

Tuesday, 2nd February, 1909.

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board), Francis Meagher, M.C. Shine, M.C. Hooley, Patrick Byrne, James Daly, J. A. Glynn B.A.; Patrick Lyons, Patrick Canavan, Francis Keane, John Burke and Michael Gaggins.

Also present, Mr Henry Concaun, Esq.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Payment Orders were made as follows to

John Glynn	£4.3.4
Thos Dwyer	2.18.4
John Butler	1.13.4
Bill Hugh	1.1.8
Jas McDonnell Esq	12.10.0
Joseph Lenfer	2.10.0
John Glynn	5.0.0
John Clarke	1.5.0
John Glynn or	
Thos Dwyer	12.2
John Glynn	10.0
W Stockwell & Son	5.6
Mrs Kennedy	5.0
Dan Briskam	2.6
Bill Hugh	11.9
Matthew Hannelly	10.0
	£2.16.11
	£33.18.7

Following letter was read from Secretary Catholic Temperance Society
 "Tuam, 27th January, 1909.

John Glynn Esq, Town Clerk, Tuam,

"Dear Sir, I received on the 26th inst yours of 23rd inst, with accompanying copy of resolution passed by the Tuam Commissioners re the granting of the use of the Reading Room to the Elster-Grime Opera Co. I am directed by my Committee to state in reply that the Commissioners are not correct in stating that I had since written to the Company that they could not have the use of the Newsroom". Since I was informed by the Chairman that the room had been given by the Commissioners, I did not communicate with the Company. At the same time my Committee would like to point out to your Board the great hardship and inconvenience that would necessarily be caused to a large number of the members of this Society by reason of their being deprived of the room for such a length of time, and especially during the evenings when it is most frequented. Again this Society has valuable property in the room in the way of books, book cases, piano etc., and there is no guarantee that these would be properly safeguarded if the room was to be given to strangers. Under these circumstances my Committee consider it strange that the room should have been granted by the Commissioners right off without at the very least ascertaining from them whether any serious inconvenience would result be the result.

The room had never before been granted to or asked for by any Theatrical or Opera Co., and in any event one could imagine that the claims of the occupants of the room for such a number of years, and being residents in the town, would be taken into account before those of a strolling Opera Company. It would seem however, that no question of principle - from the Commissioners' point of view - is involved, though if an eviction of a town tenant in Tuam were about to be carried out, the Commission as a Nationalist Body, would pass resolutions condemning such harsh action. If the room were closed against the members of the Society, for the week they should have to remain on the streets and forego their literary recreation during that time, my Committee would be glad if the Board re-considered their action as up to the present the claims of the Society do not seem to have been brought fully before them.

"yours etc

"P. J. J. O'Grady

"Hon Sec."

Mr Glynn proposed and Mr Keane seconded the following resolution which was unanimously passed -

"That the Clerk be directed to write to the Sec of the Temperance Society that the Commissioners have heard with regret the letters of Mr O'Grady to the Manager of the Elster-Grime Opera Co and to the Town Clerk from which it appears that the Committee of the Temperance Society consider that the Commissioners have no power to give the use of the Reading Room to parties other than the Temperance Society. That the Temperance Society be required within fourteen days to say if they assert any claim to the rooms occupied by them. That the Commissioners consider that the letters of the Committee of the Temperance Society should be unreservedly withdrawn.

"That the Board's Solr be directed to prepare a document to be signed by the proper person fully setting out the terms under which the Commissioners permit the Society and Clubs the use of said rooms and that the draft of said document be laid before the Board at next meeting."

Secretaries Hockey Club applied on behalf of the Club and were unanimously granted the use of the Board Room, Newsroom and Old Billiard Room for their annual dance to be held on 22nd inst, notice of same to be given the Sec of each room.

There were two tenders for Contract to rebuild according to advertisement 100 yds of wall of Fair Green at rear of the thatched houses on Tullinacally road from Michael Shaughnessy at 12^o per perch (Irish) and William Holian at 7/6 per lined yard.

Michael Shaughnessy was declared Contractor to supply all material and the work completed to the satisfaction of the Commissioners before the 10th March Fair.

Ordered that Messrs Rowland Joyce and Mackey, Agents Cloran Estate be written to about the dilapidated condition of the wall of the Fair Green (Cloran's portion) and ask them to put it in proper repair before the 10th March Fair.

14. 11. 1909

Mr Harty proposed and it was unanimously passed —
 "That the Great Southern and Western Railway Co be requested to
 run the 5.30 pm. train from Tuam to Claremorris on all Wednesdays and
 Tuam Fair Days and on the following holidays: New Year's Day (1st January),
 Twelfth Day (6th January), St Patrick's Day (17th March), ^{Annunciation} Lady Day (25th March),
 Corpus Christi, St Peter & Paul's Day (29th June), Lady Day (15th Aug) and
 All Saints Day (1st Nov).

Thomas Jorde, Slater, applied for £/6 his bill for inspecting Town Hall roof
 and giving a specification and estimate of necessary repairs:
 Ordered that he be paid 4⁰ in full discharge of the bill.

Messrs Shine and Daly were appointed as delegates to the National Convention
 to be held in Dublin on 9th and 10th inst.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Jas. McDonnell

Chairman

March 2nd 1909

Special Meeting.

Monday, 22nd Feb, 1909.

Pursuant to the following requisition a special meeting
 was held on the above date:—

"To John Glynn

"Town Clerk, Tuam,

"Tuam, 16th Feb, 1909.

"Sir, — We, the undersigned Town Commissioners of Tuam hereby request you to
 convene a special meeting of the Board to be held in the Town Hall on Monday
 22nd inst at 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of considering the following altho:—

"Catholic Temperance Society,

"Reading Room,

"Tuam, 11th February, 1909

"John Glynn Esq,

"Town Clerk, Tuam:

"Dear Sir, — I am in receipt of yours dated 3rd inst enclosing copy
 of resolution passed by the Town Commissioners at their meeting on the
 2nd inst, which I have placed before my Committee and I am directed to
 state in reply that this Committee has not asserted any claim to the
 rooms which it occupies in the Town Hall; that the basis of its
 objection to granting the use of the News Room ^{on a recent application} will be found on reference
 to the Hon Secretary's letter of the 27th January; and that this Committee
 fails to observe anything in its Secretary's altho, which might be put
 forward as a justification for a demand for their withdrawal.

"Yours etc.,

"Patrick J. O'Grady,

"Hon. Sec."

"(Signed) James McDonnell Esq, P. Murphy Esq,
 Michael C. Shine Esq, M. C. Harty Esq,
 Francis Keane Esq, Patrick Lyons Esq,
 P. Canavan Esq, Francis Meagher Esq,"

The following Commissioners attended:

Messrs James McDonnell Esq, Francis Keane,
 Patrick Canavan, Patrick Murphy, Francis Meagher, M. C. Harty,
 J. Glynn, John Burke and Patrick Byrne

After some discussion on the above letter,

The following document prepared by the Board's Secy, Mr
 Henry Concanon, was proposed by Mr Murphy and seconded by Mr
 Keane for adoption:—

"Whereas the Tuam Town Improvement Commissioners are
 possessed of the Town Hall, Tuam, vested in them as such Commissioners
 and are in the habit of licensing the use of the use of the said Town Hall and
 portions thereof by various persons, clubs, and bodies for the benefit and enjoyment
 of the inhabitants of the Town of Tuam, be it remembered that the said Comms^{rs}
 by this license under their seal hereby license to the Temperance Society, until
 time as their license shall be revoked by the said Commissioners, to use at all
 reasonable times the rooms known as the News Room and Billiard Room for
 the purpose of the Society but subject expressly to the right of the ^{said} Comms^{rs}

at any reasonable time or times to license any other person, club or body, persons, clubs or bodies to also use the said room for any purpose or purposes that to the said Commissioners shall seem fit, and also subject expressly to the right of the said Commissioners themselves at all times to use the said room for any purpose they shall think fit."

Passed unanimously, Copy to be sent to Secretary Temperance Society, with a letter as follows by the Town Clerk:-

"I am instructed by the Town Commissioners to inclose you a form of license for the use of the Billiard Room and Reading Room at present used by the Temperance Society. I am directed to inform you that should the Committee or any officers of your Society in future prevent or try to prevent any body from using the Reading Room or Billiard Room who shall have got the permission to use same from the Commissioners the enclosed license will be cancelled and both rooms taken up by the Commissioners. Let the enclosed signed by the President and Secretary of your Society, and return it to me before Monday 1st March."

A copy of the same document was ordered to be sent to the old Billiard Club to be accepted and signed on behalf of that Club by its president and Secretary.

Signed on behalf of the Board

J. McDonnell Chairman

March 2nd 1909.

I, John Cannelly having been co-opted Commissioner for the Town of Tuam hereby declare that I take the said office on myself and will duly and faithfully fulfill the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

made and subscribed before me this

4th day of May 1909

John Glynn
Town Clerk

John Cannelly

Tuesday, 2nd March, 1909.

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board) presiding; M. C. Shine, Patrick Lyons, Francis Keane, Patrick Murphy, Patrick Byrne and Patrick Canavan

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

Paying Orders were made to

John Glynn	£4.3.4
Thos Dwyer	2.18.4
John Butler	1.13.4
B. M. Hugh	1.1.8
John Clarke	1.5.0
James McDonnell	12.10.0
Tuan Herald Co	8.10.0
Michael Shaughnessy	5.0.0
John Glynn for	
Thos Dwyer	£= 12.2
Thos Torde	4.0
Thos Dwyer	1.0
B. M. Hugh	12.9
	£ 1.9.11

£38.11.7

There was but one tender for the cleansing contract, John Clarke's at £16 for one year, which was unanimously accepted.

It was ordered that all householders be served with notice to comply with 88 section of the Towns Improvement Clause, Act 1847, 10 & 11 Vic Cap 34 requiring all the occupiers of buildings and lands within or adjoining the streets to cause to be swept and cleansed the footways and pavements in front or at the side of their respective buildings and lands.

Mr John Cannelly, proposed by Mr Keane and seconded by Mr Lyons, was unanimously co-opted as a Commissioner in room of Mr P. E. Carroll who had become disqualified through non-attendance.

Messrs Thomas Dwyer and John Shine were appointed Enumerators for the March Fair at the usual remuneration, £1 each.

On the application of Mr John Murphy, Toll Farmer, it was ordered to advertise the March Fair in the four Dublin Daily newspapers, and in the "Western People" and "Connacht Champion".

It was also ordered that the clerk get placards printed and posted up requesting the shopkeepers of the Town to close their premises on St Patrick's Day up to 2.00 pm.

Signed on behalf of the Board

April 6th 1909

Michael Shine

Chairman

Tuesday, 6th April, 1909.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs Michael C Shine (in the chair)
Francis Maagher, John Burke, Michael C Hosty, and Patrick Lyons.

Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

Paying Orders were made to

John Glynn	£ 4.3.4
Thos Dwyer	2.18.4
John Butler	1.13.4
Bill Hugh	1.1.8
John Clarke	1.6.8
Hugh McHugh	1.0.0
Dan Krisham	1.0.0
Jas McDonnell	12.10.0
J Good	24.7.0
E P O Flanagan	21.7.6
Thos Dwyer	1.0.0
John Shine	1.0.0
"Irish Independent"	19.0
J P McDonogh	4.14.0
John Silk	4.15.0
John Glynn for	
Thos Dwyer	14.2
Thos Dwyer	4.0
Bill Hugh	14.8
John Daly	4.0
Ruke Mullin	7.6
John Daly	2.0
John Clarke	5.0
Dan Krisham	10.0

£ 86.14.2

Mr John Silk's bill (£4.15.0) for repairing Weigh Bridge and which was ordered to be paid, being considered exorbitant, it was directed to give notice on agenda for next monthly meeting of motion to consider whether such repairs would in future be done by contractor advertised for.

Mr Dwyer, Cranes, having reported that the crane at the Potato Market was out of order, it was decided that Mr John Silk be got to rectify same provided he agreed to do so for ten shillings (10/-)

Mr Hosty proposed and it was passed unanimously that the Grt. S. & W. Railway Co be again requested to run the train arriving in Tuam at 5.30 p.m. to Claremorris on the following holidays - New Year's Day, Twelfth Day, Annunciation Day, St Peter and Paul's Day, and All Saints Day, the Co's reply to his former resolution being that they would run the train to Claremorris on

three holiday evenings only, viz: St Patrick's Day, Corpus Christi, and Lady Day.

It was ordered that Mr John Keller, Builder, be got to examine the roof of the Clerk's office and report thereon for next monthly meeting.

Also ordered that the County Surveyor be written to, calling his attention to the bad state of portions of the flagging of the streets and requesting him to have them repaired.

Application to the District Council for a presentment for making a footpath on the Galway Road having again been refused, it was agreed to ask their representative on the County Council, Mr James McDonnell, to try to influence that Body to do something in the matter as the District Council seemed determined to do nothing for the Town of Tuam.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Jas. McDonnell

Chairman.

May 4th, 1909.

Tuesday, 4th May, 1909.

Monthly Meeting,

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board), Michael C. Shine, John Burke, Patrick Murphy, John Connelly, James Daly, Francis Keane and Patrick Byrne.

Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

Payment orders were made to

John Glynn	£ 4.3.4
Thos Dwyer	2.18.4
John Butler	1.13.4
B. McHugh	1.1.8
Joseph Leiper	2.10.0
Mary Connolly	1.0.0
Agent Bank of Ireland	10.0.0
John Clarke	1.6.8
Das McDonnell	12.10.0
"Irish Times"	17.0
"Freeman's Journal"	18.0
Commrs of Public Works	9.17.9
Raoul Joyce	5.4.0
John Philbin	3.0.0
John Glynn for	
Thos Dwyer	12.2
John Glynn	10.0
Messrs Stockwell & Sons	5.6
John Daly	3.6
B. McHugh	4.6
Martin Rooney	1.6
"Irish Herald" Co	5.0
	£ 2.2.2

£ 59.2.3

M^r John Keller as requested submitted a specification of repairs required in the Clerk's office which was adopted and it was ordered to advertise for a Contractor, tenders to be considered at the next monthly meeting.

A motion of which Mr Lyons had given notice was unanimously passed requesting the Railway Companies and the G.P.O. to give tram travelling and Postal facilities such as they give Galway.

The Chairman having stated that the Agricultural Department were insisting on the Board erecting a weighbridge for weighing Cattle and that it would be advisable to erect such in the Potato Market which would be a great convenience to buyers and sellers of Potatoes and other commodities, he was deputed to make ^{enquiries} as to price etc of suitable machinery for the purpose.

Messrs Burke and Daly having brought under notice the practice of chalking weights on people's hats the Cramers were directed to discontinue it.

The Chairman proposed, Mr Keane seconded and it was unanimously passed — "That we request the Irish Party to oppose by every means in their power the Budget proposed by Lloyd George as the idea of putting an addition of 3/9 duty on Irish Whiskey is simply atrocious. Copies of this resolution to be sent to M^r J. C. Redmond and the County Members."

Motion to consider whether weighbridge repairs would in future be done by Contractor advertised for was unanimously withdrawn.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Michael C. Shine Chairman.

June 1st, 1909.

Tuesday 1st June, 1909

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners present, Messrs Michael C Shine (in the chair), Patrick Lyons, M^c Hosty, Patrick Canavan, John Burke, Patrick Byrne, James Daly, Francis Keane,

Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

Payments Ordered as follows :-

John Glynn	£ 4.3.4
Thos Dwyer	2.18.4
John Butler	1.13.4
B M Hugh	1.1.8
John Clarke	1.6.8
Das McDannell	12.10.0
Thos Dwyer	2.0.0
John Shine	2.0.0
Mick Shaughnessy	3.1.2
D J Kirwan & Sons	19.10.6
"Daily Express"	19.0
Dollard, Printing House	1.17.9
John Glynn for	
Thos Dwyer	14.2
John Glynn	1.6
John Hillary	2.6
Luke Mullen	7.6
Thos Murphy	5.0
Dan Crisham	5.0
	£ 10.15.8

£54.17.5

Messrs John Hogan Sr, Francis Dauley, and Martin Corcoran came before the Board as a deputation from the Tuam Band Committee requesting the Commissioners, according to resolution passed at a public meeting of the Townspeople, to become custodians of the Band Instruments, to nominate three of their body to act in the Band Committee, and to grant a portion of the Meat Market shed as a room for the Band to practise in.

On the motion of Mr Keane seconded by Mr. Byrne it was unanimously passed as requested that the Commissioners become custodians of the Band Instruments.

Mr Lyons proposed, Mr Canavan seconded, and it was unanimously passed that Messrs Shine Keane and Burke be appointed to act as members of the Band Committee.

Mr Keane proposed and Mr Canavan seconded the following resolution -
"That the Band be given the room applied for, fitted up and lighted free of charge"
Passed unanimously.

The Chairman proposed and Mr ^{Lyons} ~~Canavan~~ seconded the following resolution which was unanimously adopted :-

"That we hereby express our heartfelt regret at the death of Mr Francis Meagher and esteemed and respected member of our Board and respectfully tender to Mrs Meagher and family our sincerest sympathy in their sad bereavement."

Proposed by Mr Lyons, seconded by Mr Canavan and passed unanimously that Mr James J Depley be co-opted to the seat vacant by the death of Mr Meagher.

Resolutions of the All Ireland Meeting held in Dublin on 12th May last protesting against Lloyd George's Budget were unanimously adopted and Messrs Lyons and Hosty were deputed to represent the Board at a general meeting of the United Trades of All Ireland to be held in Dublin after the publication of the Text of the Finance Bill.

There being no tender for contract to repair the Clerk's office, it was ordered to re-advertise.

