the Town Hall to any body or bodies now using same be rescinded and that new regulations be made as to same."

Signed on behalf of the Board

James McDonnell. Chairman.

Friday, 23rd February, 1900.

Special Meeting.

Today in pursuance of the following requisition a special meeting of the Board was held:-

"To Mr. John Glynn, Town Clerk,
We the undersigned members of the Town Commissioners of Tuam request you will summon a special meeting of the Board for Friday next, 23rd inst. at 11 o'c, am., to consider the advisability of adopting a resolution in favour of the amalgamation of the Great Southern and Western Railway with the Waterford and Limerick and Western Railway.

Dated, 20th Feb 1900.

"James McDonnell,
"Patrick Murphy,
"Patrick Canavan,
"Michael C. Shine,
"Francis Meagher,
"Michael Higgins,
"Francis Deane,
"John E. Dowling,
"John Connelly."

Commissioners present Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board), Michael C. Shine, Joseph A. Glynn, Patrick Canavan, John MacPhilpin, Patrick Culkin, Francis Meagher, John Connelly, and James J. Begley.

Mr MacPhilpin read and signed his declaration as Commissioner.

Mr Murphy proposed and Mr Shine seconded the following resolution:-

"That we, the Town Commissioners, are strongly of opinion that the amalgamation of the Great Southern and Western Railway Co with the Waterford Limerick and Western Railway Co would be for the best interests of this Town and District and that it would be ruinous to the Traders and Farmers of the district if the Midland Great Western Railway Co should acquire the Waterford system, and that copies of this resolution be sent to the Chief Secretary and the Members of Parliament for the County of Galway, the Chairman of the County Council and the Chairman of the District Council."

The question having been put to a poll there voted for the resolution Messrs Begley, Connelly, Murphy, Meagher, Canavan, Shine, and the Chairman (7). Against - Messrs Culkin, Shine, and the Chairman J. and Glynn (3).

Declared Carried by a majority of 4.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

James McDonnell

Chairman.

Monday, 5th March, 1900

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board), M^r Shine, Francis Meagher, John MacPhilpin, Patrick Canavan, Francis Keane, M^r J. P. Costello and Patrick Culkim,

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Account submitted showed balance against the Board £306.13.6

Cheques were ordered and signed for

John Glynn	£36.8
Thomas Dwyer	2.10.0
James McDonnell Esq	10.0.0
Edmond Concaum Esq	24.15.0
P Raftery	2.11.8
Mrs Byrne	3.15.8
J. Silk	3.0.0

J Glynn for Bell Hugh, 15/6; J Butler, 16/8; P Ware, 8/6; J French 12/6 ~ £ 2.12.2
 £ 49.11.2

M^r Culkim proposed, Mr Shine seconded and it was unanimously passed that a new cloth be bought for the Board room table.

A Committee consisting of the Chairman, Mr Keane, Mr Shine, and Mr Culkim was appointed to inspect the footpaths of the Town and report as to condition of same, the Clerk in the meantime to write to the Ferrimite & Paving Co., Belfast for quotations for concrete blocks.

It was ordered unanimously to re-advertise contract to make a sewer from rear of the Town Hall to main sewer in front, tenders for same to be considered at next monthly meeting.

Mr Meagher proposed and Mr Culkim seconded according to notice given at previous monthly meeting by Mr J. A. Glynn -

"That all the resolutions granting the use of rooms in the Town Hall to any body or bodies now using same be rescinded and that new regulations be made as to same".

Mr Shine proposed and Mr Keane seconded -
"That the resolutions be not rescinded".

There voted for rescission - Messrs Culkim, Canavan, MacPhilpin, Meagher, and the Chairman (5). Against - Messrs Keane and Shine (2).

M^r Costello did not vote.

The motion to rescind fell through as it required two-thirds of the number of Commissioners present to carry it, that number being less than the number

of Commissioners present on the occasion of the passing of the first of the resolutions.

Mr Meagher then handed in the following notice which was accepted -
"Take notice that I or some other member on my behalf will move at the next meeting of the Town Commissioners that all the resolutions granting the use of rooms in the Town Hall to any body or bodies now using same be rescinded and that new regulations be made as to same."

"5th March 1900."

"Francis Meagher."

A letter was read from Mr Richard Walsh, Secretary, Tuam Teachers' Association, requesting the Board to permit that Association to hold their meetings in the Town Hall.

Mr Shine proposed, M^r Costello seconded and it was unanimously passed that the permission applied for be granted.

The following letter was received from the Local Government Board:-

"Dublin, 21st February, 1900.

"Sir, - Adverting to Mr Fogarty's letter of the 30th ultimo transmitting a copy of a resolution adopted by the County Council of Galway on the subject of the proposed extension of the boundaries of the Town of Tuam, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that a question has been raised as to the power of the County Council to take action upon the application of a municipal body which is not an Urban District Council having regard to the wording of Article 25 (1) of the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order in Council.

"The Board have therefore taken Council's opinion in the matter and they are advised that the County Council are at present precluded from dealing with the representation of the Town Commissioners of Tuam as it is wholly and not partly situated within the County.

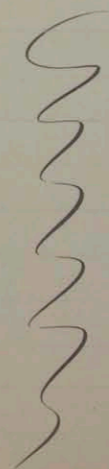
"Unless therefore the Town Commissioners are willing to become vested with the powers of an Urban District Council over their present area and to have the question of an extension of boundaries for subsequent consideration the matter can proceed no further.

"I am, Sir,

"your obedient servant

"Assistant Secretary."

"The Secretary to the County Council,
Court House,
Galway."