The Board adjourned to Tuesday 8th inst, for the purpose of ascertaining how the French Bros. stood with regard to rent of Meat Market Shed which they occupy and decide as to what portion of that shed to allocate for Band Room.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Michael C Shine Chairman

July 6th 1909

Tuesday, 8th June, 1909.

Adjourned Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs Michael C. Shine (in the chair), Patrick Lyons, Francis Keane, Michael C. Hooley, James Daly, Patrick Murphy, Patrick Byrne and Patrick Canavan.

The Clerk explained that the French Bros. owed to date £7.13.3 rent for the Meat Market Shed. The rent they had been ^{charged} up to July 2nd 1907 was 3/6 per week. But finding the French Bros. were then £20 odd in arrears which they could not pay, the Board agreed to leave them a portion of the shed at 2/0 a week and strike off the arrears, except £7.10 which the French Bros. should and promised to pay by instalments of 5/- per month together with the current rent. But this the French Bros. failed to do.

Henry French, one of the French Bros., was present and requested the Board to strike off the debt £7.13.3 and said they would pay the rent regularly in future of whatever portion of the shed the Board would be pleased to leave them.

After some discussion,

It was decided on Mr. Murphy's proposition that the question be adj. to next monthly meeting when, if the French Bros. have paid by 30th June half the debt (£3.15) together with the current rent, the Board will consider what to do in the matter.

Allocation of part of shed for Band room was also adjourned to next monthly meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Michael C. Shine Chairman.

July 6th 1909

I, James J. Begley, having been co-opted Commissioner for the Town of Tuam, hereby declare that I take the said office on 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 of 1909

John Glynn

Town Clerk

Galway County Council Archives

Tuesday, 6th July, 1909.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs Michael C Shine (in the chair), J. A. Glynn Esq. Esq., Patrick Lyons, Michael C. Hooley, John Burke and Francis Keane.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Payment Orders were made amounting to £42.4.7 and Treasurer's Advice Note for same was signed by the Chairman and Messrs Lyons & Hooley.

There was but one tender for contract to repair the Clerk's office, Mr John Reynolds's, at £19.10 which ^{was} considered excellent being almost twice the estimated cost of the work.

The tender being rejected, it was ordered to re-issue the advertisement with a clause that two sureties would be required to join in a bond for the faithful performance of the contract, tenders to be received and considered at the next monthly meeting of the Board.

The Clerk stated that since the last meeting of the Board the French Bros. paid nothing on account of the £7.13.3 rent due by them for the Meat Market ground used by them as a Cycle yard.

The following letter was read —

"The Deanery, Tuam,
July 6th, 1909.

"Gentlemen — I am writing to you on behalf of William and Henry French who are I understand indebted to you in the sum of £3.15.0 for the yard held by them from you. If you give them time till next month they have promised they will pay off this debt. When I remind you that this debt was contracted for the most part during their mother's last illness and at her illness death, I hope you will see your way to be lenient with them.

"Yours truly,
John Geddes,
Dean of Tuam."

"P.S. They say they will pay off the debt at the Meeting in the month of August. — J.G."

Mr. Glynn Esq. said the Dean must have been misinformed and that it would be well to have the Clerk refer to the Board's minutes and explain to him fully how the matter stood.

After some discussion it was unanimously decided to instruct Mr. Concanon the Board's Solicitor to take up possession of the shed and yard from the French Bros. and direct the Clerk to acknowledge receipt of the Dean's letter and explain the case as follows: —

"Up to 2nd July, 1907, the rent charged to the French Bros. for the shed in question was 3/6 per week. On that date, finding that the French Bros. were £20 in arrears and that there was no possibility of getting them to pay that sum, the Commissioners agreed to let them have a portion of the shed, sufficient for their business, at 2/- per week, and to wipe out the arrears except £7.10.0 provided they would pay this by instalments of 5/- per month together with the current rent. But the French Bros. have paid no instalment of the £7.10.0 but, instead, have allowed the debt to increase, for the sum due by them at present is £7.13.3. And all the time since July 1907 they have held the entire shed at the rent of 2/0 per week which they had till that date been charged 3/6 per week. At their June meeting the matter being brought under notice the Commissioners agreed to let it further stand till next monthly meeting when, if the French Bros. would have paid half the £7.10.0 by 30th June 1909 together with the current rent, the Commissioners would consider how to deal with them.

"The French Bros. failed to pay the £3.15.0 so on Tuesday 6th July 1909 an order was made by the Commissioners to instruct their solicitor to get possession of the shed and yard.

"Instead of £3.15.0 the French Bros. owe the Commissioners £20 or rather £28, including the reduction, 1/6 per week for two years.

"The Commissioners regret that under the circumstances they cannot see their way to leave them in possession of the shed and yard any longer."

The annexed letter was read and ordered to be recorded on minutes: —

"The Square, Tuam,
June 8th, '09.

"Dear Sir — I beg to acknowledge the receipt of resolution passed by the Tuam Town Commissioners and to request you to convey to them my most grateful thanks for their kind expression of sympathy in our sorrow for my late dear husband

"Yours faithfully,
L. Meagher.

"J. Glynn Esq. Town Clerk, Tuam."

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Michael Shine Chairman

3rd August 1909

Tuesday, 3rd August, 1909.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs Michael C. Shime (in the chair), Patrick Canavan, Francis Keane, John Cunnelly, James Daly, Patrick Byrne, Michael Goggins,

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Payment Orders were made to the amount of £42. 11. 10, advice note to Treasurer being ~~signed~~ signed by the Chairman and Messrs John Cunnelly and Patrick Byrne.

Mr. Cunnelly drew attention to the blocking of Egan's Lane on Market days by Fishdealers who should be compelled to go to their proper place, the Fish Market.

After some discussion, Mr. McHugh was directed to have the Fishmarket cleared of vehicles and lumber and to prosecute Fishdealers who refuse to go to the Fishmarket and stay standing in the streets with their Fish Carts.

Mr. Byrne stated that the town was in darkness for the last month: The lamps which should be lighting were not lighted at all. But other members of the Board did not agree with him in that statement.

Mr. Cunnelly remarked that the Town Clock Dials were not lighted, the person blameable being, he thought, Mr. Leufer, Caretaker of the Clock.

Mr. Leufer appeared before the Board and said it was not he but the Gas Manager who was to blame for the non-lighting of the Clock Dials, he not having cleaned the gas burners or put them into proper order which is usually done at end of July.

Ordered that Mr. Leufer report to the Town Clerk any neglect of that sort occurring in future and that Mr. McHugh, Inspector, do likewise with regard to non-lighting of lamps in streets, the Clerk then to communicate with the Gas Manager: Also that the Inspector make monthly reports to the Board in future.

Mr. Canavan referred to condition of some of the Footpaths of the Town: The flags had holes and splits dangerous to people walking on them.

The Clerk was directed to write to the County Surveyor on the matter,

Messrs James Glynn and William Cannon appeared before ^{the Board} and tendered £7. 10. 0 in payment of rent due by the French Bros. for part of Meat Market used by them as Cycle yard. This sum was the proceeds of a Collection they had made for the purpose.

The Board suggested that as the matter entirely rested in the hands of their solicitor's hands the French Bros. should go to the solicitor and give him the money

and also possession of the premises in question, after which they (Board) would decide as to what portion to leave them and fix a rent thereon. The French Bros' machinery and fittings not to be disturbed till the premises be apportioned between the French Bros. and the Board, provided the solicitor can take legal possession without first removing the said machinery and fittings.

There were three tenders for contract to repair the Clerk's office - from Messrs John Philbin at £14. 10. 0; Tobias McHugh, £18. 10. 0; John Reynolds, £19. 0. 0.

The tenders being far in excess of the estimated cost, Mr. Daly proposed and Mr. Byrne seconded that the contract be re-advertised.

Mr. Cunnelly proposed and Mr. Canavan seconded that the lowest tender, Mr. Philbin's, be accepted.

Mr. Daly's proposition was declared carried the Chairman having voted for it.

Messrs Keane and Goggins declined to vote on the question.

It was accordingly ordered to re-advertise the contract, tenders to be considered at next monthly meeting.

Schedule of Tolls and Customs and list of Fairs for current year were submitted for revision and adopted unchanged for the year next ensuing and Tuesday 24th inst was fixed for the next letting of the Tolls and Customs.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Chairman

Sept 7, 1909

J. M. Keane

Tuesday, 10th August, 1909.

Meeting by Requisition

Pursuant to the following requisition a special meeting was held on the above date:-

"To John Glynn, Town Clerk Tuam:

"Sir, - We, the undersigned Town Commissioners of Tuam, hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Board to be held in the Board room, Town Hall, on Tuesday, 10th inst, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of considering tenders for contract to excavate and erect foundation for a Cattle Weighbridge in the Potato Market Tuam

" Dated this 6th day of August, 1909.

(Signed) "James McDonnell,
" Michael C Shine,
" Francis Keane,
" P. Byrne,
" M. Liggins,
" P. Canavan".

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board) Michael C Shine, Patrick Lyons, Patrick Murphy, Michael C Harty and John Cannelly.

The Clerk said he had received but one tender which was from Mr John Reynolds at £4.10.0 exclusive of drainage from the pit which he would do for 2/6 per yard; and that other builders, having seen the plan, declined to tender there being no specification accompanying it.

The Board decided to re-advertise the contract for 24th inst, specification to be meantime procured.

A letter was read from Mr Brown, Gas Manager, with reference to complaints made by members of the Board at the last monthly meeting as to non-lighting of street lamps and Town clock dials, in which letter he gave a full explanation quite satisfactory to the Board

Signed on behalf of the Board

Chairman

Sept 7, 1909.

Jas. McDonnell

Tuesday, 24th Aug, 1909.

Special Meeting:

Commissioners present, Messrs Michael C Shine (in the chair), M.C. Harty, Patrick Byrne, Francis Keane, John Burke, Patrick Murphy, James Daly.

The business was to receive and consider tenders for the Tolls and Customs of year ending 28th Sept, 1910.

There was but one tender. It was from Contractor for current year, Mr John Murphy who offered £675, giving as his sureties, Mr Henry Concanon Solo, Tuam, and Mr Michael Farrell, The Mills, Tuam.

On the motion of Mr Byrne seconded by Mr Keane, the tender was unanimously accepted.

Asked if he would take ^{a lease} for three years at £675 per year, Mr Murphy replied in the negative.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Jas. McDonnell

Chairman

Sept 7, 1909.

Tuesday, 24th Aug, 1909.

Meeting by Requisition.

Commissioners present, Messrs M.C. Shine (in the chair), M.C. Harty, Patrick Byrne, Francis Keane, John Burke, Patrick Murphy James Daly

The business of the meeting was to receive and consider tenders for contract to excavate and erect foundation for a Cattle Weighbridge in the Potato Market.

There being no tender, it was ordered to re-advertise the contract tenders to be received and considered at the next monthly meeting of the Board

Signed on behalf of the Board.

Chairman

Sept 7, 1909

Jas. McDonnell

Tuesday, 7th September, 1909.

Monthly Meeting:

Commissioners present, Messrs James M. Donnell (Chairman of the Board), M. C. Shine, Patrick Canavan, John Burke, Francis Keane, J. A. Flynn B. A. Sobr; Patrick Murphy, James Daly, Patrick Byrne, Patrick Lyons

Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

Payments were ordered amounting to £33.16.9, Treasurer's advice note being signed by the Chairman and Messrs M. C. Shine and John Burke.

There were two tenders for the annual printing contract from Miss Mabel Kelly, Manager "Inam Herald" Printing and Publishing Co., at £8 and Mr Matthew F. Flannelly, Inam, at £8; and for the annual advertising contract only one tender, Miss Mabel Kelly's, at £13.

Mr. Flannelly's tender was ruled informal.

On the motion of Mr. Shine seconded by Mr. Daly, Miss Kelly's tenders for the printing and advertising contracts were unanimously accepted.

There being no tender for contract to repair the Town Clerk's office it was ordered to re-advertise it.

It was also ordered to re-advertise contract for excavating and erecting a foundation for Cattle Weighbridge in Plate Market there being no tender, and to get Mr Thomas Egan, Inam, to furnish a specification for the work.

Mr. Daly proposed and Mr. Keane seconded a resolution reiterating demand that the Irish Language be made an essential subject for matriculation in the new University,

And Messrs Keane and Lyons were appointed as Delegates to an All-Ireland Demonstration in connection with the University Question to be held in Dublin on 19th Sept.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Daly seconded adoption of resolution passed by the Galway C. Council calling on the Irish Parliamentary Party to press on the Government the claim of Galway University College to an increased public endowment.

Passed unanimously, copy of the resolution to be sent to Mr. Hazleton M.P.

Mr. McHugh, Inspector, reported that some of the Board room furniture required repairing. Ordered.

A letter was read from Mr John Murphy, Toll Farmer, applying for expenses incurred by him during the current year in posting up placards of the Fairs through the towns and villages of the District and sending Circulars to buyers throughout the provinces and otherwise publishing the Fairs.

Mr. Byrne proposed and Mr. Daly seconded that Mr. Murphy be allowed £10, same as previous years.

Passed unanimously, and also decided that in future the Toll Farmer be allowed only the actual expenses out of pocket for such work, the amount to be verified by the Town Clerk.

Messrs Thomas Dwyer and John Shine were appointed Enumerators for the September at usual remuneration, £1 each per day.

The Board adjourned remainder of business to that day week, Tuesday, 14th Sept.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Michael Shine

Chairman

October 5th 1909.

Tuesday, 14th September, 1909.

Adjourned Meeting

Commissioners present, Messrs M. B. Shinn (in the Chair), Francis Keane, John Burke, Patrick Lyons and Patrick Byrne.

Payment Orders were made to the amount of £23.7.6, the Treasurer's Advice Note being signed by the Chairman and Messrs

The Clerk having reported that he had on part of the Board received possession that morning from the French Bros of the Meat Market shed hitherto used by them as Cycle Depot and that the arrears of rent (£7.10.0) were paid to the Board's Solr, Mr Concanon,

The Chairman proposed and Mr Lyons seconded the following which was unanimously passed:—

"That French Bros be charged 2⁰ per week tenancy commencing 1st Aug. 1909 for portion of Meat Market as now left them by the Town Commissioners, an agreement to be written by Board's solicitor to be signed by them. The Board Committee to have portion now ~~now~~ pointed out with entrance near French's, a Carpenter at expense of Board to put same in order for them, also a stove to heat—rent one shilling per month from 1st October next. An agreement to be drawn up by Board's Solr. in connection with the tenancy—the use of yard for practice to be given to the Band except when required for other purposes—the Frenches to have a right of passage to their workshop by front gate in Vicar-Street."

A letter was read from the County Surveyor regarding the repairing of the flagged footpaths of the town stating that the work should be brought before the Rural District Council at their Quarterly Meeting for consideration.

The Chairman having brought under notice that the pavement at the Weighing Scales in the Market Square was worn down and uneven and badly required repairing,

It was ordered to advertise for a contractor to do the work, tenders to be considered at the next monthly meeting.

Victuallers (Messrs Hopkins and O'Connor) having applied to have their stalls at the Meat Market put in proper repair,

It was suggested by the Chairman that they submit a statement, at the next monthly meeting, of what they wanted to have done with an estimate of the probable cost of the work.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Byrne it was decided that lamp at Cathedral Gate in Bishop St be an all-night lamp in future instead of lamp at the Prostatin Convent Gate and that lamp at entrance to Potato Market in Vicar Street be also an all-night lamp.

An application having been made by the Dublin "Sinn Féin" newspaper for a share of the Board's advertisements,

It was decided to treat that newspaper the same as other Dublin Daily newspapers in this respect.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Michael Shinn Chairman

October 5th, 1909.

Tuesday, 5th October, 1909.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs M. C. Shine (in the chair; subsequently), James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board), John Connelley, Francis Keane, Pat Lyons, Patrick Conanan, John Burke, M. C. Hooby, Patrick Byrne and Jas. Daly.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed and payment orders were made amounting to £40.4.4, Treasurer's advice note being signed by Messrs Shine, Connelley and Keane.

A letter was read from Mr James J. Begley resigning his seat as Town Commissioner as he could not give the duties of the office the necessary time and attention, and thanking the Board for having co-opted him.

Mr B. M. Hugh, Rent Collector, having reported that the French Bros. owed on 3rd Oct inst, 8^s rent for part of Meat Market shed held by them from the Board at 2^s per week,

Mr Daly proposed and Mr Hooby seconded that, if the French Bros. did not within fourteen days of the date (5th Oct inst) pay said sum together with current rent, Mr Conanan do be instructed to take up possession from them of said part of Meat Market.

There was but one tender — that of Messrs John and P. Reynolds, for contract to repair the Town Clerk's, amount £18, of which consideration was adjourned to that day week, 12th inst.

There being no tender for repairing pavement in the Market Square it was ordered to re-advertise the contract.

There was but one tender for contract to build foundation for Cattle Weighbridge; it was from Messrs John & P. Reynolds, amount £24.15.0.

On the motion of Mr Daly, consideration of the tender was adjourned till the Board hear from the Department of Agriculture sanctioning the site selected for the weighbridge.

An application made by Commercial Dancing Class for use of the Boardroom for three nights of the week, Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday during winter for practice dances, was adjourned to that day week, 12th inst, to know names of those conducting the class.

Mr McDonnell took the chair at this stage of the proceedings.

Mr Daly proposed and Mr Lyons seconded the following resolution which was ~~seconded by Mr Lyons~~ unanimously adopted:—

"That we the Tuam Town Commrs have observed from the Public Press that the Tuam Rural District Council at a special meeting held on the 18th September determined that the Tuam Urban Electoral Division shall be the area of charge for all expenses to be incurred for the works

in improving the sewerage of Tuam, we respectfully beg to inform the Local Government Board that we emphatically protest against the Tuam Urban Electoral Division being made the area of charge, as a matter of justice and for the following reasons, namely

" 1st The ratepayers of the Tuam Urban Electoral Division since the passing of the Local Government Act 1898 have contributed impoundingly to several Sanitary works in the interests of the Public Health, made throughout the Rural District (Union)

" 2nd To the making of roads, bridges and footpaths, from which they have derived no material benefit and also to the maintenance of the sewerage from the Union Workhouse and

" 3rd Numerous small works

" The following are some of the works referred to viz:—

1. Pump Well at Ballinterra	£100
2. do Ballydatha	150
3. do Kilkenny	150
4. do Milltown	136
5. do Gurrane	150
6. Maintenance of pumps	90
7. Headford Sewerage	133
8. Cleaning Dummure river	60
9. Burialground at Donoghpatrick	130
10. do Corluin	120
11. do Dummure	350
12. do Killoomy & Killcarrin	150
13. do Killoower & Breaghawn	96
14. Making a road through Blominagh village	400
15. Monica Road	195
16. Road from Prierfield to Windfield	101
17. Headford footpaths	150
18. Cornacarton bridge	160
19. Abbey Dispensary residence	1200
20. Workhouse Sewerage	160
Total	£4183.

" The ratepayers of Tuam Urban Division have also paid in a sum of over £200 for improvements in the New Cemetery which has been placed to the credit of the whole Union."

It was ordered to advertise for a contractor to improve the Meat Market shed according to specification and also to advertise for a heating apparatus for said shed.

Messrs John Shine and Thomas Dwyer were appointed as Enumerators for the October Sheep and Cattle fairs at usual remuneration £1 per day each.

It was ordered that upper and lower parts of the Potato Market be repaved.

The Board then adjourned to Tuesday, 12th inst.

(Signed on behalf of the Board)

Michael Shine

Chairman

Nov 2nd 1909

Tuesday, 12th October, 1909.

Adjourned Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board) M.C. Shine, John Burke, Francis Keane and Patrick Byrne.

There were two tenders for contract to repair the Town Clerk's office, Messrs Reynolds' at £18 and Mr Tobias McHugh's (which was informal and rejected) at £18.

Messrs Reynolds' tender being too high, it was ordered to re-advertise the contract.

On motion of Mr Shine it was decided to take steps to have full and proper arrangements made for the forthcoming four days fair and with this view to communicate with Mr Miller, Railway Superintendent, and Mr J. Burke D.I. on the matter.

Mr Michael Shanagher's tender to repair the pavement in the Market Square at £3.10.0 was accepted.

There being no tender for contract to improve the Meat Market Shed, it was ordered on the motion of Mr Shine to employ a Carpenter to do the job by day work under the supervision of Committee, Messrs Keane, Daly, Shine and J. Hogan F.R. the Board supplying all the necessary materials.

Mr Shine proposed and it was ordered that the Band Room be supplied with gas light by the Board until the Band Committee be in funds to pay, say for the next twelve months.

On ascertaining names of Conductors of the Commercial Dancing Class the application of the class for the use of the Band Room for three nights of the week during winter, Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday, was unanimously granted on the proposition of Mr Keane seconded by Mr Shine.

Signed on behalf of the Board.

Michael Shine Chairman

Nov 2nd 1909.

Tuesday, 2nd November, 1909.

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners present, Messrs Michael C. Shine (in the chair) Patrick Lyons, Patrick Conanan, John Burke, Patrick Byrne, John Connelly, James Daly and Michael C. Husty.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Payment Orders were made amounting to £68.15.3, Treasurer's Advice Note being signed by the Chairman and Messrs Husty and Daly.

There was but one tender, Mr Tobias McHugh's, for contract to repair the Clerk's office (amount £18) but it was informal, sureties' consents in writing not accompanying it.

Ordered to re-advertise, and, should a formal tender be not received at next meeting that a competent man be employed to do the necessary repairs.

Application was read from Secretary County Committee of Agriculture for the use of the Town Hall for the purpose of holding Winter Agricultural Classes for Inam District.

Several Societies having the use of the Hall on various occasions it was, at instance of the Chairman, decided to suggest that the Committee use the Courthouse which was in their own hands and as suitable for their purpose as the Town Hall.

Messrs Lyons and Keane were appointed Delegates to the All Ireland Meeting of Town Tenants to be held in Dublin on 9th December.

Consideration of tenders for contract to erect a foundation for a Cattle Weighbridge in the Potato Market was further adjourned.

Messrs Thomas Dwyer and John Butler Cranor and Assistant respectively applied for a winter over-coat each which it was customary to give them every second year.

The Chairman & Mr Daly objected, on the ground that the applicants' salaries had recently been increased so a month's notice should be given before the application could be entertained.

Messrs French Bros. having come before the Board and offered 16^{/-} amount of rent due on 31st October and agreed to give up possession of room next fire station,

The Commissioners decided to direct their Solicitor Mr. Henry Conanan to get the agreement in his office signed and to stay all legal proceedings, Barney McHugh to have all keys of the outside yard and to close the place at 10.30 p.m.

The Chairman having said the flagways of the Town were, in places in a very dilapidated condition, it was agreed to get Michael Shughnessy to repair the breakages as well as to come with concrete the County Surveyor to be billed for the cost.

On the motion of Mr. Canavan seconded by Mr. Burke, Mr. Patrick E. Carroll, Merchant, High Street, Tuam, was unanimously co-opted to fill seat rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. James D. Dwyer as Commissioner.

The Town Inspector, Mr. Messingh, reported there was a bad leakage in an angle of the newsroom, part of the Town Hall, and it was ordered that a competent man be employed to repair it immediately.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Michael Shine Chairman

Dec 4th 1909.

I, Patrick Edward Carroll, having been co-opted Commissioner for the Town of Tuam hereby declare that I take the said office on myself and will duly and faithfully fulfill the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this

4th day of December 1909

John Glynn
Town Clerk

Patrick Edward Carroll

Monthly Meeting.

Tuesday, 4th December, 1909.

Commissioners present, Messrs M. C. Shine (in the Chair; and subsequently,) James McDonnell; Patrick Canavan, John Connolly, Francis Keane, John Burke, M. C. Hosty, P. E. Carroll, J. H. Glynn, and Patrick Byrne.

Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

Payment Orders were made amounting to £67. 2. 4, advice note to the Treasurer being signed by Mr. McDonnell (Ch), Mr. Shine and Mr. Keane.

There were two tenders for contract to repair the Clerk's office; one from Mr. Tobias M. Stugh at £18; the other from Mr. John Philbin at £16. 15. 0 which tender was informal inasmuch as that sureties' consent in writing ~~was~~ to join him in a bond were not thereto attached.

Ordered to re-advertise, new tenders to be considered at next monthly meeting of the Board.

Mr. Shine proposed, Mr. Keane seconded, and it was unanimously passed: "That we the Tuam Town Commissioners desire to convey to Mrs. O'Hanagan and family the expression of our sincere sympathy in the sad affliction that has fallen on them by the death of Mr. John O'Hanagan for many years a respected member of the Board, a thorough Nationalist, and one who was at all times identified with movements for the good of the people. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Mrs. O'Hanagan".

An application was read from Messrs Thomas Dwyer Cranor and John Butler, Assistant Cranor, for a winter overcoat each same as they have been receiving bi-annually in the past.

Mr. John Burke gave notice that he would, at the next monthly meeting of the Board, move that Messrs Dwyer & Butler's application be granted.

A letter was read from Mr. William O'Connor Victualler stating his hardship in not being accommodated with a stall in the Meat Market and asking the Board to provide him one.

The Clerk was directed to ascertain from the Board of Public Works if they would give a loan for building more stalls at the Meat Market.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Patrick Lyons

Chairman.

January 4th 1910

Tuesday, 4th January, 1910.

Monthly Meeting:

Commissioners present, Messrs Patrick Lyons (in the chair), John Cunnelly, John Burke, Patrick Canavan, P. Carroll and P. Byrne.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and signed.

Payment Orders were made amounting to £37.7.10, advice to Treasurer being signed by the Chairman, Mr Canavan and Mr Carroll.

Mr Burke proposed according to notice, Mr Byrne seconded, and it was unanimously passed that Mr Thomas Dwyer, Craner, and Mr John Butler, Assistant Craner be granted £2 (two pounds) each for a winter overcoat.

Mr Byrne proposed and Mr Burke seconded the following resolution which was passed in silence:

"That we, the Tuam Town Commissioners, hereby express our deep regret at the death of Mrs Winifred Shine, wife of Mr John Shine and tender to her husband and family our sincere sympathy in their bereavement and irretrievable loss. And that a copy of this be sent to Mr John Shine and to his brother our respected and esteemed Colleague Mr M. C. Shine."

Mr Tobias M. Hugh tendered, and was declared contractor, for the repairing according to specification of the Clerk's office and other parts of the Town Hall for the sum of £18 (eighteen pounds), less £1 (one pound) for old materials which he is allowed to take away, the Contract to be completed by 15th March next: Sureties Messrs Michael Farrell and John Cunningham both of Tuam.

A letter in Irish was read from Manager "An Claidéam Solus", the Organ of the Gaelic League requesting a share of the Board's advertisements.

On the motion of Mr Canavan seconded by Mr Cunnelly it was unanimously ordered that the next March Fair advertisement be sent for insertion in the "Claidéam Solus".

The Clerk was directed to write again to the County Surveyor about the flagged ways of the Town which were in a dilapidated condition and a danger to the public.

February 1st, 1910.

J. C. Cunnelly

Chairman

(Form No 8.)

Notice of Result of Election.

Town of Tuam.

Election of Commissioners for the Town of Tuam in the year 1910.

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

John Burke	Galway Road, Tuam	Compositor
James Daly	Bishop Street, Tuam	Clerk
Joseph Aloysius Glynn	Beck House, Tuam	Solicitor
Michael C. Hosty	Vicar Street, Tuam	Merchant
Thomas M. Hugh	Vicar Street, Tuam	Sculptor

Dated this 15th day of January, 1910.

John Glynn
Returning Officer.

I, John Burke, having been elected Commissioner for the Town of Inam, hereby declare that I take the said office on 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 1st day of Feb 1910

John Glynn
Town Clerk

John Burke

I, James Daly, having been elected Commissioner for the Town of Inam hereby declare that I take the said office on 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 1st day of Feb 1910

John Glynn
Town Clerk

James Daly

I, Joseph Aloysius Glynn, having been elected Commissioner for the Town of Inam hereby declare that I take said office on 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 1st day of Feb 1910

John Glynn
Town Clerk

J. A. Glynn
Joseph Aloysius Glynn

I, Michael C. Harty, having been elected Commissioner for the Town of Inam hereby declare that I take said office on 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 24th day of January 1910

John Glynn
Town Clerk

Michael C. Harty

I, Thomas McHugh, having been elected Commissioner for the Town of Inam, hereby declare that I take said office on 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 24th day of January, 1910.

John Glynn,
Town Clerk.

Thomas McHugh

I, James McDonnell, having been elected chairman of the Inam Town Commissioners hereby declare that I take the said office on myself and will duly & faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment & ability.

Made & subscribed before me this 24th day of January 1910

John Glynn
Town Clerk.

James McDonnell

Monday, 24th January, 1910.

Election of Chairman:

The annual Statutory meeting was held on the above date for the purpose of electing a Chairman for the ensuing year.

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (in the chair), Patrick E. Carroll, Michael Higgins, Francis Keane, Michael C. Harty, John Connelly,

Mr. Keane proposed and Mr. Connelly seconded that the outgoing Chairman, Mr. James McDonnell be re-elected as Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year.

Passed unanimously.

The Chairman having declared himself re-elected, read and signed his Declaration as Chairman and

The Meeting Separated.

James McDonnell Chairman

February 1st, 1910.

Tuesday, 1st February, 1910.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present Messrs James M'Donnell (Chairman of the Board), M. C. Shine, John Burke, James Daly, J. Elyam Bissett; and Patrick Murphy.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Payment Orders were made to the amount of £48.4.4

Mr Tobias M'Shugh was ordered £10 on account of Contract for repairs to the clerk's office.

The Board agreed to pay Mr Tobias M'Shugh for one coat of plaster on the under side of the News Room floor, one pound (£1), and for pinning the outer wall of the clerk's office, one pound (£1).

Mr Shine proposed and Mr Daly seconded a vote of sympathy to their respected colleague Mr John Burke on the death of his father-in-law Mr Mark Higginson, who had been long and favorably known to them all. Mr Higginson had, whilst discharging his public duties, and as a private citizen won himself the esteem and regard of all whom he came in contact with.

Passed in Silence.

Mr Burke thanked the Board for their cordial expression of sympathy for which he felt grateful.

The question of erecting more stalls in the Meat Market having been introduced a Committee consisting of all the Commissioners present was appointed to consider same and report on it at the next monthly meeting.

The Chairman offered the Board as a gift a weighing machine for putting up in the Potato Market the Board to pay the cost of erection.

Mr Elyam proposed and it was unanimously passed that the Board accept the gift and that the donor be cordially thanked for same.

The Chairman also announced that he was reducing the price of Gas to the townspeople from 7^s to 6^s per thousand and to the Board, from £2.15.0 to £2.7.6 per street lamp, adding that he was desirous the Board should take over, at a valuation, the Gas Works for the benefit of the Townspeople.

Mr Daly gave notice that he would, at the next ^{meeting} monthly, move —
"That the question of the Town Commissioners acquiring the Gas Works be considered as a Commercial business for the people of Tuam"

Application was made by the Tuam Dramatic Society for use of the Town Hall and it was unanimously granted, for staging a play for the benefit of the local Band.

The following letters were read:—

"Tuam, 16th Feb, 1910.

"Dear Mr Elyam

"Please convey to my colleagues of the Town Board my best thanks for their sympathetic resolution of condolence on the death lamented death of my sister-in-law. Thanking yourself also for your kind sympathy."

"Believe me, yours sincerely,

"Michael C Shine"

Tuam, 1st Feb, 1910.

Dear Mr Elyam,

Please convey to the Town Commissioners my sincere thanks for their kind resolution of sympathy on the occasion of my poor wife's death. I have also to thank yourself personally

"yours faithfully,

"John Shine"

"John Elyam Esq.

"Town Clerk"

Signed on behalf of the Board

J. M. M'Donnell. Chairman

March 1st 1910

Wednesday, 23rd February, 1910.

A Special Meeting.

In compliance with the requisition hereunder, a special meeting of the Board was held on the above date:—

"Tuam, 19th Feb, 1910.

"To John Glynn, Town Clerk

"We, the undersigned Town Commissioners of Tuam, hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Board, to be held in the Town Hall, on Wednesday next 23rd at 12 o'clock (noon), for the purpose of meeting Mr E P O'Hanagan and negotiating with him for a further term of tenancy of the Tuam Fair Green, as the Commissioners' present lease of it terminates on 1st March next.

(Signed)

" James McDermott
" Michael C Shine
" Francis Keane
" Patrick Byrne
" Michael Jiggins
" John Cunnelly."

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDermott (Chairman of the Board) Michael C Shine, James Daly, Joseph A Glynn (T. Solr.) Patrick Byrne, John Cunnelly, Patrick Murphy.

Mr E P O'Hanagan Solr and Mr Henry J Concanon Solr were also in attendance.

An agreement was come to that the Commissioners continue to use the premises as fair Green for remainder of Mr O'Hanagan's own lease (about five years) of same on like conditions as hitherto.

On the motion of Mr Glynn the Chairman was requested to convene a public meeting of the people of the Town and parish for Sunday 6th March next, and the latter consented to do so, for the purpose of making a Collection in aid of the Irish Parliamentary Election Fund.

Signed on behalf of the Board

" J. McDermott. Chairman

March 1st 1910.

Tuesday, 1st March, 1910.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDermott (Chairman) Michael C Shine, Francis Keane, J A Glynn, Thomas McHugh, Patrick Murphy, J O'Carroll, John Cunnelly and Patrick Lyons.

The Board's Solr, Mr Henry Concanon, was also present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Payments were made to the amount of £58.18.6, advice note to Treasurer being signed by the Chairman and Messrs Glynn and Shine.

Mr Daly's notice of motion was adjourned to next monthly meeting, viz:—

"That the question of the Town Commissioners acquiring the Tuam Gas Works be considered as a Commercial business of the people of Tuam".

There was but one tender—that of John Clarke—for sweeping the Potato Market, Meat Market, Fish Market and the footpaths along the Potato Market Town Hall and the Bridge, Shop Street, the said Market places to be swept once a week and the footpaths every day and also all scraps of paper to be picked off the streets every day and all the sweepings to be removed as soon as possible, for one year at £16.

Accepted unanimously.

Mr Concanon Solr read a letter from Mr E P O'Hanagan re proposed new lease to the Board of his portion of the Tuam Fair Green enclosing draft lease altered by him.

After some discussion, the Board instructed Mr Concanon to communicate with Mr O'Hanagan on the matter.

The following notice was handed in and accepted:—

"Take notice that I or some Commissioners on my behalf will move at the next monthly meeting of the Board, 5th April prox. that four Victuallers' stalls be built at the Meat Market at a cost of about £100."

"Michael C Shine".

Messrs John Shine and Thos. Dwyer were appointed Enumerators for the March Fair at the usual remuneration of £1 each.

Signed on behalf of the Board.

Michael C Shine Chairman

April 5th 1910

Thursday, 3rd March, 1910.

Special Meeting.

A special meeting was held on above date to consider another letter to Mr. Carcaum solicitor from Mr. E. O'Flanagan re proposed new lease to the Board of his portion of the Duam Fair Green, enclosing draft lease further altered by him to four years.

Commissioners present, Messrs James M. Donnell (Chairman), M. C. Shine, Patrick Lyons, James Daly, John Connolly, P. E. Carroll, Francis Keane, Patrick Murphy and Patrick Byrne.

Mr. O'Flanagan's letter having been read, the Chairman said that the difference now between the Board and Mr. O'Flanagan regarding terms of lease was not worth fighting about.