Mr MacPhailin proposed, Mr Meagher seconded and it was passed unanimously —
 "That the Chairman be empowered to instruct the Board, & Mr H J Concanan to take opinion of Counsel on the matter should he think it advisable."

The following resolutions proposed by Dr Costello and seconded by Mr Keane were unanimously adopted:—

(1) "That in all places where Irish is the home language pupils shall be taught to read and write Irish from their entrance into school and that a knowledge of English and other useful subjects shall be imparted through the medium of Irish."

(2) "That in places where Irish is not the home language it shall be lawful to teach Irish as a remunerated subject within school hours and at the earliest stage at which pupils are capable of learning it."

(3) "That no revision of the National Education System could be regarded as satisfactory or should be approved of by Parliament which does not make provisions in accordance with these resolutions."

Signed on behalf of the Board

James McDonnell

Chairman,

Monday, 2nd April, 1900

Monthly Meeting:

The Commissioners present were Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board), Michael C Shine, Francis Meagher, John Connelly, James J Begley, John MacPhailin, J A Glynn, Patrick Culklin, Francis Keane, Patrick Murphy, Patrick Conanan, and Michael Giggins.

Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed

The Treasurer's Account showed balance against the Board

£ 266.4.8.

Mr Glynn proposed and Mr Murphy seconded that Mrs Constance McCormack, widow of the late Solicitor to the Board, Mr Francis J McCormack, be paid £12:10:0 in full discharge of bill furnished for law costs (£25.0.8)

Passed unanimously.

Cheques were ordered and signed for

John Glynn	£ 3.6.8
Thos Dwyer	2.10.0
Das McDonnell Esq	10.0.0
Bernad H O'Reilly Esq	4.14.0
Mrs Constance McCormack	12.10.0
John Glynn (for Butler, 16.8; D McHugh, 15.0; P Hare 8.0; H McHugh, 10/0; D Brisham 7.6; B McHugh, 17.6; D Brisham, 15.0; G French 4.1)	4.13.9
	£ 37.14.5

Mr Meagher proposed according to notice and Mr Glynn seconded —
 "That all the resolutions granting the use of rooms in the Town Hall to any body or bodies now using same be rescinded and that new regulations be made as to same."

Passed with only Mr Keane dissenting.

Mr Glynn proposed and Mr Meagher seconded —

"That the Chairman have power to grant the use of the large room in the Town Hall when it is not convenient to await the ordinary meeting of the Board. Should the Chairman refuse the use of such room it shall be lawful to summon a special meeting of the Board to consider whether such refusal was justifiable. Should any party or parties apply for the use of any other room in the Town Hall forty-eight hours notice must be given to the Town Clerk who shall bring the application before the next ordinary meeting of the Board. If it is not convenient to await the ordinary meeting of the Board the Town Clerk shall summon a special meeting to consider such application."

"That copies of this resolution be posted up in all the rooms in the Town Hall."

Passed unanimously.

The Town Clerk submitted measurements of damaged flagging, surface channel paving and kerb as pointed out to him by Committee (Messrs McDonnell, Culklin & Keane) viz: Flags to be raised 95 sq yds, of which 41 sq yds are good for re-setting, remainder 54 sq yds to be replaced with new flags; 24 1/2 ft x 1 1/2 ft surface channel to be paved, and 3 1/2 ft kerb to be repaired.

A letter was read from the Ferrumite & Saving Co Ltd Belfast stating that price of ferrumite flags delivered free on rail or free on board at Belfast is 3/4 per yd supl; or delivered free at Galway quay, 3/9 per yd supl if a cargo from 1200 to 1500 yds supl is ordered.

Order: The Chairman is empowered to direct the Clerk to advertise for Contractor to raise the old flags, reset some of same, supply and set new flags (2 inches thick) or concrete blocks if cheaper, pave surface channel, and repair kerb, tenders to be considered at next monthly meeting.

There being no tender for contract to make a sewer from here of Town Hall to connect with main sewer in front, it was ordered to re-advertise the contract.

Also ordered that contracting for cleansing Shop Street etc be re-advertised there being no tender for it, the cleansing to be done from 10th inst till next monthly meeting by hired labourers.

John C Hickey applied for use of the Town Hall for Easter Monday for the purpose of an assault at arms and a smoking concert.

Mr Meagher proposed and Mr Shine seconded that the application be granted

There voted for the proposition — Messrs Murphy, MacPhailin, Shine, Keane, Conanan, Giggins, Begley, Meagher, and the Chairman (9)

Against - Messrs Glynn, Culkim, and Connelly (3).

declared Carried, by a majority of 6.

Mr Keane proposed and it was unanimously ordered that a Board be put up at the Mall with notice ^{not} no cart or anything be left there obstructing passage to the Protestant Church gate.

A Committee was appointed consisting of the Chairman, Mr Murphy and Mr Shine to consider and report what things should not be allowed at shop doors there being a complaint that shopkeepers cause obstruction by piling cases, boxes, etc on the street in front of their shops.

A letter was read from "The All Ireland Pig Dealers' Association" announcing that where farmers or pig feeders dispose of their pigs before the proper fair day or before the specified hour of 8 o'clock on fair mornings members of that Association will cease to attend such fairs etc.

On the motion of Mr Shine seconded by Mr Culkim the decision of the Pig Dealers' Association was unanimously approved of and ordered to be advertised in the local newspapers.

The following letter was read:-

Tuam, 2.4.1900,

"The Tuam Town Commissioners,

"Gentlemen, - The far gate of our cycle depot adjoining the fire station is in a dangerous state. We would be thankful to have it repaired, or if you could see your way to have it removed to the centre of the wall which would not cost much as there is a very good arch in same; it is also a wider entrance and would be better for the fire cart to pass in and out through, also it would suit us better. We remain, gentlemen, your obedient servants,
"French Bros."