Mr. Shine proposed and the Chairman seconded that the Board accept lease on Mr. O'Flanagan's terms which was unanimously passed, lease to be signed on behalf of the Board by the chairman and Mr. Shine.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Michael Shine Chairman

April 5th 1910

Tuesday, 5th April, 1910.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs M. C. Shine (in the chair), John Burke, James Daly, Francis Keane, P. E. Carroll, Patrick Canavan, and Patrick Byrne.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Payment orders were made to the amount of £50.7.4 Advice Note to Treasurer being signed by the presiding chairman and Messrs Carroll and Daly.

It was ordered at the suggestion of the chairman to insure all the buildings in the Meat Market for £150 inclusive of the £90 for which the Fire Station has been already insured and the Clerk was directed to see Mr. J. P. McDonogh, Agent to Patriotic Assurance Co., Dublin, about the matter.

Complaints having been made that Toft's Hobby Horses were causing public in the Potato Market,

The chairman proposed and Mr. Daly seconded — "That in future the Potato Market do not be set longer to Mr. Toft or any other person having similar ~~amusement~~ entertainments than from Monday to Thursday in any week and thus prevent the great inconvenience caused by the public on market days.

Mr. Lyons proposed and Mr. Carroll seconded — "That the use of the Potato Market be not given in future to Mr. Toft or for any amusements which cause inconvenience to the public."

The chairman withdrew his proposition in favour of the latter which was unanimously passed.

The Chairman proposed according to notice and Mr. Carroll seconded — "That four additional victuallors stalls be built at the ^{Meat} Market according to Mr. J. Blake's plan and specification at a cost of about one hundred pounds."

Passed unanimously, advertisement to be issued inviting tenders for the work for next monthly meeting. Mr. Blake's fee for supplying plan and specification (£2.10.0) to be paid at said meeting.

Mr. Daly, pursuant to notice, moved and Mr. Lyons seconded —

"That a Committee consisting of all the Commissioners be appointed for the purpose of acquiring the gas works with the view of supplying gas at a cheaper rate to the householders and that our solicitor be asked if the Commissioners have power to borrow a loan for this purpose."

Passed unanimously, Mr. James McDonnell, owner of the Gas Works to be asked to fix a date on which to call a meeting of the Committee to discuss the matter with him and report result.

The Chairman gave notice, which was accepted, as follows:—
 "Take notice that for some member on my behalf will propose at next monthly meeting that immediate steps be taken to have a second means of egress made from Board Room of Town Hall and thus convenience parties using it for theatrical or concert purposes and prevent likelihood of loss of life, or, at least, injury to the public attending such performances, in case of a panic occurring from any cause."

"Michael C. Shine."

"April 5th 1910"

Mr. McHugh, Town Inspector's report was adjourned to next monthly meeting, viz:—
 "That under gallery in Boardroom, the floor is damaged and I would recommend that the boards be taken up and replaced with new ones."

A letter from Department of Agriculture relative to question of providing improved accommodation for weighing Cattle at Tuam Fair was adjourned to next monthly meeting

James McDonnell

Chairman

May 3rd 1910

Tuam May Fair, 1910.

Sheep Fair, Monday 9th:

Sold:	Unsold:	Total:
Ewes & Lambs 372	682	1054
Wethers 136	321	457
Staggets 1335	2040	3375
Rams 2	4	6
<hr/> 1845	<hr/> 3047	<hr/> 4892

Cattle Fair, Tuesday 10th:

Sold:	Unsold:	Total:
Bullocks 1585	720	2305
Heifers 1054	571	1625
Calves 49	52	101
Cows 64	53	117
<hr/> 2752	<hr/> 1396	<hr/> 4148

Tuesday 3rd May 1910:

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board), Michael C. Shine, James Daly, P. Carroll, Patrick Byrne, Thomas McHugh, John Burke and John Connelly and Patrick Lyons

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Payment orders were made to the amount £89.1.1, advice note to Treasurer being signed by the Chairman, Mr Lyons, and Mr Shine & Daly

Mr Daly proposed and Mr Shine seconded and it was unanimously passed that the Board adjourn in respect to the memory of the late Rev William J MacHugh P.P. of Cummer.

Mr Daly proposed and Mr Shine seconded the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

"That we, the Tuam Town Commissioners desire to place on record our heartfelt grief at the death of the late Very Rev William J MacHugh P.P. Cummer who was for 18 years a curate in this parish and was most assiduous working in the service of his Divine Master, and who by his gentleness and kindness endeared himself to all persons with whom he came in contact but especially to the poor and sick, and we respectfully request our Chairman to call a meeting of the people of the parish of Tuam with a view of taking steps to perpetuate his memory." Copies of this resolution to be sent to D. J. B. Costello and other members of the family."

The Board then adjourned to that day fortnight 17th inst.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Michael Shine

Chairman

June 7th, 1910.

Tuesday, 17th May, 1910.

Adjourned Meeting:

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board), M.C. Shine, Francis Keane, M.C. Harty, P. Carroll, James Daly, P. Canavan, J. Byrne and Patrick Murphy.

The Chairman proposed and Mr Shine seconded the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:—

"That as the Irish People are noted for their generous and sympathetic nature to those who are in tribulation or sorrow, we desire to convey to Queen Alexandra and the Royal Family our sincere sympathy in their bereavement caused by the death of King Edward VII of England. Copies to be sent to Queen Alexandra and His Majesty King George."

The following resolution proposed by Mr Shine and seconded by Mr Daly was passed unanimously passed:—

"That while sympathising with the Royal Family in their sad bereavement, we respectfully call upon the Prime Minister and the other members of the Government to remove from the Coronation Oath the language so grossly offensive to all Roman Catholics who comprise a large proportion of His Majesty's subjects. Copy to be sent to the Prime Minister."

Mr Shine, in accordance with notice, proposed

"That immediate steps be taken to have a second means of egress made from Board Room, Town Hall, and thus convenience parties using it for theatrical or concert purposes and prevent a likelihood of loss of life or at least injury to the public attending such performances in case of a panic occurring from any cause."

Not being seconded the proposition fell through.

There being no tender for contract to build four victuals stalls in the Meat Market, Vicar Street, it was ordered to re-advertise the contract, tenders to be considered at the next monthly meeting, 7th June prox.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Michael Shine Chairman

June 7th 1910.

Tuesday, 7th June, 1910

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners present, Messrs M.C. Shine (presiding and subsequently) James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board), P. Carroll, M.C. Harty, John Connelly, Patrick Canavan, Patrick Lyons, Patrick Murphy

Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

Laying orders were made amounting to £57.13.7, Treasurer's advice note being signed by the Chairman, Mr Connelly and Mr Harty.

There was but one tender for Contract to build four Victuals Stalls in the Meat Market, Vicar Street, Mr Tobias O'Shugh's at £112, which was unanimously accepted on the condition that the contract should include some additional items which the architect Mr J.J. Blake M.I.C.E. considered necessary to be done and cost of which he estimated at about £4, all to be done for the said sum of £112.

Letters were read from Dr T.B. Costello, Tuam, and Jasper Tully, Boyle, acknowledging receipt of resolution of sympathy and condolence passed to them by the Board on the death of their Cousin Rev W.D. MacHugh D.D. Cummer.

A resolution was received from the Town Commissioners of Boyle, of which body Mr Jasper Tully is Chairman, expressing assurance of their desire to join with the Tuam Town Commissioners in helping to fittingly perpetuate the memory of the late Rev W.D. MacHugh D.D. Cummer.

Ordered that a copy of the resolution be sent to the Secretaries, Rev Father MacHugh Memorial Committee, viz Messrs M.C. Shine and James Daly.

A letter was read from the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland thanking the Board by order for their vote of sympathy and condolence to Queen Alexandra and King George the 5th on the death of King Edward the 7th.

A resolution, passed by the County Galway Council, was received and unanimously adopted disapproving of the proposal of the Irish Medical Association to create a National State Medical Service in Ireland.

Messrs Lyons and Murphy drew attention to the necessity of widening the footpath on the Ballygaddy Road, Tuam, from Cloonan's at Gorracloon, to the turn to Gardenfield the Clerk was directed to write to the C. Surveyor on the matter.

Signed on behalf of the Board.

Michael Shine Chairman.

5th July, 1910.

Tuesday, 5th July, 1910.

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (presiding, and subsequently) Michael C. Shine, Michael Luggins, Patrick Murphy, M. C. Hosty, Patrick Canavan, James Daly, John Burke, Patrick Lyons, Thomas McHugh, John Cunnelly, and Francis Keane.

Mr. Shine proposed, and Mr. Murphy seconded the following resolution which was unanimously passed:—

"That while congratulating the Very Rev. Canon Macken on his appointment to the Dunmore parish, we desire to record our sincere regret at his departure from amongst us. The Tuam people, during his administration had looked up to him as a true *soggarth-a-soon* and one who was highly respected by all classes. That we call on our Chairman to convene a meeting of the Townspeople on Saturday next at 12 o'clock, for the purpose of taking steps to present him with an address."

Mr. McDonnell then vacated the chair and left the room, and Mr. Shine having been moved thereto ~~hereto~~, took it.

Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed, Treasurer's advice note being signed by the Chairman (Mr. Shine), Mr. 29

Paying orders were made to the amount of £44.18.9, Treasurer's advice note being signed by the Chairman (Mr. Shine), Mr. Daly, and Mr. McHugh.

Messrs McDonnell & Co's tender for Gas was unanimously accepted as follows:—

"We beg to tender for the supply of Gas and the lighting and extinguishing of the 44 public lamps at present erected in the Town and the supply of Gas to the Town Clock, Town Hall, Band room and Fire Station: Forty three (43) of the lamps to be charged for at the rate of £2.7.6 per year and the remainder, viz: Two in the Church ground and two on the Chapel road to be charged for at the rate of £1.10.0 each per year: Eight lamps to be lighted from one hour after sunset until daybreak on all dark nights throughout the year, that is from the 1st of September 1910 to 1st of Sept 1911: the Chapel road lamps to be lighted on Saturdays and Sunday and on any other night throughout the year if required for special devotions on notice being given to us by the Parish Clerk, the Parish Clerk to extinguish same on all occasions: The remaining lamps (43) to be lighted from one hour after sunset until 11 o'clock on all dark nights from the 1st Sept 1910 until the 10th of May 1911. The supply of Gas to the Town clock will be charged for at the rate of £10 per year and will be lighted on all nights throughout the year from one hour after sunset until daybreak; the Caretaker of the Clock to light and extinguish same as heretofore. The supply of Gas to the Town Hall, Band room and Fire Station will be charged for at the rate of 6^d per 1000 cubic feet and in accordance with the quantity of Gas registered by the meter at present in use."

On the motion of Mr. Daly seconded by Mr. Lyons it was ordered that an all-night lamp be erected at the Bridge in Bishop Street.

The Clerk having submitted list of Fairs for revision and insertion in Almanac for 1911, Mr. Murphy suggested that a sheep and Cattle fair be established in April the March fair being too early and the May fair too late ~~for~~ in the season for the District.

Consideration of the suggestion was adjourned to that day fortnight 19th inst and also of the question of establishing a horse fair on any date deemed suitable.

Mr. Thomas McHugh handed in the following notice of motion which was accepted:—

"Take notice that I or some Commissioner on my behalf will move on this day month that we consider the question of the special rate levied by the Galway Co. Council for extra police."

Mr. M. C. Hosty handed in the following notice of motion which was accepted:—

"Take notice that I or some Commissioner on my behalf will move at the next monthly meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners to call upon the Irish Party to oppose the proposed retention of the Whiskey tax in the Budget for the financial year, or otherwise another Irish industry will be killed and a large number of Irish people thrown out of employment."

A letter was read from the Great Southern and Western Railway Co stating that the Commissioners' letter requesting the Co to extend to Tuam railway facilities same as are afforded to other towns would receive due attention.

Mr. Burke called attention to the unreasonable delay, especially on market days, in opening the gates at the railway crossing in Tuam which are often left closed for a considerable time after arrival and departure of trains, to the great inconvenience of the public.

It was decided to ask the Railway Co to have arrangement made in Tuam similar to that in Athlery and report the matter to the Board of Trade if the Co. refused.

A letter was read from the County Surveyor stating that the Ballygaddy footpath which was complained of as being too narrow would have his attention.

The Board then adjourned to Tuesday 19th inst.

Signed on behalf of the Board.

Michael Shine

Chairman

July 2nd 1910

Tuesday, 19th July, 1910.

Adjourned Meeting.

There was not a quorum, only two Commissioners, Messrs Michael B. Shine and Patrick Lyons being present.

John Lynn,
Town Clerk.

Tuesday, 26th July, 1910.

A Special meeting was held on the above date for the purpose of revising list of Fairs for 1911, and considering the advisability of establishing a Sheep and Cattle fair in April and a horse fair on any date deemed suitable.

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (in the chair), Mr. B. Shine, James Daly, Patrick Byrne, John Burke and J. E. Carroll.

Mr. Shine submitted a list of the neighbouring fairs held in April with a view to select a day so that the new fair would not clash with any other and the first Tuesday of the month was unanimously decided upon for it.

The Board concluding that an attempt to establish a successful Horse Fair would be a failure the matter was let drop.

Annexed is list of Fairs for 1911 unanimously approved of:

January	18	Wednesday	Pigs
February	15	Wednesday	Pigs
March	9	Thursday	Pigs
"	10	Friday	Sheep and Cattle
April	4	Tuesday	Sheep and Cattle
"	19	Wednesday	Pigs
May	8	Monday	Pigs
"	9	Tuesday	Sheep
"	10	Wednesday	Cattle
June	21	Wednesday	Pigs
July	5	Wednesday	Pigs
"	6	Thursday	Sheep and Cattle
August	16	Wednesday	Pigs
September	9	Saturday	Pigs
"	11	Monday	Sheep & Cattle
October	17	Tuesday	Sheep
"	18	Wednesday	Cattle
"	19	Thursday	Horses
"	20	Friday	Pigs
November	15	Wednesday	Pigs
December	14	Thursday	Pigs
"	15	Friday	Sheep & Cattle

Fairs for March, May, July, September, and December are held on fixed dates; April Sheep & Cattle fair on first Tuesday of the month; October four days fair begins on the third Tuesday of the month; and the Pig Fairs for January, February, April, June, August and November on the third Wednesday of their respective months.

The Chairman said that tenders would be considered by the District Council on 30th instant for contract to keep in repair the streets of the Town and suggested that the Board take the contract with a view to steam-roll the streets. Should the amount allowed by the Council be inadequate the Board could supplement it from their fund.

After some discussion the Board decided to tender for the contract, ^{subject} to their solicitor's advice, a Committee consisting of the Chairman, Mr Shine, Mr Daly and the Town Clerk first to wait on the solicitor and consult him on the matter.

Mr Daly having stated that Clonlara road was in a bad condition through want of cleaning the Clerk was directed to write to the County Surveyor calling his attention to it.

Mr Shine having brought under notice the neglect of Galway road proposed footpath for which £50 was granted by the County Council, and Mr Burke having again explained the pressing necessity there for such footpath,

The Chairman said he would speak to the Acting Co Surveyor or Mr O'Malley on the matter, who, he thought, would get the work done for the sum granted by the Co Council.

The Chairman referred to the neglect of the GPO to remove telegraph pole from the Meat Market where it is an obstruction to Contractor building Victrolers' stalls. The GPO wanted to erect the pole in channel outside where it would be an obstruction to the public.

Mr Daly said the GPO had written to the District Council requesting permission to erect the pole outside in the street channel and the matter would come before the Council on 30th inst.

Mr Shine said he would go before the Council and he hoped the Chairman (Mr McDonnell) would be there too, to oppose the GPO's application.

Signed on behalf of the Board

22nd Aug 1910

Michael Shine Chairman

Monthly Meeting:

Tuesday, 2nd August, 1910.

Commissioners present, Messrs Michael C Shine, Michael Goggins, Thomas McHugh, Francis Keane, John Burke, M C Hesty, P Carroll and Patrick Byrne.

The minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

Paying orders were made to the amount of £31.18.10, advice note to Treasurer being signed by the chairman, and Messrs Goggins and Hesty.

Mr McHugh, pursuant to notice, proposed, and Mr Keane seconded the following resolution which was unanimously passed:-

"That as the Tax for extra police imposed on this County, is
 " illegal and unjust and a grievous burden on the ratepayers,
 " and as the present Government have refused to remit said
 " Tax, we the Town Commissioners of Tuam, hereby request the
 " County Council to convene a ~~special~~ meeting consisting of
 " the Members of Parliament for the County and Town and three
 " representatives from each Public Board and Political Body in the
 " County, viz: The County Council, District Councils, Urban
 " Councils, Town Commissioners, and the several Executives
 " of the United Irish League to confer and decide as to what steps
 " to take to prevent imposition of such tax in future on the
 " County, and that copies of this resolution be sent to all those
 " M.P's, Public Boards, Political Bodies with a request that they
 " adopt the it.

The following resolution proposed by Mr Hesty and seconded by Mr Francis Keane was unanimously adopted:-

"That this Board call on the Irish Party to oppose the proposed retention of the Whiskey Tax in the Budget for the Financial year, 1910-11, or otherwise another Irish Industry will be killed, and a large number of people thrown out of employment."

It was proposed by Mr Keane, seconded by Mr Carroll, and unanimously passed -

"That as the proposed Line of Communication between Galway and America is a project of national importance and a direct means of opening up tourist traffic in Ireland, we, the Town Commissioners of Tuam hereby resolve to do all in our power in favour of this undertaking. Copy of this resolution to be forwarded to our Parliamentary representative, Mr Richard Hazleton."

Consideration of letter received from the Department of Agriculture relative to the question of accommodation for weighing Cattle at the Fair Green on Fair Days was adjourned to next monthly meeting.

On the motion of Mr Byrne, seconded by Mr McHugh, permission was unanimously granted to the British Petroleum Co Ltd, Queen's Road, Belfast, to store about 300 gallons of Petroleum Spirit in Mr Siggins's yard, at the Mall, Tuam.

Wednesday, 24th inst, was fixed for the letting of the Tolls and Customs for year ending 28th September 1911.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Jas. McDonnell.

Chairman,

Sept 6th 1910

Wednesday, 24th August, 1910.

A special meeting was held on the above date for the purpose of receiving and considering tenders for the year ending 28th September 1911.

Commissioners present, Messrs M. C. Shine (in the chair), Patrick Murphy, M. C. Kosty, John Burke, Patrick Byrne, John Connelley, J. A. Glynn, P. A. Solr; Francis Keane, Patrick Lyons and P. Carroll.

There was but one tender for the Tolls and Customs, that of Mr John Murphy at £635 with sureties Messrs H. J. Concanon Solr and Michael Farrell both of Tuam.

A letter was read from the chairman of the Board as follows:

"Imperial Hotel, Dublin Aug 23rd 1910.

"Dear Mr Glynn, — I regret I cannot be at home tomorrow and I just drop a line to say that I do not think the Tolls and Customs should be let under last year's price. Yours truly —

"Jas McDonnell."

Mr John Murphy having agreed to raise the tender to £650, Mr Lyons proposed and Mr Patrick Murphy seconded that the Board accept that sum (£650).

Passed unanimously.

Mr Murphy declined taking a lease for three years of the Tolls & Customs at that sum (£650) per year.

Mr O'Brien, Postmaster, Tuam, accompanied by a Telegraph Engineer appeared before, applying for permission to remove telegraph pole in Meat Market to another part of the ground, close to the Fire Station and it was unanimously granted.

On the suggestion of Mr Lyons the Clerk was directed to write requesting the Postal Authorities to keep open the Tuam Post office for the sale of stamps till 9 o'clock pm as the closing at 8 o'clock pm causes much inconvenience to the public.

Signed on behalf of the Board.

Jas. McDonnell.

Chairman.

Sept. 6th 1910.

Tuesday, 6th September, 1910.

Monthly Meeting:

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman), M. B. Shine, John Burke, Patrick Byrne, James Daly, Patrick Lyons, Francis Keane

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Paying Orders were made amounting to £67. 3. 6, advice note to Treasurer being signed by the Chairman, Mr Shine and Mr Lyons.

There was but one tender for the annual advertising and printing contract, Miss Mabel Kelly's, at £21 (Twenty-one pounds), the printing exclusive of crane docket.

A letter was read from Surveyor of Taxes Galway stating that the amount of Docks and Customs to be assessed with Income Tax was £447.

The assessment being considered too high it was decided to appeal against it to the Commissioners of Income Tax.

Secretary, Galway Co Council, forwarded copy of Development and Road Improvement Funds Act 1909 with circular inviting a representative from the Commissioners to a Conference of Surveyors to be held for the purpose of discussing proposals to be made by Road Board.

Ordered that the Acting Co Surveyor, Mr O'Malley, be nominated as the Board's representative on the Conference and that his name be forwarded to the Secretary, Co Council.

A letter was read from Secretary Branch of Irish National Foresters, Galway stating that a deputation from Tuam waited on a member of that Branch with a view to starting a Branch in Tuam. The letter set out the course for Tuam to adopt if they wished to establish one.

The Clerk was directed to write to the Secretary for list of the deputation.

Messrs Thomas Dwyer and John Shine were appointed Enumerators for the September Fair at the usual remuneration of £1 (one pound) each.

A letter was read from Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Dublin requesting to be informed as to any action the Commissioners may have taken to provide suitable accommodation for weighing Cattle at Tuam Fairs.

The Clerk was directed to state in reply that the Commissioners cannot see their way to incur the heavy expense of procuring and erecting machinery for the weighing of Cattle until they acquire permanent possession of a fair green. Their lease of the present green expired last March and they got only four years extension, all that was in the power of the present owner to give.

A letter was read from Mr Henry Concanon requesting to nominate a Solt, to attend for the Board on taxation of Cots, the lease of Fair Green to them by Mr C. P. O'Flanagan.

Mr John Quime Solt was nominated for the purpose.

Ordered that men be employed to repair gaps in Fair Green wall before the next fair.

The Clerk stated that by direction of the Chairman he had sent tender to the County Council for contract to keep in repair 960 perches of the streets of Tuam with a view to steamroll them, the sum allowed for doing same per year, for five years, being £288.

Ordered that a special meeting of the Board be held on Wednesday 14th inst to discuss the matter with the Acting Co Surveyor and a representative of Grangers Bros. Holywood, Belfast, Steamrolling Contractors with a view to arrive at an approximate estimate of the cost of steamrolling the streets.

Ordered that the September Fair be advertised as usual in the four Dublin daily papers: Freeman, Independent, Irish Times, and Daily Express, in the Belfast Evening Telegraph, and in the local papers: Tuam Herald, Connacht Champion, Connacht Tribune and Western People.

Signed on behalf of the Board

James McDonnell.

Chairman

Oct 4th 1910

Wednesday, 14th September, 1910.

A special meeting was held on the above date for the purpose of discussing the question re steam rolling the streets of the Town, with the Acting Co. Surveyor (Mr O'Malley) and a representative of Granger Bros. Steamrolling Contractors, Holywood Belfast, and ascertaining approximately the cost per perch for steamrolling but neither of the two attended.

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman), Michael O'Shine, James Daly, Patrick Canavan, M.C. Hooley and Francis Keane.

The Clerk read the following copy of letter which he had written at dictation of the Chairman to Captain Wynne, Auditor:-

"I am directed by my Board to inform you that we have undertaken
 " from the County Council the contract for the keeping of the streets
 " of the town in repair at an annual payment of £200 for
 " five years. We propose steam-rolling the principal streets - in or
 " about 500 perches. The initial cost will be in excess of the stipend
 " for the first year, and we may have to apply some of our township
 " money to pay the cost, but we calculate that at the expiration of
 " of this contract we would be fully recouped. We should feel obliged
 " if you would kindly say whether we are justified in using this
 " money in the manner in which we suggest. We are quite satisfied
 " that we would be improving the condition of the streets of the Township
 " very materially, and we do not think we would be losing money
 " over the contract."

The Auditor replied "that his advice to the Commissioners would be to address the Local Government Board on the matter with a view to ascertain the legality of their (Commissioners') action."

Letters were read on the subject of steam-rolling roads from the Granger Bros., Mr Moran Co. Surveyor and Mr O'Malley Acting Co. Surveyor, after which,

Mr Daly proposed, the Chairman seconded, and it was decided unanimously to steam roll the streets provided the Local Government Board sanctioned expenditure, if required, of some of the Township money on the work.

Ordered that a copy of the above letter, addressed to the Auditor, be forwarded to the Local Government Board.

Signed on behalf of the Board

James McDonnell Chairman

Oct 14th 1910

Tuesday, 4th October, 1910

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman), Michael O'Shine, P. E. Carroll, John Burke, James Daly, Patrick Byrne

Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed

Paying orders were made amounting to £30.1.0, advice note to Treasurer being signed by the Chairman and Messrs M. O'Shine & P. E. Carroll.

Mr P. O'Malley, Town Inspector and Caretaker of the Town Hall, was granted on the motion of Mr Shine, seconded by Mr Daly, a month's sick leave, his son Mr Joseph O'Malley to discharge the duties in the meantime.

Ordered that the Tuam October Fair be advertised in four local weekly, four Dublin daily, and two Belfast daily newspapers.

Messrs John Shine and Thomas Dwyer were unanimously appointed as Enumerators for October Fair at the usual remuneration, £1 each per day.

A circular letter was received from Mr Raoul Joyce, Agent on the Cloran Estate, Tuam, stating that he was open to receive offers from those who propose to purchase their holdings on that estate. All lots will be sold in fee simple free of all rent. All sales must be for cash, a deposit of 25% with 3% Commission to be paid on all offers provisionally accepted. Such offers will at once be forwarded to the Directors of the Bank of Ireland for approval. In any case where an offer is not considered satisfactory by the Directors, the deposit will be forthwith returned.

Application was made by the Hibernian Fire and Insurance Co. Ltd., Dublin, for a transfer of the Board's Fire Insurance which that Co. were prepared to accept at the same rates of Premium as the Board pay at present. There should, the applicant said, be at least one general Irish Insurance Co. that the large amount of money expended on Insurances might be retained in the Country for its economic good.

Consideration adjourned to March next.

Tuam Commercial Dancing Class applied for, and were granted, the use of the Board Room for Dance practice for three nights of the week provided the Dancing Class and the Gaelic League class arrange hours so as not to clash with each other.

Messrs John Mooney Senr and John Mooney Junr, Victuallers, Vicar Street, applied for one each of the Meat Stalls that were being built in the Meat Market,

Consideration was adjourned till the stalls be built and fit for letting.

A letter was received from "The Irish News", Belfast, requesting to be favoured with a share of the Board's advertising, "that paper being the only daily published North of Dublin in the Nationalist interest, and is read in all the Northern Counties."

Ordered.

Mr Shine proposed, Mr Burke seconded, and it was passed that some Carpentry work required to be executed in Room of the Meat Market be advertised and tenders for the Contract be considered at next monthly meeting of the Board, the Clerk, in the meantime, to give particulars of the work.

A Resolution, forwarded by the Cashel Urban Council, was unanimously adopted - That in view of the enormous expense entailed on suitors in their efforts to obtain justice in the Superior Courts, we deem it in the highest degree necessary that the cheap, efficient and prompt jurisdiction of our County Courts should be extended as to enable every subject of the realm, who may so desire it, to have his cause tried there and not have him subjected to the ruinous cost of these High Courts.

Ordered that a sufficient number of men be employed on the 17th & 18th inst., to direct stock from the Fair Green to the Railway Station, by Shop St, High Street, Clawson, and Vicar Street.

Proposed by Mr Shine and seconded by Mr Daly -

"That we appoint Mr L Burke Contractor for twelve months for the repairing and cleaning of the streets from the 1st day of October 1910 at £288 per year, Mr Concanon solo to draw up agreement & County Surveyor to be satisfied as to work"

Passed unanimously.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Michael C Shine

Chairman

8th Nov 1910

Tuesday, 1st November, 1910.

There was not a quorum, only two Commissioners, Messrs M C Shine and Thomas O'Drugh, being in attendance.

Adjourned to Tuesday 8th inst. Michael C Shine Ch 8 Nov 1910

Tuesday, 8th November, 1910.

Adjourned Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs Michael C. Shine (and subsequently, James McDermott (Chairman of the Board) presiding, John Burke, Thomas McHugh, John Connelly, Francis Keane, Patrick Lyons,

Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

Paying Orders were made to the amount of £58.3.0, advice note to Treasurer being signed by Mr Shine (as Chairman), Mr Burke and Mr McHugh.

Messrs Hookwell & Sons' tender to replace the diaks of the Town clock at 12/6 was unanimously accepted.

Mr Shine proposed, Mr McDermott (Chairman) seconded, and it was unanimously passed - "That we hereby record our deep regret at the death of Mr P. McHugh, a respected, trusted and trustworthy officer of this Board for the long period of 30 years and tender to his Widow and family our sincere sympathy in their sad affliction.

Also, that the son of the deceased, Mr Joseph McHugh, be appointed to the vacancy, pro tem - for a month - at the usual remuneration, £1.1.8 per month."

There were two tenders for Carpentry work to be done at Room in the Meat Market: One from Mr David Dwyer at £7; the other from Mr Pat Dolan at £4.6.0.

Mr Dwyer's tender was accepted subject to the approval of Committee, Messrs Shine, Keane and Daly.

A Circular received from Mr William Field M.P. re "Establishing an Association for the Nationalisation of Irish Railways and Canals" was marked "read".

A letter was received from Miss Jane Connelly, Church Fields, Tuam complaining that on the October Cattle Fair Day her meeting walls were damaged by crush of Cattle driven around by the Laureen road from the Fair Green to the Railway Station.

Ordered to ascertain the amount of damage done the walls and pay same to Miss Connelly at next meeting of the Board.

The public being much inconvenienced at the Railway Crossing, Tuam, Station, by the unnecessarily long closing of the gates before and after arrival and starting of trains, the Town Clerk was directed to respectfully call the attention of Mr Miller, District Superintendent, to the matter, with a hope that he would see his way to devising means as at Athlone at a like Crossing, to remedy it.

A letter was read from Secretary, G.P.O., Dublin, stating that the closing of the Tuam Post office at 8 pm., was in accordance with the general policy of the Department as regards offices of the same class and that stamps required after Post office hours can be obtained from Mr J. McDonaghlin, Shop Street, who has taken out the necessary license.

On the motion of Mr Shine, a Committee was unanimously appointed consisting of all the members present (seven), to meet at the Town Hall on Monday 14th inst., at 12 o'clock to devise and recommend a second way of exit from the Boardroom and submit a report at the next monthly meeting of the Board.

Mr John Murphy, Toll Farmer, wrote requesting the Board to refund him expense incurred circulating bills of Fairs and Markets for twelve months and the increase in stamp duty on Lease for the Solls and Customs, 100 per cent over former years.

On the motion of Mr Shine seconded by Mr Connelly, Mr Murphy was unanimously granted £11.

Mr Shine proposed and Mr Keane seconded and it was unanimously ordered that the Room in the Meat Market be supplied with coal during the winter.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Michael C. Shine

Chairman

10th Dec 1910

Monday, 21st November, 1910.

A special meeting was held on the above date in response to a Circular from Secretary Directory United Irish League, Dublin, for the purpose of appointing Delegates to the Divisional Convention to be held for selecting a Parliamentary Candidate for North Galway at the next General Election.

Commissioners present, Messrs M.C. Shine (in the chair), Patrick Murphy, Patrick Canavan, John Connelly, Francis Keane, Patrick Byrne and J.P. McHugh.

The Delegates appointed were Messrs James McDonnell, Patrick Murphy, Patrick Lyons, and Patrick Byrne.

Signed on behalf of the Board.

6th Dec 1910

Michael C. Shine

Chairman.

Tuesday, 6th December, 1910.

Monthly Meeting:

Commissioners present, Messrs M.C. Shine (in the chair, and subsequently) James McDonnell, Francis Keane, Thomas McHugh, J.P. Carroll, John Burke, James Daly, Patrick Byrne, and Patrick Canavan.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Paying orders were made amounting to £100.7.2, advice note to Treasurer being signed by Messrs Shine (as chairman), Carroll and Burke.

A letter was read from Mr J.F. Miller, District Superintendent, G.R. & W.R. Railway, Limerick, acknowledging receipt of the Town Clerk's letter re Closing of Gates of Crossing at Tuam Station and stating the matter was having his special attention.

Mr David Dwyer was ordered payment of £4 amount of contract for Carpentry work done at Room in the Meat Market to the satisfaction of the satisfaction of Committee appointed to supervise the work, Messrs Shine, Keane & Daly.

Mr Daly proposed and Mr Keane seconded the following resolution:—

"That we the Tuam Town Commissioners earnestly appeal to the Electors of East-brook to cast their votes for the Protestant Candidate, Captain Donelan, who has been a most sincere friend to his Constituents, especially the working men, and we regret that a Contest should be forced upon him for no just cause. Copy of this resolution to be sent to the Freeman's Journal for publication."

Passed, two members dissenting, Messrs Burke and McHugh who both said they thought those parties (Messrs Donelan & O'Brien) should be left to fight their own battles without dictation from the Tuam Town Commissioners.

On the motion of Mr Shine seconded by the Chairman (Mr McDonnell) the question as to whether the office of Town Inspector and Town Hall Caretaker should be continued, and if so, what should the duties of the office be, was unanimously referred to a Committee consisting of all the Commissioners present (9) appointed to meet on Tuesday, 13th inst, at 12 o'clock three to form a quorum, the acting Inspector *pro tem*, Mr Joseph McHugh to continue till next monthly meeting discharging the duties, and to lodge on or before day of Committee meeting (13th inst) all the rents of Victuallers' stalls, and hire of Town Hall. Collected by his late father and himself since the 31st March last.

The following Committee report was read:—

"We, the undersigned members of Committee, appointed to consider the matter recommend the Town Board to have Boardroom door reversed, namely, opening out, and that the same be cut in two parts, and hinged as a folding door"

"(Signed)

"Michael C. Shine, Thomas McHugh,
"John Burke, Patrick Lyons,
"Francis Keane, John Connelly."

"Nov 14th 1910"

"We, the undersigned members of Committee recommend that a glass door be put in place, stair case be run from window near fire place in Board Room to yard underneath so that in case of necessity the public could have a second means of Egress through archway to the public street.

(Signed)

"Michael C. Shine, Patrick Lyons,
"John Burke, John Connolly."

"Nov. 14th, 1910."

On the motion of Mr Shine, seconded by Mr Byrne, it was unanimously passed that the recommendation of the Committee to reverse the Board Room door etc be carried out, the work to be done under supervision of the Committee, or by contract per advertisement should the cost exceed £2.

The other recommendation of the Committee, that an iron or a metal stair case etc be provided, was proposed by Mr Shine and seconded by Mr Burke for adoption but after some discussion it was unanimously withdrawn until the Board gets out of debt and be in funds, alteration of the Board Room door to suffice for the present.

Several applications received from Victuallors for the four new stalls, in course of building, were referred to the Committee appointed to meet on the 13th inst., as was also an application from holders of four old stalls to have badly required repairs done to said old stalls, the Committee to report their observations thereon to the Board at next monthly meeting.

Mr Hugh MacHugh, caretaker of the Board's Ladders, reported that Stephen Corcoran, of the Bridge, Shop Street, though asked several times to return one of the Board's Ladders given him on hire, had not yet done so.