It was agreed that the Chairman, Mr Murphy, and Mr Shine inspect the place and decide what to do.

Application of Secretary of the Tuam Gaelic League Branch for use of the Town Hall for a lecture on 20th inst by Dr Douglas Hyde on the Irish Language Movement was unanimously granted.

A letter was read from Mr Perry, B Surveyor, "that there appears to be a sum of £32 still available for the improvement of the Tuam street."

Signed on behalf of the Board

James M. McDonnell.

Chairman

Special Meeting:

Monday, 9th April, 1900.

Today a special meeting was held pursuant to the following requisition:-

"Tuam, April 4th, 1900.

"To Mr John Glynn, Town Clerk -

"We the undersigned Town Commissioners, request you to call a meeting of the Town Board for Monday, 9th instant, at 12 o'clock noon, to consider application of Commercial Ball Committee for use of certain rooms in the Town Hall. The Board room has been already granted by the Chairman, James M. McDonnell Esq. Esq.

"James M. McDonnell,

"John Connelly,

"James J. Pepley,

"M. Laggans,

"P. Anavan."

Commissioners present, Messrs James M. McDonnell (Chairman of the Board), M. C. Shine, Francis Meagher, James J. Pepley and Francis Keane.

The Chairman proposed and Mr Meagher seconded -

"That the use of the newsroom and the old Billiard room be given to the Commercial Ball Committee on the night of the 23rd instant from 8 o'clock onward."

Passed unanimously.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

James M. McDonnell.

Chairman.

Monday, 7th May, 1900

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present were Messrs James M. McDonnell (Chairman of the Board), Michael C. Shine, Patrick Murphy, John Connelly, Francis Keane, Francis Meagher, Patrick Culkim.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurer's account laid before the Meeting showed balance against the Board, £303.19.1

Cheques were ordered and signed for

John Glynn	£ 3.6.8
Thomas Dwyer	2.10.0
James M. McDonnell	10.0.0
Joseph Laffer	2.10.0
Mary Connelly	1.0.0
John Glynn for	

John Butler 16.8; Bill Hugh 15/0;	£	4.2.3	£23.8.11
John Glynn 10/0; Pat Hare 10.0; Bill Hugh 1.10.7			

M^r Lempfer caretaker of the Town Clock reported that the Clock tower was in a bad state owing to leakage in the roof.

The Board empowered the chairman (Mr McDermott) to arrange with Mr Tobias, M^r Hugh about repairing the tower and repairing roof of same.

There being no tender for either the Shop street cleansing or the flagging and paving, the two Contracts were ordered to be re-advertised tenders to be considered at next monthly meeting, the cleansing of Shop street etc to be done meantime by hired labour.

There were two tenders for contract to make a sewer from rear of the Town Hall to connect with main sewer in front: One from Mr John M^r Coy, the other from Mr Thomas Egan at £12.10.0

The latter tender (£12.10.0) was unanimously accepted on the condition that the Contractor (Mr Egan) undertakes all the responsibilities in connection with the work, mentioned in the specification to which condition Mr Egan agreed.

Letters were read from Mr Perry, County Surveyor, stating that there appeared to be a sum of £32 still available for improvements of the Tuam Street, and that he was anxious to have it spent on said improvements. He would like a very good job made where the steps are to be dealt with.

The improvements in question having been left in abeyance for over two years the Clerk was directed to write to the County Surveyor to put them in hand within a week.

Messrs John Murphy and Thomas Dwyer were appointed Enumerators for the May two days fair (Sheep & Cattle).

A letter was read from the County Surveyor stating that Mr Burke, Contractor, is bound to cleanse the portion of road to which reference was made viz from junction near Bridge (in Shop street) to Fair Green gap (Kullinacoly road)

The Clerk was directed to write to County Surveyor for information as to whether the Contractor for road from the Market Cross in town of Tuam to the turn to Gardenfield is bound under his specification to cleanse Shop Street

The following letters were read :-

"Broadstone, Dublin, 1st May, 1900
"Dear Sir, I am in receipt of yours of 30th ulto regarding supply of empty wagons for Tuam fair and shall do my best to give 80 or 90 for the cattle fair but can give none for the pig and sheep fairs as our large Ballinacloe May fair is on 7th and 8th.

"yours truly, Joseph Fallow"
J Glyn Esq, Town Commissioners office Tuam.

"Kimerick, May 2nd, 1900.
"Dear Sir, I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 30th ulto regarding supply of wagons for Tuam fair etc and to say the matter has my attention. I am obliged for your calling my attention to it.

"yours faithfully,
"F Vaughan"
"John Glyn Esq, Town Clerk, Tuam."

The following notice was handed in and accepted which was accepted -
"Take notice that I or some member on my behalf will move at the next monthly meeting that the names of the streets be put up in prominent places in each street same to be inscribed in the Irish as well as in the English language.

"Francis Keane"
"7th May, 1900."

Signed on behalf of the Board

June 4th 1900

Patrick Cullin Chairman

Monday, 4th June, 1900.

Monthly Meeting.