Ordered that the Board's solicitor, Mr Henry Concanon, be instructed to write to Stephen Corcoran to return the ladder.

The Clerk submitted a statement of rents of Victuallors' stalls and hire of Town Hall accrued due, and collected by Mr Joseph M. Hugh, Inspector etc pro tem and his late father, Mr B. M. Hugh, up to and ending 31st December 1910:

Rents of Victuallors' stalls	£12.10.0
Hire of Town Hall	£9.15.0

£22.5.0

Collected by Mr Joseph M. Hugh Insp etc, pro tem
and his father the late Mr B. M. Hugh according
to statement of the former — £18.6.0

Collected by Mr M. Donnell and lodged with Treasurer	£2.0.0	£20.6.0
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Uncollected according to Mr M. Hugh's statement, £1.19.0

Due by French Bros	£1.8.0
John Hopkins	4.0
John Hopkins	3.0
Patrick O'Connor	4.0

A letter was read from Tean Gas Co enclosing a bill for 11 months' Gas to 1st Nov last supplied by meter to Room in Meat Market, £4.0.4, which those using the Room refused to pay

The Board unanimously agreed to pay the bill in question.

A letter was read from Mrs M. Hugh acknowledging receipt of the Board's resolution of sympathy and condolence with her and her family on the death of her husband, Mr B. M. Hugh, late Town Inspector etc.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Jan. 14th 1911.

Chairman.

January Bkd, 1911.

Tuesday, 3rd January, 1911.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman) Michael C Shine, Patrick Lyons, Michael C Hooty, John Burke, Thomas M'Shugh Patrick Murphy, Francis Keane.

Also present, Mr J J Blake M.I.C.E.

Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed

Paying orders were made amounting to £106.19.1, advice notice to Treasurer being signed by the Chairman, Messrs Shine and Burke.

Following report submitted by Committee was read:-

"We the undersigned members of Committee recommend that Mr Blake, Engineer, be asked to give a plan and specification for two additional Meat Stalls in continuation of present ones, recently erected, with a gate adjoining Fire Station; that the corner of Old Meat Stalls be rounded, adjoining Circular Road; that footpath be continued along Old Meat Stalls; and that Engineer be asked to inspect and specify for repairs necessary to old Stalls.

"And as to the question of Town Inspector, we recommend to adjourn the subject to February monthly meeting 1911, the present Inspector to continue meantime in office to discharge duties

"(Signed) James McDonnell, Chairman; James Daly,
"P B Carroll, Thomas M'Shugh, Patrick
"Byrne, Francis Keane, Michael C Shine."

"December 13, 1910

Mr Shine proposed and the Chairman seconded that the report be adopted.

Passed unanimously.

Subsequently, it was unanimously passed that a third stall be built taking up the front part of the Fire Station, and that a gate be erected at about the middle, instead of at the end, of the row of stalls.

Ordered to advertise for a contractor, tenders to be received and considered at next monthly meeting of the Board.

An address was read from Mr Farrell McDonnell of Dummore to the Electors of North Galway as a Parliamentary Candidate for the Division should Mr Hazleton elect to sit as M.P. for North Louth.

Mr Shine said it was probable Mr Hazleton would sit for North Galway and there would be no election. Mr McDonnell, no doubt, was really a local man and an able one but until matters develop but it would be better to adjourn the subject.

Mr Murphy suggests adjourning it to next monthly meeting.

Adjourned accordingly.

Application was read from Tuam Commercial Young Men's Dancing Class for use of the Boardroom for their annual Dance on the night of the 21st inst.

Granted unanimously.

A letter was read from another class, the Tuam Young Men's Dancing Class, for use of the Boardroom on two nights a week for the purpose of holding practice dances.

Consideration adjourned to Tuesday, 10th inst.

Miss Jane Connolly Church Fields forwarded application for £4 for damage alleged to have been done her walls by Cattle Driven from the Fair Green by the Claurreen road to Railway station on October Fair Day.

The Chairman said that their Sob, Mr Concanon, had informed him the Board was not responsible for the alleged damage in question.

Application refused.

A letter was read from Mr J. F. Miller District Superintendent Gt S^r & W^r Ry stating "that following his letter of the 5th Dec, 1910, he had since visited Tuam and inquired into cause of complaint and gave instructions to men responsible for the working to see that no unnecessary delay takes place to vehicle traffic at the Crossing gates, Tuam, which, he is satisfied, will have the desired effect."

The Clerk was directed to write to Mr Miller stating there was yet no improvement perceptible and that the Board failed to see why the gates could not be made open automatically at Tuam as at other stations

Adjourned to Tuesday, 10th inst.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Jas. McDonnell.

Chairman.

Feb 7, 1911.

Tuesday, 10th January, 1911.

Adjourned Meeting:

Commissioners present, Messrs Michael C Shine (in the chair; subsequently,) James McDonnell, Patrick Lyons, John Burke, M C Hosty, P B Carroll, Patrick Murphy, James Daly.

A letter was read from Tuam Young Men's Dancing Class for use of the Boardroom on two nights of the week for the purpose of holding practice dances.

Friday

Granted, ~~Thursday~~ night during the passing season the Gaelic League not requiring it presently for meetings. The application came late to make the class a better provision this time.

On the motion of Mr Daly the clerk was directed to ascertain from the Board's ~~Chairman~~ ^{Solr} Mr Henry ~~Shannon~~ ^{Connamon} whether the Board can Compell householders living in Tuam to keep footpaths and ~~parings~~ ^{parings} swept and clean along their dwellings

Signed on behalf of the Board

James McDonnell

Chairman

(Form No 8.)

Notice of Result of Election

Town of Tuam

Election of Commissioners for the Town of Tuam in the year, 1911.

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

Patrick Edward Carroll	High street, Tuam,	Merchant,
Patrick Lyons	Shop st., Tuam,	Merchant,
James McDonnell	Waterlode, Tuam,	Merchant,
Patrick Murphy	Shop street, Tuam,	Merchant,
Michael Cornelius Shine	Vicar street, Tuam	Auctioneer

Dated this 16th day of January, 1911.

John Glynn,

Returning Officer.

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

P E Carroll

Made and subscribed before me
this 23rd day of January 1911
John Glynn
Town Clerk.

I, Patrick Lyons, having been elected Commissioner for the Town of Tuam, hereby declare that I take said office on myself, and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment & ability

Patrick Lyons

Made and subscribed before me
this 23rd day of January, 1911
John Glynn
Town Clerk

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

James McDonnell

Made and subscribed before me
this 23rd day of January 1911
John Glynn
Town Clerk

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

Patrick Murphy

Made before me & subscribed,
this 23rd day of January 1911
John Glynn
Town Clerk

I, Michael Cornelius Shine, having been elected Commissioner for the Town of Tuam, hereby declare that I take on myself the said office 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 1911
M. John Glynn
Town Clerk } Michael C. Shine

I, James M. Donnell, having been elected Chairman of the Tuam Town Commissioners, hereby declare that I take on myself the said office 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 1911 } James M. Donnell

Monday, 23rd January, 1911.

Election of Chairman.

The annual Statutory meeting was held on the above date for the purpose of electing a chairman for ensuing year.

Commissioners present, Mess James M. Donnell (in the chair), Michael C. Shine, Michael C. Hosty, P. Carroll, John Burke, Patrick Canavan, Michael Foggins, P. Byrne, J. Daly, John Cunnelly, Francis Keane.

Mr Michael C. Shine proposed, and Mr James Daly seconded that Mr James M. Donnell (outgoing chairman) be re-elected.

Passed unanimously.

The Chairman having declared himself elected, read and signed his declaration as Chairman.

And then the Meeting separated.

Signed on behalf of the Board.

James M. Donnell. Chairman
February 7th 1911

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Tuesday, 7th February, 1911.

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board), Mr Shine, P. E. Carroll, Patrick Murphy, J. A. Glynn Ret. Solr; John Burke, Patrick Lyons, Francis Keane, James Daly, Patrick Canavan, Patrick Byrne, Mr C. Kesty, Michael Higgins, Thomas M. Hugh.

Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

Paying orders were made to the amount of £63.14.8, advice note to Treasurer being signed by the Chairman, Mr Keane, and Mr Canavan.

There were three tenders for contract to build three additional Meat Halls in continuation of ones recently built in Vicar Street with an iron gate entrance to yard at back and with alterations and repairs of Old stalls and making a footpath in front of the latter, all to be done according to plans and specifications of Mr J. D. Blake, Engineer; viz:- Tender from Mr Tobias M. Hugh, Clonberne, at £212; tender from Mr David Dwyer, at £195; and tender from Messrs H. F. & E. McNally, Cookstown, Co Tyrone at £180.

There being no estimate of the work, consideration of the tenders was adjourned to that day week, 14th inst in order to get an estimate from the Engineer, Mr J. D. Blake.

Miss Connolly, Churchfields, applied again for compensation for damage alleged to have been done the boundary wall of her fields by cattle driven from the Fair Green around by the Clareen road to the Railway Station last October cattle Fair Day.

Ordered that she be given the same reply as before viz: That the Board, not being liable, refused her application.

Juan (Artizano) Dancing Class applied for and was granted the use of the Board room for their all-night dance on 25th Feb instant.

Question as to appointing a permanent Town Inspector in room of the late Mr B. M. Hugh was adjourned to that day week, 14th inst., for report of Committee as to what should be the duties of the office of Town Sergeant or Inspector.

Ordered to advertise the March Fair in the usual Dublin and Belfast Daily and provincial weekly newspapers.

Ordered also to advertise the annual contract for scavenging, tenders to be considered at next monthly meeting.

Consideration of Mr Farrell McDonnell's Parliamentary Election address to the Electors of North Galway was adjourned pending result of the North South Election petition and whether Mr Hazelton would take his seat as M.P. for North Galway.

The Board adjourned to Tuesday 14th inst.

Signed on behalf of the Board.

March 7th 1911

J. M. McDonnell

Chairman.

Tuesday, 14th ^{February} March 1911.

Adjourned Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board) Mr Shine, Patrick Lyons, Thomas M. Hugh, John Burke, Patrick Canavan, Patrick Byrne.

There were three tenders for contract to build three new Meat Halls and repair four old ones etc from Mr Tobias M. Hugh, at £212; Mr David Dwyer, at £195; and Messrs H. F. & E. McNally at £180.

Estimate furnished by Mr J. D. Blake Engineer was £150.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Shine, the tender of Messrs McNally was unanimously accepted.

Question as to appointing a permanent Town Inspector in room of the late Mr B. M. Hugh was further adjourned to next May monthly meeting, Mr Joseph M. Hugh to continue acting as Inspector pro tem till then at the usual remuneration of £1.1.8 per month.

Ordered that Mr David Dwyer be allowed 5% for painting portion of the Board room door.

Signed on behalf of the Board

March 7, 1911.

J. M. McDonnell.

Chairman.

Tuesday, 7th March, 1911.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board), M.C. Shive, James Daly, Patrick Murphy, F. Keane, P.B. Carroll, P. Lyons, J. Burke, and J. Canavan.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Paying orders were made to the amount of £67.12.3, advice note to Treasurer being signed by the Chairman, Mr. Shive and Mr. Burke.

John Lalor's tender, the only one received, for the annual Scavenging contract was unanimously accepted: Amount £16.12.0.

The Athlone Urban Council forwarded for adoption a resolution protesting against the action of Railway Companies in trying to have their premises valued as the line whilst in their opinion they should be valued as buildings.

Adopted unanimously.

Mr. Canavan proposed, Mr. Carroll seconded, and it was unanimously passed -
"That the Chairman of the Town Commissioners be requested to call a meeting of the people of Tuam for the purpose of re-inaugurating the annual Collection for the Parliamentary Fund".

A letter was read from the Tuam Artizans Dancing Class thanking the Board for allowing them the use of the Town Hall for their all night dance.

The Hibernian Fire Insurance Co applied for a transfer to them of their the Board's policy of Insurance.

Mr. Murphy proposed and Mr. Canavan seconded and it was unanimously passed that the insurance be not changed from the Company that has it, viz. the Patriotic Assurance Co, Dublin.

The Pig Buyers Association wrote asking the Commissioners to prevent pigs being sold and bought at live weight scales in the town except on fair days.

Marked "read".

Secretary, Second Road Congress wrote inviting a representative of the Commissioners to the Congress, which was to be held in Dublin on the 19th, 20th & 21st April prox.

Mr. Moran, County Surveyor, was deputed to represent the Commrs at the Congress.

The Town Inspector pro tem, Mr. Joseph McHugh, presented for payment a bill of items amounting to £1.19.0 paid an account of the Board by his late father, Mr. Bill McHugh while acting as Town Inspector.

Payment ordered.

Mr. J. G. Blake M.T.C.E. wrote recommending that Mr. Tobias McSmith be paid balance of his contract for building four butchers' stalls:

Amount of Contract	£108.0.0
Extra work done	£ 3.10.0
Total	£111.10.0
Deduct work not done	7.0.0
	£104.10.0
<u>Paid</u>	£100.0.0
Balance	£ 4.10.0

The Balance, £4.10.0, was ordered to be paid.

A report as to the sanitary condition of the rear of the Town Hall was submitted by the acting Town Inspector was adjourned to next monthly meeting for consideration.

The Town Clerk received from the Galway Co. Council on the 18th Feb last a paying order for £30 on account of Tuam Streets Contract and handed same on the 27th Feb to Mr. Laurence Burke, Contractor.

Estimate for some repairs to Fire Station from Michael Burke Carpenter, amount £1.5.0 was referred to Messrs. Shive, Keane & Lyons who were referred to Mr. with power to get work done if they approve of same.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Chairman

J. G. Blake

Tuesday, 4th April 1911.

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners present, Messrs. James M^cDonnell (in the Chair),
Mr. C. Shine, John Burke, Patrick Lyons, Patrick Murphy, Francis Keane, & Patrick Byrne.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Paying orders were made amounting to £40.1.3, advice note to Treasurer being signed by the Chairman, [Mr. M^cDonnell], Michael C. Shine and Patrick Murphy.

Mr. Lawrence Burke Road Contractor, appeared before the Board and complained that fish dealers were causing him trouble by employing brine from their barrels on the public streets and thereby creating a nuisance which he is bound to sweep and remove.

Mr. Joseph M^cHugh, Acting Town Inspector, said that he had frequently ordered the fish dealers in question to take their carts and barrels to the fish market and they did not heed him.

The matter having been discussed, the Chairman suggested, and it was so decided, that for ^{future} consideration of the matter be adjourned until the May Meeting, the Acting Town Inspector, in the meantime, to warn the fish vendors to have their fish etc. removed from the streets to the fish shambles, and also to ask the shop-keepers to discontinue their habit of putting their goods on the footpaths. An application was read from the Tuam Amateur Dramatic Society for use of Hall for a play and a notice on behalf of the Board. Permission was granted.

Mr. Murphy proposed, and the Chairman seconded the following, which was unanimously adopted —

"That we, Tuam Town Commissioners, request the Post-Master General to extend the Telephone Service to the Town of Tuam".

The Acting Inspector reported that the sewer at rear of town hall was out of order, that a new patent sewer trap was required to take away the sewage, and a paved or concrete channel to drain off the waste water.

On the suggestion of Mr. Murphy, Messrs. Shine, Keane & Burke were appointed a committee to see to the matter.

The Roads Solicitor was directed to recover possession from French No. 23. 0. 0 being due to the town.

Mr. Keane proposed & Mr. Byrne seconded the following which was unanimously passed. —

"That we, the Town Commissioners of Tuam, call the attention of the Local Government Board to the scandalous condition of the sewage on the Dublin Road, where the workhouse closets empty themselves, which is most objectionable being the portion of the town which the people most frequent and being dangerous to the public health."

Signed on behalf of the Board

May 2nd 1911.

Michael C. Shine

Chairman

Tuesday, 2nd May, 1911.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs James M^cDonnell (in the Chair),
Michael C. Shine (Chairman), J. A. Glynn, Patrick Lyons, John Burke
and Patrick Byrne.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Paying Orders were ^{made} amounting to £27.14.0, advice note to Treasurer being signed by the Chairman (Mr. Shine), J. A. Glynn and Patrick Byrne.

Messrs John Shine and Thomas Dyre were appointed Enumerators as usual for the May Fair.

H. French appeared before the Board about the rent due by him for portion of Meat Market and stated he would try and pay the amount if he got a month's time but the Board decided to leave the matter in Mr. Keane's hands.

It was decided to consider the advisability of building a house for the town plumber at the back of Meat Market.

Signed on behalf of the Board
J. M. M^cDonnell Chairman

13th June 1911.

Thursday, 11th May, 1911

A Special Meeting.

A special meeting was held on above day according to the following requisition:

To Mr John Glynn

Town Clerk, Tuam,

Tuam, May 8th, 1911.

"We, the undersigned request you to convene a special meeting of the Town Commissioners for Thursday next 11th inst at 12 O'Clock, noon, for the purpose of issuing paying order for £100 in favour of Messrs McKay and McTully, contractors of Meat Stalls as certified by Mr Blake Engineer

(Signed) Michael C Shine J.C.,

" Mr. M. Hugh, J.C.,

" Francis Keane, J.C.,

" M. Higgins, J.C.,

" J. Burke, J.C.,

Members present: Messrs M C Shine (in the chair), J Keane, John Connolly, Michael Higgins, P Byrne, J Burke, and P Carroll, advice note to Treasurer being signed by the Chairman (Mr James McDonnell)

Paying orders were issued on certificate of Mr Blake Engineer for £100 and £50, for stalls at meat market, advice note to Treasurer being signed by the Chairman (Mr James McDonnell), M C Shine and Francis Keane.

It was resolved by the Board to issue advertisement inviting proposals from parties as tenants for these stalls at next monthly meeting.

Michael Kelly Kenny and John Hession were ordered: the first, to remove a manure heap from the Potato Market, and the second, to stop sewage from his premises (and raise wall) to the said Potato Market

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Mr. McDonnell.

Chairman

13th June 1911

Tuesday, 23rd May, 1911.

A special meeting was held on above date.

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman), Michael C Shine, Patrick Murphy, Patrick Murphy, Francis Keane, P Carroll, Patrick Byrne, and John Burke.

A letter was read from County Surveyor stating that Granger Brothers could start steam-rolling on a fortnight's notice at the rate of 6^s 6^d per ton including all from quarry to the street, the Commissioners only providing a man to measure the quantity supplied by them.

Mr William Burke^{BL}, representative of the Road Contractors, Mr Laurence Burke, was in attendance.

Chairman - Gentlemen, what I suggest to you is this. We have entered into a sub-contract with Mr Burke to keep in repair the streets of the town until Oct 1911. If we make this contract with Granger Bros. for the steam-rolling of the town we will require some one to do the street sweeping and watering and keeping the lanes of the town in order, ^{which} because we omit at the present time purpose steam-rolling. Now, if Mr Burke is agreeable to do all that the County Surveyor specifies and to his satisfaction, I would propose that Mr Burke be paid the full amount that would be coming to him for keeping the streets in repair until contract we have made with him is finished.

Mr Burke BL - I quite understand and I am agreeable to that.

Mr Murphy - There is another point which Mr Shine mentioned about watering the streets.

Mr Burke BL - I don't object to that.

The Chairman's proposition was unanimously carried.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Mr. McDonnell, Chairman

13th June 1911

Tuesday, 13th June, 1911.

Adjourned meeting.

The monthly meeting adjourned from the 6th was held on above date

The Commissioners present were Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board), M. C. Shine, P. Murphy, P. Carroll, P. Lyons, J. McHugh, J. Burke, Patrick Canavan, P. Byrne and J. Daly,

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Paying orders were made amounting to £44-10-0 signed by the Chairman £185-1-0 advice note to the Treasurer being signed by the Chairman and Messrs Michael C. Shine and Patrick Murphy.

A resolution forwarded by the Galway Re Galway as a transatlantic port was unanimously adopted on the proposition of Mr Shine seconded by Mr McHugh.

The resignation of Joseph McHugh as Town Steward and Caretaker of Town Hall was accepted.

The Clerk was directed to place on agenda for next meeting a report from Dr. J. B. Costello which pointed out that in the new stalls recently erected by the Town Commissioners animals were occasionally slaughtered rendering them unsanitary.

It was decided to consider at the same time (the same meeting) erection of a public urinal at the rear of the new stalls.

A resolution of sympathy with the Parents of the students who were drowned, ^{at Ballygaddy bridge} recently was passed on the proposition of Mr Daly and seconded by Mr Shine.

The Board adjourns to that day week, 20th inst.

Signed on behalf of the Board

14th July 1911

(Mr. McDonnell)

Chairman

Tuesday, 20th June, 1911.

Adjourned meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs Michael C. Shine (in the chair), James Daly, John Burke, P. Carroll, P. Byrne, P. Canavan

Messrs H. F. and E. McNally were ordered payment of £30 balance of Contract for building new stalls & repairing old ones, and £12-7-0 for extra works as certified by the Engineer, Mr J. J. Blake, viz:— Ladder shed, £3; extra slating on roofs, £2; windows supplied £2; painting old doors and brick jambs £2; plastering on Harty's wall, £1-7-0; and new channels from down pipes £2. Total £42-7-0. Advice note to Treasurer being signed by the Chairman, James Daly and P. Byrne.

A letter from Dr. J. B. Costello forwarded by the Tuam District Council and approved from the last meeting of the Board was read "that there has been erected in the Town of Tuam by the Commissioners several meat stalls and he understood animals were occasionally slaughtered there. This is most unsanitary. Many of the slaughter houses are bad and he thought the time had come for the Council to erect a public slaughter house, it would not cost much and ought to be self-supporting and no expense on the rates."

Mr Daly proposed and Mr Carroll seconded the following resolution which was passed unanimously — "The Commissioners beg to inform the District Council that they approve of Dr. Costello's recommendation to have a slaughter house and public urinals erected in the Town of Tuam and they are willing to point out the necessary sites for the purpose."

There were several applications for the new stalls but only three had fully complied with the condition of the advertisement, viz those received from Messrs Paddy O'Connor, Patrick John Hopkins ^{of Galway} and John Mooney, Senr. each having lodged £1-6-0 as security, and the applications were accepted, the applicants to sign agreement in the office of the Board, Solicitor, Mr Concanon.

Ordered that the unset stalls, then be again advertised for letting.

It was ordered to write to Mr Patrick O'Connor for rent of stall occupied by John O'Connor if the latter did not pay on or before the 4th of July the amount due (£1-7-0) on 27th May.

John Hopkins paid 10^s for stall occupied by him, leaving £1-1-0 due 27th May, which he promised to pay on 10th July.

French Bros. paid on a/c of rent due £2, leaving £2-0-6 due on 17th June proceedings to be stayed until next meeting of the Board.

Thomas Hopkins paid for two stalls up to 27th May £2-1-0; the balance a shilling being paid by Mr Joseph McHugh, Collector.

Signed on behalf of the Board

(Mr. McDonnell) Chairman

August 1st 1911

Tuesday, 4th July, 1911.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board) Michael C. Shine, Patrick Murphy, Patrick Ryan, Francis Keane, Patrick Byrne, John Burke, J. McHugh, P. E. Carroll, James Daly and John Connolly.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Paying orders were made amounting to £47.10.9 advice note to the Treasurer being signed by the Chairman, P. Murphy, and Tomás Mac Soda (Thomas McHugh).

John Moran's tender for one of the stalls in Meat Market was accepted at 4/0 per week, being accompanied with £1.6.0 as required security.

It was ordered to re-advertise for letting remaining three stalls.

Proposed by Mr John Burke and seconded by Mr Patrick Carroll that the French Bros. having paid 10/- on a/c of rent due and undertaken to pay remainder by 10/- a month together with current rent, the future rent be a shilling per week from present date.

Passed Unanimously

It was ordered that after next Saturday, 8th July, the Board's Solicitor Mr Concanon be asked to collect rent of stalls of the Meat Market.

Mr Shine's motion to consider the advisability of issuing advertisement for position of Town Inspector was on the motion of the Chairman adjourned to next monthly meeting until the clerk submits to the Board a list of all the officers with their respective salaries.

Proposed by Mr P. Murphy, seconded by Mr James Daly, and unanimously passed—

"That we, the Tuam Town Commissioners, desire to enter our protest against the refusal of the Great Southern and Western Railway Company to afford facilities for special excursions into and out of the town of Tuam which would be beneficial to the people of Tuam, and we are of opinion that the combination entered into by the Great Western Railway Co. and the Great Southern & Western Railway Co is injurious to the people of the Town and District, and that the matter should be brought before Parliament."

"That copies of this resolution be sent to Mr John Redmond M.P., Mr William Field M.P. and Mr Joseph Devlin, M.P."

On the motion of Mr Shine the clerk was directed to again call the attention of the ~~Board~~ Great Southern & Western Railway to the unsatisfactory manner in which the gates of the Crossing ^{at Tuam Station} are being attended to. The Board consider that the gates should be opened and closed by automatic machinery and thus prevent the great inconvenience at present caused to the public. If the Company do not immediately take steps to carry out this recommendation they (Board) are determined to bring the matter before the Board of Trade.

The clerk submitted a list of the Tuam Fairs for year 1912 which was ~~forwarded~~ unanimously adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the Almanack for insertion, Signed on behalf of the Board.

Jas. McKeown, Chairman.

Aug 1st 1911

Tuesday, 1st August, 1911.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board)
Michael C. Shine, Patrick Murphy, James Daly, Patrick Canavan, John Burke,
Patrick Lyons, Patrick E. Carroll, Patrick Byrne, and Francis Keane.

Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

Paying orders were made amounting to £37.53 ~~£44.15.3~~ advice note to Treasurer
being signed by Mr McDonnell (Chairman), Michael C. Shine, & Francis Keane.

The following correspondence was read:-

"House of Commons,
" 24th July, 1911.

"Dear Sir,
I am directed by Mr. Redmond to acknowledge receipt of your letter
of the 14th inst., the contents of which he has duly noted and which will have
his attention.
Yours very truly
" J. J. Hanna"

"John Glynn Esq."

"Blackrock, Co. Dublin,
" 27th July, 1911.

"Dear Sir,
Thanks for yours to hand which I have forwarded to the Department
of Agriculture. With best wishes,
Truly yours
"William Field."

A letter was read from the Local Government Board requesting to be informed
whether the provisions of the Public Libraries Act (Ireland) have been adopted by the Tuam
Town Commissioners.

The Clerk was directed to reply that the Commissioners had not adopted the
provisions of the Act referred to. They would first require particulars of the Act.

A letter was read from the Great Southern Railway Co. acknowledging letter in
reference to Railway Co. acknowledging letter in reference to Railway Crossing Gates
which shall have the Company's attention.

The Board decided to adjourn the question, that a Town Steward be appointed,
to the next monthly meeting of the Board, the Clerk in the meantime to forward to each
member a list of the present officers and their salaries.

The following tender was read from the Tuam Gas Company:-

"Gas Works, Tuam, 1st August, 1911.

"Gentlemen - I beg respectfully to recommend that the lamp posts in the town should
be painted as it has not been done for a number of years and they require painting
badly.
Yours respectfully,

"Frank Browne
for Manager."

To the Tuam Town Commissioners.

"Gentlemen - In response to your advertisement inviting tenders for the Public
and the supply of Gas to Town Hall, Town Clerk's office, and Town Clock. We beg
to submit the following as our tender: To supply with gas, light and extinguish
all the public lamps from the 1st of September 1911 until the 10th of May 1912 from
one hour after sunset until 11 o'clock, except 8 lamps which will be left lighted
on all dark nights throughout the year, 43 of the lamps to be charged for at the
rate of £2.7.6 each, and the remainder, 4, viz 2 in the church ground and two
on the Cathedral Road at £1.10.0 each per year. The Cathedral Road lamps to be
lighted on the nights of Saturday and Sunday, and if required for any special devotions
on any night throughout the year on notice being to us by the Parish Clerk. The
Parish Clerk to extinguish same on all occasions. We propose to supply to light the
Town Clock Deals for the sum of £10 per year. The clock to be lighted from
one hour after sunset until one hour after daybreak on all nights throughout
the year. The supply of Gas to the Town Hall, Town Clerk's office, Fire Station
and Meat Market to be by meter, and charged for at the rate of six shillings per
1000 cubic feet.

(Signed,) "The Tuam Gas Company
" J. P. F. Browne.

"1st August 1911."

"We agree to paint lamps, posts and pillars with two (2) coats of
oxide of Iron Paint for the sum of Five pounds (£5), and include railing of
Town Cross for the price.

(Signed) "For Tuam Gas Company
" J. P. F. Browne

"1st August, 1911."

The Tender was referred to a Committee consisting of Messrs Murphy, Shine,
and Daly.

The Quinlan International Musical Agency, 318 Regent Street London per
Henry B. Phillips, applied for use of the Town Hall for the 1st Nov next for
a Concert.

Granted, charge per night to be 12/6 including Gas.

A letter was read as follows from the Hon. Sec. Catholic Temperance Society:
Tuam, July 29th, 1911.

"Dear Sir, -
The Committee of the Catholic Temperance Society have under
consideration the question of the erection of a Ball Court for Tuam, and I am directed
to ask you to ascertain from the Town Commissioners if they would be willing to lend
their kind co-operation in the matter. The difficulty with which my Committee is
faced is that of procuring a site suitable to the project. It is possible I believe
to procure a site on outlying portion of the town, but the objection is raised that it
is not sufficiently central, and that a Ball Court erected on a site not convenient
to the centre of the town would probably not be successful as we should desire. It
has been suggested that there may be a possibility of obtaining from the Town Commissioners
a site on that portion of their property known as "the Turf Market" and I am directed to
ask you to ascertain from the Commissioners whether portion thereof could possibly be granted
to the Temperance Society for the purpose of erecting a Ball Court for the young men

of the Town. I need not enlarge on the necessity that exists for a Poll Court in Tuam and we therefore confidently anticipate that the Town Commissioners will render every assistance which lies in their power so that the project may be helped to materialise.

I am, Sir,

Respectfully yours

Thomas Fadel

New Sec, Cath. Temp. Society,

Tuam.

To Mr John Glynn Esq.
Town Clerk, Tuam.

After some discussion the letter was referred to the Committee above appointed viz: Messrs Murphy, Shine & Daly.

The following resolution received from the Blackrock Town Council was unanimously adopted:

"That we the Urban District Council of Blackrock, strongly approve of the State Insurance Bill introduced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer. We believe that this proposed Bill will afford the greatest benefit to the worker and wage earner of this country that has yet been contemplated. We further clearly recognise that the Bill must be amended so as to suit the requirements of the worker and farmer in the Rural District of Ireland. We have confidence in the Irish Parliamentary Party getting such amendment inserted"

A lengthy resolution passed by the Limerick Corporation in furtherance of the claim of the Evicted tenants of Ireland for the introduction of Amending Bill for redress of their grievances was unanimously passed.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board returning paying order for £4.5.0 for audit of the Commissioners' accounts because it was not stamped and requesting that a stamped order for the amount be transmitted to them.

Ordered.

A letter was read from occupiers of some Meats Halls protesting against what they termed a "double-barrelled" procedure contained from Mr Henry Concanon, solicitor for rent & costs of the stalls.

The Board decided to take no action on the letter as the matter referred to was in their solicitor's hands.

Signed on behalf of the Board

J. W. McNeill

Chairman

5th Sept 1911

Tuesday, 8th August, 1911.

Adjourned Meeting.

Commissioners present Messrs M. C. Shine (in the chair), James Daly, John Burke, Patrick Murphy, Patrick Byrne, Thomas McHugh, Francis Keane and Patrick Canavan.

Mr Shine's motion to consider the advisability of issuing advertisement for position of Town Sergeant being adjourned to the Sept monthly meeting, Messrs James M. Donnell, M. C. Shine, John Burke, Patrick Canavan, James Daly, Patrick Murphy and Thomas McHugh were appointed as Committee to meet on 15th inst. to consider the officers' salaries which are as follows: -

Clark, £50; Coroner, £35; Assistant Coroner, £20; Town Sergeant £13; Treasurer, £10; Cartaker of Potato Market and Town Saddles £4; Bill Pater £4; Cartaker of Fish Market, £2; Two Enumerators, £6 each; Election Returning officer, £5; if there is a contest £10.

The following report by Committee was read and considered: -

To Mr John Glynn, Town Clerk:

"We, the undersigned being members of the Committee of the Town Board, appointed for the purpose, recommend acceptance of Gas Company with the following fifteen to be all-night lamps, lighted if convenient with incandescent burners viz: Whyte's corner, Potato Market, M. Donnell's Corner, St. Thompson's, The Square, Cathedral Gate, Hancock's corner, Galway Road (Connolly's), Tenby Road, Cloran's, Shop St., Waterslade Place, The Presbytery, Fair Green, Tullinadaly road; Silk's, Bishop Street; Gurrane's Road. That sites of lamps on Palace Wall, Bishop Street, and Mercy Convent Dublin Road be changed to those pointed out by us to Gas Manager. That a lamp be erected and lighted at Cross road, Dublin road, so as to give much needed light to travellers, that the lamp posts and bracket be painted, also railings of Town Cross with two coats of Oxide paint (Green), the Gas Company agreeing to include same in their Contract for amount not to exceed £5. That 40 feet of leather hose be procured from Morrison & Sons, and one 40 feet ^{light} fire ladder from Galway. That the letter of the Temperance Society applying for a site for a Ball Alley in Potato Market be favourably considered provided Applicants get Consents of landlords and occupiers of houses at here

(Signed)

P. Murphy

Michael C. Shine

James Daly

Dated, August 4th, 1911.

Mr Keane objected to erecting and lighting a lamp at Cross roads, Dublin road.

Mr. Browne, Gas Manager, in reply to a member said that laying down pipes to lamp to the point indicated would cost at least £15 (fifteen pounds).

Mr. Murphy, one of the Committee, said that he had not been aware that erecting the lamp would be so costly when he was signing the report.

The question put to a poll there voted for erecting the lamp, Messrs Burke, Daly and the chairman (3). Against, Messrs McHugh, Byrne, Canavan, and Keane (4). Mr Murphy declined to vote.

The whole report of the Committee was adopted with the exception of the Camp proposed for Dublin Road Cross road.

The Toll Farmer, Mr John Murphy appeared before the Board suggesting that two days be given the September fair as the man as the man who has sheep at the fair cannot have cattle at it if there is but one day for both.

It was agreed to adopt the suggestion for the next fair as an experiment.

A letter was read from Town Tenants League, Dublin, requesting the Board to appoint delegates to annual Convention of the League to be held in the City Hall Dublin on 23rd inst.

Messrs M.C. Shine and Francis Keane were appointed delegates to the Anniversary Convention.

The following letter was read and discussed from Secretary Great Southern and Western Railway, Kingbridge Dublin :-

"In further reference to your letter of the 18th ultimo regarding the gate crossing near Tuam station I beg to say that I have had the matter looked into, and it appears that no unnecessary delays are caused to road traffic at the place. Our people have strict instructions that the gates are to be opened to the road as soon after the passing of trains as possible. The working of the gates from the signal cabin as suggested would not afford any appreciable saving of time in opening and closing the gates."

After some discussion on the subject, it was agreed that the statement as to the unnecessary delays was untrue, and the letter on the whole most unsatisfactory; and the Commissioners feeling the great necessity of protecting the interests of the people against the railway Company unanimously decided to commit the Board's vote with a view to immediately bring the matter before the Board of Trade.