The Commissioners present being Messrs Patrick Cullin, Michael C Shine, Patrick Conavan, Francis Meagher and John MacPhilbin

It was proposed by Mr Shine, seconded by Mr Conavan and passed unanimously that Mr Cullin do take the chair

M^r Cullin then took the chair and the business of the meeting was proceeded with.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Account showed balance against the Board, £237.8.0

Cheques were ordered and signed for

John Glyn	£3.6.8
Thomas Dwyer	2.10.0
Michael Lynskey	13.6.9
Reps of M Bloran	7.10.0
Richard J Kelly	12.0.0
R Burke	10.0.0
J D Lawson	10.0.0
James McDermott Esq	10.0.0

John Glyn for	
J Butler, 16/8; B M Hugh, 15/0;	}
P Hare, 8/0; J French, 12/6;	
John Murphy, £2; Thos Dwyer, £2;	
B M Hugh £1.14.0	
	8.6.2
	£ 76.19.7

Mr. Leufer Caretaker of the Town Clock reported that the clock line was so worn that there was danger of its breaking at any moment and letting the clock weights smash the floor beneath.

The Clerk was directed to write to Messrs. Chancellors in Dublin for quotation and order the number of feet of wire required for new clock line.

It was ordered that the walls of the Board room and Lobby be washed and that the flag stone door and the railing about lamp at Connolly's forge be repaired.

At suggestion of Mr. Thine it was ordered that in future Mr. Young, Nibemia Works, Selway be charged 5/0 a year for each of his two Mineral Water advertisement boards exhibited in the Town of Tuam.

Mr. Francis Keane's Motion to put up in each street its name in Irish as well as in English was adjourned to next monthly meeting.

A letter was read from Mr. P. J. Kelly, P.D. applying for four guineas (£4.4.0) his fee for appearing for the Board before the Co. Grand Jury in an application for refund of amount expended on Street cleansing.

Consideration of the letter was adjourned to next monthly meeting.

The Local Government Board intimates that the Tuam Town Commr's' Accounts will be audited by Captain G. Wynne.

A Circular was read from the Joint Committee of the Irish Parliamentary Party inviting delegates from the Board to the National Convention to be held in Dublin on the 19th June.

No delegate was appointed by the Board to attend the Convention.

There being no tender for either the Shop Street cleansing or the flagging and paving the two Contracts were ordered to be re-advertised tenders to be considered at the next monthly meeting the cleansing of Shop street to be done meantime by hired labour.

The Clerk was directed to write again to Mr. Perry County Surveyor requesting him to have the improvements referred to in previous letters carried out at once viz. repaving of the street channels and stone steps at Mr. McDonnell's and Mr. Hynes.

Mr. A. D. Concanan Esq. to the Board submitted copy of opinion of Mr. T. M. Healy B.C., M.P. re extension of Tuam Town boundaries which was read as follows:—



Copy Opinion of Counsel, on case submitted to him on behalf of the Tuam Town Improvement Commissioners, relative to extension of the boundaries of the Borough of Tuam:—

"So far as the effect of Article 25 (1) is concerned, I agree with the view of the law laid down in the L.G. letter of 25th Feb., but there is a power independent of it, which is open to Querists to try to avail of. I refer to Sec 5 of Towns Improvement Act, which although repealed as regards towns which are Urban Districts by part 3 Sch 6 of L.G. Act 1898, is still in full force as regards other towns. Querists should therefore apply to the Lord Lieutenant to apply this section sending His Excellency the particulars of their difficulty.

"Were Querists to seek to become Urban Sanitary Authority this can now be done under section 42 of the L.G. Act without a Provisional Order, unless there is a Petition and the Policy of the Authorities is to induce Local Bodies to become Sanitary Authorities. Hence the Viceroy may be willing to enforce Sec 5 of the Towns Improvement Act.

"Very often the apprehensions entertained in towns as to the result of adopting new powers, are founded on no exact calculations and are merely speculative. Some competent expert should work out the figures for Querists before they commit themselves to the view that the town would necessarily lose by becoming a Sanitary Authority, even if failed to secure the extended boundary. Without knowing the local circumstances I should not say that this must be the inevitable result. Some towns I know do share these fears but I have always failed to understand on what data they arrived at such a conclusion.

"The County Council seems well disposed to aid Querists to apply the L.G. Act if the appeal to the Lord Lieutenant should not be acceded to, and therefore, altho' the matter is not one for a legal opinion, it would seem to me not unwise for Querists to risk the procedure necessary to secure the extension they seek through the procedure of the L.G. Board if the Lord Lieutenant refuses to put the older Act in operation.

"T. M. Healy."

"24 May 1900"

Marked "read".

Annexed are the Enumerators' returns for the May two days fair:—

Sheep — Sold: wethers 589; hoggots, 3384; ewes & lambs, 497; — total, 4470.
Unsold: " 177; " 368; " 75; — " 620.
Total exhibited <u>5090</u>

Cattle — Sold: bullocks, 2022; heifers, 2183; Calves, 139; Cows, 195; — total, 4539
Unsold: " 193; " 280; " 104; " 85; — " 662
<u>5201</u>

Signed on behalf of the Board

James McDonnell

Chairman

2nd July 1900

Monday, 2nd July, 1900.

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board), Dr. J. E. Dowling, James J. Begley, Dr. F. B. Costello, Michael C. Shine, J. K. Glynn, and Francis Keane.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Account showed balance against the Board £314.7.7

Cheques were ordered and signed for

John Glynn		£ 3.6.8
Thos Dwyer		2.10.0
Jas McDonnell Esq		10.0.0
John Glynn for		
John Butler	16.8	
B. W. Hugh	15.0	
A. McHugh	10.0	
D. Crissham	7.6	
P. Hare	8.0	
B. W. Hugh	1.0.0	
		£ 3.17.2
		£ 19.13.10

There were two tenders for the Contract for flagging — one from Mr Thos Egan, the other from Mr Laurence Burke. Both being considered too high it was decided to procure as usual a supply of flags and order some concrete blocks from the Belfast Terumite Co.

There being no tender for the Shop street cleansing Contract, it was ordered that the work be done by hired labour.

The following letter was read:—

County Surveyor's office,
Galway, 30th June, 1900.

"Dear Sir,—
The Contractor is bound to cleanse the streets and the word "streets" is specially written in his specification. I understood that your former query referred to the end of the Dullinadaly road and I replied to it on 25th April. I was under the impression that the Commissioners had an understanding with Mr Culkinn. I enclose specification for the footpath and Channels and if the Commissioners approve I shall have the work advertised at once.

I am very faithfully yours

John Glynn Esq,

Town Clerk,
Tuam.

James Perry.

The specification was unanimously approved and the Clerk directed to write requesting Mr Perry to have the work advertised at once.

Mr Keane proposed, Mr Glynn seconded and it was unanimously passed — "That the names of the streets be put up in prominent places in each street, same to be inscribed in the Irish as well as in the English Language."

The Clerk was ordered to write to the Daghrea Town Commissioners (who have recently put up the names of their streets in Irish) for particulars as to shape, material and lettering of their tablets and cost of the work.

An application having been made by Mr John Fife for use of Potato Market ground for his hobby horses it was agreed after some discussion that same be given for £3 per week the portion of the ground allowed him to occupy to be pointed out by the Town Clerk.

On motion of Mr Begley seconded by Mr Keane, it was unanimously passed that Mr R. J. Kelly Esq be paid £3.3.0 in full discharge of his claim for appearing on behalf of the Board before the Co. Galway Grand Jury, applying for refund of money expended on street cleansing.

Messrs French Bros. submitted a bill for £3.4.6 "for enlarging Fire station gate, closing old front gate of the Meat Market and opening new one etc." Consideration of which was adjourned to next monthly meeting, the Chairman meantime to see into the matter.

Mr J. M. Nealy's opinion regarding the proposed extension of the Town Boundary having been adverted to, Mr Glynn was asked and he consented to draft a letter for the Town Clerk to copy and forward to Mr Kilbride M.P., requesting him to try to get inserted in the Act a clause enabling the Local Government Board to grant the extension etc.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Patrick Culkinn

Chairman.

August 6th, 1900.

Friday, 13th July, 1900.

Special Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board), Francis Keane, Francis Meagher, James J. Begley, Michael C. Shine, John MacPhelin and Patrick Canavan.

Mr Shine proposed and Mr Begley seconded the following resolution which were unanimously passed, copies of same to be sent to Mr Edmund M.P., Mr Dillon M.P., Mr Healy M.P., and to the M.P.s for the County of Galway:-

"That we call upon the Irish Parliamentary Party to resist obstinately any revision of the system of National Education that does not recognise to the very fullest the demands of the Gaelic League on the subject - viz:

(1). "That in all places where Irish is the home language pupils shall be taught to read and write Irish from their first entrance into the school, and that a knowledge of the English and other useful subjects shall be imparted through the medium of the Irish.

(2). "That in all places where Irish is not the home language it shall be lawful to teach Irish as a remunerated subject within school hours and at the earliest stage at which pupils are capable of learning it."

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullkin Chairman

6th July August 1900

Monday, 6th August, 1900.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs M.C. Shine, James J. Begley, Patrick Cullkin, Francis Meagher, Patrick Canavan, John MacPhelin, Patrick Murphy and J. Glynn.

It was proposed by Mr Shine, seconded by Mr Meagher, and passed unanimously that Mr Cullkin act as chairman of the meeting.

Mr Cullkin took the chair and presided.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Account laid before the Board showed Balance due to the Bank of Ireland, £244.1.5.

Cheques were ordered and signed for

John Glynn	£ 3.6.8
Mr Dwyer	2.10.0
James McDonnell Esq	10.0.0
Joseph Lenfer	2.10.0
D. St. Braddell, Board of Works,	37.1.4
Messrs Chancellors & Son	1.15.0
John Glynn for J. Butler	16.8
B. McKugh	15.0
P. Kere	6.0
J. Glynn	10.0
T. M. Walsh	13.3
D. Crissham	1.0.0
P. Cullkin (Insurance)	3.0
B. McKugh (Cleansing etc)	1.9.0
	£ 5.12.11
	£ 62.15.11

A Committee consisting of Dr Costello, Mr Glynn and Mr Keane was appointed to get names of the streets put up in Irish and English according to resolution passed at the July monthly meeting.

A representative of Mr Young Hibernia Works Galway having called on the Town Clerk to tell him that Mr Young would not pay more than 2/6 per year for each of the Mineral Water advertisement boards exhibited in Duam, it was ordered to inform Mr Young that not less than 5/0 per year for each of the boards would be accepted.

It was unanimously proposed by Mr Shine, seconded by Mr Glynn and unanimously passed that Mr John McCoy's tender to supply and put up a pipe in the clock tower roof to secure the clock from rain for the sum of ten shillings (10/0) be accepted the work to be done to the satisfaction of Mr Lenfer, Caretaker of the Town Clock.

Messrs Culkin and Murphy were requested and they ~~consisted~~ consented to point out to Contractor, Mr Thomas Egan, Course of Crossing proposed to be made at the Fair Green off Ballygaddy road.

Schedule of Tolls and Customs (on page 190) was unanimously adopted unaltered for year next ensuing 28th Sept 1900.

List of fairs for current year was unanimously adopted for year 1901 and ordered to be sent to the almanacs for publication.

The Clerk was directed to write to Mullingar to ascertain how the August horse fair of that town had been fixed as ~~to~~ and itself and to be closed this year.

It was unanimously ordered that the 21st instant be fixed for the letting of the Tolls and Customs for year next ensuing 28th September 1900 the advertisement to be same as last year which see page 352.

It was also ordered to advertise contract for printing and advertising for one year from 6th Sept 1900, advertisement to be same as last year, vide page 357, and tenders to be considered at next monthly meeting.

A letter having been read from Mr Denis Kilbride M.P., acknowledging receipt of the Board's resolution relative to proposed extension of the Town boundary it was unanimously decided that the Board's solicitor, Mr H J Concanan, be instructed to prepare a petition to the Lord Lieutenant ~~and~~ suggested in the opinion of Council Mr J M Kealy Q.C., which see page 382.

It was ordered unanimously that arrangement be made with the Contractor for Gas at the next monthly meeting for ensuing year's lighting.

Signed on behalf of the Board

James M'Donnell Chairman

Sept 3rd 1900

Special Meeting.

Tuesday, 21st August, 1900.

A Special meeting was held today according order which see (page 387) for the purpose of receiving and considering tenders for the Tolls and Customs of year next ensuing 28th Sept 1900.

Commissioners present Messrs James M'Donnell (Chairman of the Board), Michael C Shine, Patrick Murphy, James J Begley, John MacPhelin, Francis Meagher, J A Glynn, J B Costello and Michael Higgins.

There was but one tender, Mr Thomas Nolan's, amount £600, sureties Messrs Michael Samuel Quinn and John Tierney Belmont.

On motion of Mr Glynn seconded by Mr Shine Mr Nolan's tender (which was according to the Board's advertisement (vide page 352) was unanimously accepted.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Chairman

Sept 3rd 1900

James M'Donnell.

Monday, 3rd September, 1900.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs James M'Donnell (Chairman of the Board), James J Begley, Francis Meagher, Patrick Culkin, Michael C Shine, J A Glynn, J B Costello, M.D.; and John Connelly.

Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

Treasurer's Account laid before the Board showed balance due to the Bank of Ireland, £306.17.4

Cheques were ordered and signed for

John Glynn	£ 3.6.8
Thomas Dwyer	2.10.0
James M'Donnell Esq	10.0.0
Richard Kelly Esq B.L.	3.3.0
John Glynn for	
John Butler	£ = 16.8
B M'Hugh	15.0
J French	12.6
Sergeant Flower	11.3
French Bros	2.0.0
B M'Hugh	1.0.0

£ 5.15.5
£ 24.15.1

Messrs John Murphy and Thomas Dewyer were appointed Enumerators for the September and October Tuam Sheep and Cattle fairs.

There was no tender received for the printing and advertising contract

It was ordered to summon a special meeting of the Board for Friday, 7th inst, 12 o'clock (noon) for the purpose of arranging with Gas Contractor for the lighting of the streets during the ensuing year.

A letter was received as follows from Mr John Butler Assistant Cramer:—
"Tuam, Sept 3rd 1900.

"Gentlemen, I beg to apply for an increase in my wages as I am badly in want of such through illness of my mother and other causes. I am, gentlemen, yours truly—
"John Butler, Asst Cramer"

Mr Cullin handed in the following notice which was accepted—
"Take notice that I or some member on my behalf will at the next monthly meeting move that Mr John Butler's salary be increased from £10 to £15 a year.
"Patrick Cullin."

"Sept 3rd 1900."

Dr Costello proposed and Mr Glynn seconded—
"That the accounts of the Commissioners for the current year be printed and a copy given to each member".

Passed unanimously.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullin Chairman

Oct 1st, 1900.

Meeting by Requisition Friday, 7th Sept, 1900

Pursuant to the following requisition a special meeting was held today:—

"Tuam, 3rd Sept, 1900.

"To John Glynn, Town Clerk,

"We, the undersigned Town Commissioners of Tuam hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Friday next, 7th inst, 12 o'clock (noon) for the purpose of arranging with Gas Contractor for ensuing year's street lighting etc

James McDonnell

J. A. Glynn

Michael C. Shine

Patrick Cullin

James J. Beggley

Commissioners present: Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman), John MacShilpin, Francis Meagher, James J. Beggley, Michael C. Shine, Patrick Canavan, and J. A. Glynn Esq.

Mr McDonnell submitted a statement of a/c for the Gas lighting of the streets etc to 1st August 1900 showing balance due to him by the Board, £131. 6. 8

Owing to great rise in the price of Coal Mr McDonnell said he could not in future give gas at the rate hitherto charged. He proposed and agreed to supply for the ensuing year 24 full lamps at £3 per lamp and three half lamps @ 15/0 per lamp (to be lighted according to the arrangements of Contract Sept 4th 1899) and to light the Town Clock Dial from 4 pm to 11 pm for £5 per year and to provide the Board room, Town Hall, and Town Clerk's office with gas per meter @ 7/6 per 1000

Manimously accepted.

Mr Richard J. Kelly's tender for the printing and advertising contract received late for the last meeting, at £24, was on the motion of Mr Shine seconded by Mr Beggley, unanimously accepted same being according to advertisement.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick Cullin

Chairman

Oct 1st, 1900.

Monday, 1st October, 1900.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs Michael C Shine,
J. A. Glynn, Patrick Culkin, Francis Keane and Patrick Conavan.

On motion of Mr Conavan seconded by Mr Shine,
Mr Culkin took the chair and presided.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Account laid before the Board showed balance
due to the Bank of Ireland, Galway, £178.4.11.

Cheques were ordered and signed as follows:—

John Glynn	£3.6.8
Thomas Dwyer	2.10.0
Jas McDonnell Esq	10.0.0
E Concanan Esq	21.15.0
Michael Lynskey	12.12.6
Richard Kelly Esq	12.0.0
M J O'Loughlin Esq	9.7
Miss Egan	5.17.6
John Glynn for	
John Butler	16.8
B McHugh	15.0
B McHugh	1.0.0
K McHugh	10.0
D Crissham	7.6
John Murphy	1.0.0
Miss Dwyer	1.0.0
J Glynn	4.10
J McCoy	10.0
John Silk	14.0
J Glynn	12.3
Miss Dwyer	1.0
	£ 7. 11. 3
	£ 46. 2. 6

Mr M J Concanan Esq. submitted for signatures a Petition addressed
to the Lord Lieutenant praying for extension of the Town Boundary.

The Petition was signed on behalf of the Board by Messrs Glynn
and Keane (and the Town Clerk).

Mr M D Leahy Esq applied for a Gas Lamp to be erected and lighted
at Mr Michael L Keane's, Galway road.

Ordered that notice of the application be given in circular for next
monthly meeting.

At suggestion of Mr Shine it was ordered that the Clerk write to Mr
Young, Soda Water Manufacturer, Galway, informing him that his two advertisement
boards put up in Tuam would be taken down if he did not reply at once agreeing
to pay 5^s a year for each.

Mr Culkin proposed according to notice that the salary of Mr John Butler
Assistant Clerks be increased from £20 to £15 per year.

Mr Glynn seconded the proposition.

The proposition having been put, there voted for it, Messrs Shine, Glynn,
Keane and the Chairman (Mr Culkin) (4); against it, Mr Conavan (1).

The Chairman declared the proposition carried by a majority of 3.

It was ordered that the October four days fair be advertised in each
of the Dublin Daily newspapers three times and once in the Western People
and Mayo Examiner.

Enumerators' returns of the September Sheep and Cattle fair were
read as follows:—

Sheep: Sold—wethers 704, ewes 7308, lambs 1119, rams 11, — total 9142
Unsold— " 1177, " 7430, " 1126, " 9, — " 9742
Total 18884

Cattle: Sold—bullocks 231, heifers 92, cows 104, calves 42, — total 469
Unsold— " 124 " 164, " 49, " 120, — " 457
Total 926

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Patrick Culkin Chairman.

Nov 5th 1900.

Thursday, 11th October, 1900.

Meeting by requisition
 following requisition: A meeting was held to-day pursuant to the following requisition:

"To John Glynn,
 Town Clerk,

"We, the undersigned Town Commissioners of Tuam, hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Thursday next, 11th inst, at 12 o'clock (noon) for the purpose of considering an application from the Tuam Mercy Convent for use of the Boardroom and Newsroom of the Town Hall for their Bazaar during the October Fair week.

(signed)

"Francis Keane
 "J. A. Glynn
 "Michael Goggins
 "Michael C. Shine
 "Francis Meagher."

Commissioners present Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board), M. C. Shine, James J. Begley, John Connelly, and Francis Meagher.

On the motion of Mr Shine seconded by Mr Meagher the application of the Convent of Mercy was unanimously granted.

Signed on behalf of the Board.

Patrick Cullin Chairman.

Nov 5th, 1900.

Monday, 5th November, 1900

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners present, Messrs Patrick Cullin, M.C. Shine, Francis Keane, James J. Begley, Patrick Conavan, John Connelly, and Thomas B. Costello M.D.,

On the motion of Mr Shine, seconded by Mr Begley, the chair was taken by Mr Cullin who presided during the proceedings.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed

The Treasurer's Account laid before the Board showed balance due to the Bank of Ireland, £104. 7. 8

Cheques were ordered and signed for

John Glynn	£3. 6. 8
Thos Dwyer	2. 10. 0
Jas McDonnell Esq	10. 0. 0
Reps of late Michel Cleary Esq	7. 10. 0
Joseph Kenner	2. 10. 0
John Murphy	2. 0. 0
Thos Dwyer	2. 0. 0
Jas McDonnell Esq	5. 0. 0
John Glynn for John Butler	£1. 5. 0
Bill Hugh	15. 0
Patrick Hare	10. 0
Mary Connolly	1. 0. 0
John Glynn	10. 0
Bill Hugh	2. 9. 10
"Freeman's Journal"	9. 0
"Mayo Examiner"	3. 6
Bill Hugh	13. 8
	<u>7. 16. 0</u>
	<u>£42. 12. 8</u>

A bill for 15/6 was received from the "Irish Daily Independent" for advertising the Tuam October Fair.

Ordered that the Manager of that paper be asked to reduce the amount to what the "Freeman" charged for like advertising viz 9/6.

Ordered also that Mr Tobias McHugh, Clouberne be asked to examine the leaking portion of the Town Hall roof and report thereon stating what is necessary to be done to staunch it.

Mr Shine proposed, Mr Connelly seconded and it was ordered that a Gas lamp be erected and lighted at Mr Michael Keane's, Galway road.

A letter was read from Mr Young, Mineral Water Manufacturer, Galway, enclosing 10/6 for his two advertisement boards exhibited in Tuam and stating that the charge was too much and that he would take the boards down if it was not reduced to 7/6 per year.

Ordered that Mr Young be informed that not less than 10% a year for the two boards will be accepted.

Mr Shine proposed and it was unanimously passed that "the Tuam Harrier" be given the use of the Board room and dressing room on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 o'clock and 8 o'clock, and afterward, the use of the latter room for dressing, Caretaker of the Town Hall to arrange so that there shall be no clashing with any other club or society given the use of the Board room.

Application was made by Messrs J Keane and D Culkin, Hon Secs "Tuam Dancing Class" for the use of the Board room from 8 o'clock to 10.30 o'clock on week nights when the room is disengaged, applicants to be responsible for gas burned etc.

Granted unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr Keane and seconded by D^r Costello that a new seal be got for the use of the Board with the old Irish name of Tuam in the Irish character instead of "The Borough of Tuam".

Passed unanimously.

Ordered that Mr Jas Perry, Co Surveyor, be again written to about repairing of street Channels and stone steps at Mr McDonnell's Corner and Mr Stynes.

Annexed are the Enumerators' returns for the October Fair:-

Sheep:- Sold-	5237 wethers	5199 ewes	5298 hogsheads	1285 lambs	72 rams	-total	17091
Unsold-	369 "	553 "	576 "	965 "	27 "	"	2490
						Total exhibited	19581

Cattle:- Sold-	3741 bullocks,	3515 heifers,	88 cows,	77 calves,	1 bull	-total	7422
Unsold-	1196 "	1136 "	18 "	119 "	0 "	"	2469
						Total exhibited	9891

The Board adjourned to Monday 12th inst,
Signed on behalf of the Board

3rd Dec 1900
Chairman
James McDonnell

Monday, 12th November, 1900.
Adjourned Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs Michael C Shine, Francis Keane, James J Begley, J B Costello M D and J A Glynn Esqs.

On motion of Mr Glynn seconded by Mr Begley, the chair was taken by Mr Shine who presided during the proceedings.

A letter was read from Mr James Perry, Co Surveyor, stating that he would take immediate steps to get a Contractor for repairing the street Channels and the stone steps at Mr McDonnell's Corner and Mr Stynes.

At suggestion of Mr Glynn a Committee was appointed consisting of Messrs McDonnell Shine and Keane to get the Potato Market ground properly gravelled, Mr McDonnell to be requested to give gravel at a reduced price, and expenditure on the work until next month not to exceed £2. The same Committee also to procure a gas stove for use at the Fair Station.

It was ordered to advertise for a receptacle for street mud until 1st August 1902, when contract for shop street terminate, owner of the receptacle to have the mud free of charge.

Ordered also at suggestion of Mr Shine that notice be given in circular for next monthly meeting that a copy of "Thom's Directory" for 1901 will be proposed to be got for the use of the Board.

The following notices were given and accepted:-
"Take notice that I will move at next monthly meeting, as our financial position is now improved, that additional lamps be lighted"
"Michael C Shine".

"Nov 12th 1900."

"Take notice that I will move at next monthly meeting that the Town Inspector's salary be restored to its former rate."
"J B Costello".

"12th Nov 1900."

Signed on behalf of the Board.

James McDonnell Chairman

Monday, 3rd December, 1900.

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board), Michael C. Shinn, Patrick Murphy, Thos B. Costello M.D., Francis Keane, Patrick Bulkin, Patrick Connam and John MacShilpin.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed

The Treasurer's Account showed Balance against the Board £470.4

Cheques were issued and signed for

John Glynn	£ 3.6.8
Thos Dwyer	2.10.0
Jas McDonnell Esq	10.0.0
Oct Braddell Esq	36.15.7
John Glynn for J Butler	£ 1.5.0
B McKugh	15.0
G French	12.6
"Daily Express"	10.6
B McKugh	2.13.0
B McKugh	12.2
Michl Ryan	16.0
P Corcoran	8.0
J Jinnerty & Ryan (n)	2.10.0
Thos Dwyer	8.0
	£ 10.10.2
	£ 63.2.5

Applications having been received from two sections of a Dancing Class for use of the Board room, both were referred to a Committee consisting of the Chairman, Messrs Keane, Murphy, and Meagher, six members from each section to attend meeting of the Committee.

A letter was read from Messrs Connam and Supton Esqs, enclosing one from the Under Secretary for Ireland and another from the Local Government Board which was as follows:-

"Dublin, 13th Nov, 1900.

"Gentlemen - With reference to your letter of the 7th inst and to previous correspondence respecting the application of the Town Commissioners of Tuam for sanction of their proposal to extend the boundaries of the Town, I am directed by the Local Government Board to state that having regard to the evidence adduced at the inquiry held by the Board's Inspector on Nov 1899 they do not feel justified in consenting in pursuance of Sec 5 of the Town's Improvement Act (Ireland) 1854, as amended by section 2 of the Local Govt Board (Ireland) Act 1872 to the proposed extension of the Town boundaries. I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

M. M. Swaine, Secretary

Messrs Connam & Supton Esqs,
Tuam

Martin Rooney's tender for supplying a receptacle for the street mud was not considered

Rev. Cum M. Lubich applied for and was unanimously granted the use of the Board room and new room for a Concert to be held on 4th January prox.

The Committee appointed by the Tuam Town Commissioners to consider the question of putting name plates in Irish and English met on several occasions and at their final meeting on Nov 20th adopted the following report:-
"That 12 oblong plates of enamelled iron be got, the letters to be three inches high and broad in proportion, the size of the plate to depend on the number of letters in each name, the names to be on top in Irish and underneath in English. The twelve streets selected are (1) Market Square, (2) Shop street, (3) Bishop street, (4) Dublin road, (5) Vicar street, (6) Waterside, (7) Circular road, (8) Galway road, (9) The Mall, (10) Church Lane, (11) Deerboy, (12) ~~Summit~~ High street.

"Dated 20th November, 1900

(Signed)

"Thomas B Costello,
"J. A. Glynn,
"Francis Keane"

To John Glynn Esq Town Clerk, "Tuam".

The report was unanimously adopted by the Board and an order made to advertise for a Contractor.

The Board then adjourned to Monday 10th inst

Signed on behalf of the Board.

Michael C. Shinn

Chairman

14th January 1901