The returns supplied by Contractors for steam rolling the Town from Ardgaunon to Fahy's Corner 351 tons of stones having been laid before the Board, it was agreed that the Contractors be requested to steam roll to Railway station and then Mr Daly, Mr Shine and others suggesting that Circular Road be steam rolled,

It was agreed to steam roll Circular Road, same to be done after the road to Railway so as to have same completed before the Races.

Mr Shine was directed to inform the Contractors of this order.

A lengthy resolution passed by the Limerick Corporation in furtherance of the claim of the private tenants of Ireland for the introduction of amending for freedom of their grievances was read

A letter was received from Messrs Thomas, McDonnell & Son Galway stating they would supply ladders as per list carriage paid less 15 per cent discount.

No order.

Signed on behalf of the Board *Jas. J. Donnell.*

Chairman

5th September 1911

Tuesday, 5th September, 1911.

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman), Michael C. Shine, John Burke, James Daly, Patrick Murphy, Michael Liggins, P. Carrill, John Connelly, Patrick Byrne, Thomas McHugh, J. A. Glynn B.A. Sobr.; Patrick Conason, Francis Keane and Patrick Lyons.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Paying orders were made amounting to £41.11.7, advice note to Treasurer being signed by Mr. McDonnell (Chairman), Michael C. Shine and P. Murphy.

Mr. John Murphy, Tall Garmer, tendered for the tolls and Customs for the next three years £630 per year, giving as his sureties Messrs Henry Concanan Sobr, The Grove, Tuam and Mr. Michael Farrell the Mills Tuam.

Accepted Unanimously.

Miss Mabel Kelly, tendered to publish in Tuam Herald all advertisements required by the Board for twelve months for the sum of £12, and to do all the printing required by the Board for twelve months (except crane tickets) for the sum of £10, offering as her sureties for both contracts Messrs Michael Heron and Patrick Bradley, both of Tuam.

Accepted Unanimously.

It was unanimously ordered - "That the Clerk be directed to request the people of the Town to discontinue putting out daily their goods on the footpaths or roads of the Town as they have been doing and, should they fail to comply, that a by-law be passed compelling them to do so."

Motion to consider the advisability of issuing advertisement for position of Town Sergeant was adjourned to Wednesday 13th inst, the Committee, appointed to consider the question, to meet before then and send in a report.

There being no tender for any of the stalls to be let in the Meat Market it was agreed to re-advertise them.

An application was read from Mr. Harry R. French as follows: "As I may often require the use of the Workshop late at night, I would feel very grateful if the Board would see their way to grant me a duplicate key for gate leading to Workshop and I will be careful that I will it locked regularly."

Refused Unanimously.

Mr. McDonnell, at this stage, vacated the chair and left the Boardroom, Mr. Shine presiding for the remainder of the business.

Messrs John Shine and Thomas Dwyer were unanimously appointed as Enumerators for the Sheep and Cattle fairs of September, 11th & 12th instants

Mr. John Clarke, Scavenger, reports on the state of the Fish Market. The gate of same, he wrote, has never been looked after since Mr. M. Hush gave up the position of Town Sergeant. He (Mr. Clarke) found two cattle hung up there. The place is made just a slaughter house. Of course, it was hard on him, he added, to keep this place clean if this work is allowed to go on.

The Clerk was directed by the Board to lock the gate of the Fishmarket at once and retain the key.

Mr. James Daly handed in the following notice which was accepted:

"Take notice that I or some Town Commissioner on my behalf will move at the next monthly meeting that the Tuam Town Commissioners put the Amending of the Working Classes Act, 1890, into operation."

The Chairman (Mr. Shine) suggested the necessity of asking the police authorities to provide an ambulance in the case of persons meeting with an accident. The ambulance to be on wheels and kept at the Barracks.

The Clerk was directed ^{to write} to that effect to the District Inspector, Tuam.

The Meeting was ^{then} adjourned to Wednesday 13th inst.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Michael Shine Chairman

Oct 3rd 1911

Wednesday, 13th September, 1911.

Adjourned Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs Michael C. Shine (in the chair), John Burke, John Connelly, Patrick Byrne, Patrick Murphy, James Daly, Francis Keane, P. Lyons

Following is report made on 12th inst by the Committee (Messrs McDonnell, Shine, Canavan, Murphy, M. Hugh, Burke and Daly), appointed to consider the question of appointing an Inspector in place of Mr D. M. Hugh (deceased):—

"That the Committee do not recommend the appointment of a Town Sergeant and that the duties which he performed be divided in the following manner:—

"1. Mr Glynn, Town Clerk, to collect all rents for the Commissioners and keep the key of the Boardroom.

"2. ~~That~~ Mr Butler to look after the Boardroom and that he locks it at the proper time on all occasions of public purpose, and to see that it is kept clean and in proper order.

"3. Mr Thomas Dwyer to look after the streets and all the markets, both offices to report each month to the Commissioners and this is to be part of their duties."

Mr Daly proposed and Mr Keane seconded that the report by the Committee be adopted.

Adopted unanimously.

The Town Clerk was directed to write to Messrs Dwyer and Butler informing them of their new appointments.

On the motion of Mr Connelly seconded by Mr Keane, Mr Lawrence Burke, Contractor to the Board for keeping the streets and lanes of Tuam was voted payment of £475 amount due him at end of June quarter payment order being signed by Mr Shine (Chairman), Patrick Lyons, and James Daly.

On the proposition of Mr Murphy the clerk was directed to write to the postal authorities asking if a trunk telephone system was arranged to Galway that Tuam be connected with it.

Mr John Mehan proposed to take two of the vacant stalls at the Meest market and give up the one he occupies there and pay £1.6.0 as security for the rent of the second stall.

On the motion of Mr Murphy the proposal was unanimously accepted.

Mr Connelly gave notice that he would propose at the next monthly meeting that a third of the Fish Market be sheeted off and kept in order for the sale of fowl.

A circular letter having been read inviting delegates to the unveiling of the Parnell Monument in Dublin on 1st of October it was decided that the whole Board of fifteen members be appointed as delegates.

The Chairman suggested the advisability of building ^{or fairgreen} an enclosure for stray stock at the Tuam fair and the clerk was directed to notify same for next monthly meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Michael Shine Chairman

Oct 2nd 1911

Tuesday, 3rd October, 1911.

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners present, Messrs Michael C. Shine (in the chair), Patrick Lyons, James Daly, J. A. Glynn, Patrick Byrne, Thomas M. Hugh, John Burke, Patrick Canavan, Francis Keane, John Connelly, and P. Carroll.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Cheques were added and signed for the sum of £71, advice note to Treasurer being signed by the chairman (Mr Shine), Francis Keane, and P. Canavan.

A letter was read as follows from Mr John Butler, Assistant Comptroller:

Oct 3rd, 1911.

"Sir— I am in receipt of copy of resolution passed 13th Sept. In reply I beg to state that I decline duties imposed by said resolution unless remunerated.

"I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
John Butler,

Mr J. Glynn, Town Clerk, Tuam."

Consideration of the letter was adjourned till 10th inst.

Mr James Daly gave the following notice which was seconded by Mr Thomas M. Hugh and unanimously accepted:—

"I propose that the Tuam Town Commissioners adopt Part III of the Housing of the Working Classes Act 1890 and that 28 days public notice of our intention to take into consideration on the 7th of November the propriety of adopting the said part of this Act, and of the time and place for holding the meeting when they will take it into consideration, and that at the said meeting a Committee be appointed with our solicitor to carry out the provision of the Act."

The Clerk was directed to get from Contractor for Gaslight an account of what was due to him by the Board for lighting the street, Town Hall etc.

Messrs John Shine and Thomas Dwyer applied for and were unanimously appointed Enumerators for the Tuam October fair.

Application was made by Mr O'Connell Junr. and permission was unanimously granted the local branch of the Gaelic League to hold Irish Classes in the Boardroom on Monday night each week and other matters in connection with the Gaelic movement.

Tom Brisham, Billposter, applied for and was given £1 in advance for straw to thatch his house as it was in a bad way and he wanted it secured before winter appears.

Mr P. M. Ryan, Secretary Commercial Dance Class, applied for use of Town Hall and was unanimously granted same for practice dances on the nights of Tuesday and Thursday and each alternate Sunday, the class to be charged one shilling a week for Gas light.

Messrs James Stockwell, John Dwyer, and Joseph O'Connell applied on behalf of the Artizans Dancing Class for use of the Board Room of the Town Hall for their Dance throughout the season and were unanimously granted same for Wednesday, Friday and each alternate Sunday, the class to pay one shilling a week for Gas light.

Mr John Meehan applied for and was granted permission to open a doorway between the two stalls he occupies in the Meat Market, he doing same at his own expense and also to close it up to its original state if he happens to vacate it

Mr John Connolly withdrew his motion "that a third of the Fish Market be shut off and kept in order for sale of fowl."

The Chairman's motion was adjourned till the 10th inst., viz "the advisability of building on the Fair Green an enclosure for straying stock".

Mr J A Glynn proposed and Mr Keane seconded and it was unanimously passed that "It appears from the letter written by Mr P B Bernard a Director of the Company to the Tuam District Council that the G.D.W. Railway is unable to work the line from Limerick to Sligo because the Company has no men and that any new men taken on cannot work the railway until they are taught the line and that in consequence the people of the District are left entirely unprovided with railway facilities, we, the Tuam Town Commissioners hereby call upon the G.D.W. Railway authorities to restore all the men and thus end the present inconvenience which the Company admit they cannot remedy without their own men."

"That should the G.D.W. Ry refuse to restore or work the line to Sligo, the Government be called upon to compel the Company to agree by refusing the aid of the Troops and police."

"That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Chairman of the Company, Kingsbridge, Mr Dent, Manager of the Line, Mr P B Bernard, Collesness, Rostinstown, Co Dublin and the Undersecretary the Castle Dublin."

Signed on behalf of the Board

Michael C. Shinn
Chairman

Nov 7th 1911

Tuesday, 10th October, 1911.

Adjourned meeting,

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman), Michael C. Shinn, Francis Keane, Patrick Byrne, John Burke, and P. Farrell

Mr John Butler's reply to the Committee's recommendation was read as follows:-

October 3rd, 1911.

"Sir, - I am in receipt of copy of resolution passed on 13th Sept. In reply I beg to state that I decline duties imposed by said resolution, you remunerate me
I am, Sir, your obedient servant

J. Butler

Mr John Glynn, Tuam.

Mr Butler's letter was referred to the Committee viz: Messrs M. McDonnell, Murphy, Shinn, McHugh, Daly, Burke and Canavan.

A paying order for £250 was passed to Messrs Granger, Holywood, Belfast on account of the steam rolling of the Town to be accompanied by a letter that the Commissioners were not at all satisfied with the matter in which Bishop Street, the Square, and Dublin Road have been rolled as those roads do not seem to be finished in the same manner as Shop Street. Attention has been drawn to the want of finish in road near Railway Station. The payment order was signed by the Chairman, M. C. Shinn and Francis Keane.

A letter was ordered and written to the County Surveyor, Mr Moran, to come and inspect the work at once.

Contrader for Gas, in compliance with the Board's request, furnished his account for Gas, which amounts to £47.12.10.

A letter was read from Mr O'Rourke DT, R.C., Tuam as follows:

Tuam, 24th Sept, 1911.

"Dear Sir, - In reply to your letter of the 9th inst giving copy of resolution passed on the 5th inst requesting that an ambulance or wheals be provided and be available at R.C. B.R.s in cases of accident etc, I am directed to inform you that the Inspector-General has no power to defray from the Constabulary fund the expenses that would be incurred by providing ambulance as suggested by the Town Commissioners

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

Michael O'Rourke, D.T.

"J. Glynn Esq."

Annexed is a telegram in reply from Dublin Castle to the Board's resolution of the 3rd inst with regard to the Railway Strike:

Dublin, 5th October, 1911.

"Sir, - I am directed by the Lord Justice to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 3rd instant containing a resolution adopted by the Tuam Town Commissioners on the subject of the working of the railway line between Limerick and Sligo.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

J. B. Duffin,

"The Town Clerk Tuam"

It was ordered that the Victuallers, Messrs Thomas Hopkins, John Hopkins, Patrick Hopkins and Patrick O'Connell sign a document binding them not to kill any animals at their stalls in the Meat Market

Signed on behalf of the Board, Michael C Shinn *Ch*

Nov 7th 1911

Wednesday, 25th October, ~~1910~~ 1911

A special meeting of the Board was held on the above date in compliance with the following requisition:

"Tuam, 23rd October, 1911.

"To John Glynn, Town Clerk, Tuam:

"Six - We the undersigned Town Commissioners hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Board to be held on Wednesday the 25th day of October inst, at 12 o'clock for the purpose of receiving and considering tenders for the scavenging and repairing of the streets of Tuam according to specifications to be seen in the office of the Town Clerk.

(Signed)

" James McDonnell,

" Francis Keane,

" P. E. Carroll,

" Patrick Lyons,

" John Connelly."

Commissioners present - Messrs Michael C Shinn (in the chair), Francis Keane, P. E. Carroll, Patrick Lyons, John Connelly, John Burke.

There being no tenders for the scavenging and repairing of the streets, it was ordered to re-advertise the contract, tenders for same to be considered at the next monthly meeting of the Board.

A report was received from Committee suggesting that Mr Butler be asked to reconsider his reply to their recommendation and give his final answer at next monthly meeting of the Board.

Ordered accordingly

Signed on behalf of the Board Michael C Shinn *Ch*

Nov 7, 1911

Tuesday, 7th Nov, 1911.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman), Michael C. Shine, Patrick Lyons, Michael Feggin, James Daly, John Burke, Francis Keane, John Connolly, P. Carroll and Patrick Byrne.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Mr. Shine proposed and Mr. Lyons seconded that the business of the Board be adjourned to that day week (Friday) as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mrs. Murphy, mother of Mr. Patrick Murphy and aunt of Mr. M. C. Harty, respected members of the Board, and of condolence with them both in their sorrowful bereavement. The clerk to convey same to them.

Passed in silence.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Michael C. Shine Chm.

21st Nov 1911

Tuesday, 14th November, 1911

Adjourned Meeting

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman), Michael C. Shine, James Daly, Patrick Lyons, John Connolly, and Patrick Carroll.

The Board adjourned to the 21st inst.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Michael C. Shine Chm.

21st Nov 1911

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Tuesday, 21st November, 1911.

Adjourned monthly meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs Michael B. Thine (in the chair; subsequently), James M'Donnell (Chairman of the Board), James Daly, P. E. Carroll, Thomas M'Hugh, Patrick Byrne, John Connolly, Francis Keane and John Burke.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Paying orders were made and signed amounting to £46.3.2, advice note to Treasurer being signed by the Chairman (Mr M'Donnell) M. C. Thine & James Daly.

Mr James Daly proposed "That the Tuam Town Commissioners adopt Part 3 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890 the necessary public notice having been given, and that our solicitor be instructed to carry out the provisions of the law as regards notices and advertisements, and that a Committee be appointed to select sites for the erection of houses, and that the Local Govt Board be requested to sanction a loan for the purposes of the Housing of the Working Classes Act."

Mr Thomas M'Hugh seconded the proposition.

Passed unanimously.

A Committee was appointed consisting of the whole Board, the Medical Officer, Father M'Dermott and Dean Seddos.

There was but one tender, that of Mr Lawrence Burke, for the maintenance & cleaning of the streets of the town. The amount was £2.88 per year from 1st ^{Oct} 1911 to 1st Oct 1915.

The tender being considered exorbitant it was unanimously rejected.

A Committee was appointed consisting of Messrs M. C. Thine, Francis Keane, Patrick Murphy, James Daly, Thomas M'Hugh, the Chairman (Mr M'Donnell) to look after the cleaning of the town.

Mr John Butler, Assistant Cramer wrote to the Board as follows:—

"Tuam, Nov 7th, '11.

"Sir, — In reply to your communication I beg to state that I am willing to discharge the duties imposed on me by resolutions. I expect to get some remuneration for doing so.

"I am, Sir, yours truly,

John Butler.

To Mr John Glynn, Town Clerk, Tuam.

Consideration of Mr Butler's letter was adjourned to next monthly meeting.

A cheque was received from Mr Henry Concannon for K. 10.0, price of ladder, for which he had sued the Corporation, the Bridge, Tuam at the recent Quarter Session.

Messrs Thomas Dwyer, Cramer, and John Butler, Asst Cramer, wrote applying for a winter over coat which is given them every year second year.

Consideration of the letter was adjourned to next monthly meeting.

The following letters were read:

"Tuam, 18th Nov, 1911.

"Dear Mr Glynn — your letter with the expression of the Town Commissioners' sympathy and the adjournment of their meeting as a token of respect to my late mother's memory reached me. I with the other members of my family feel deeply grateful for this respect shown to her memory. Thanking you also for your personal expression of condolence.

"Yours faithfully,

"J. Murphy,

"John Glynn Esq, Town Clerk, Tuam."

"The Square, Tuam.

"Nov 15, 1911.

"Dear Sir, — Kindly convey to your Board my gratitude for their kind expression of sympathy in the occasion of the death of my Aunt, Mrs. Murphy, as contained in your letter of the 7th inst., and the appreciation of the members of my family and myself of their kindly and sympathetic action in adjourning the meeting of the Board as a mark of respect to her memory. Faithfully yours —

"Michael B. Hartley."

"John Glynn Esq, Town Clerk, Tuam."

Mr John Murphy, Toll Farmer, applied to recover from expenses which he had incurred in bringing before the public the fair and market of Tuam by postcard throughout the District.

Consideration of the application adjourned till ^{next} meeting of the Board.

Signed on behalf of the Board —

December 5th, 1911.

J. M. D. O'Connell

Chairman

Tuesday, 5th December, 1911.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board), Michael C. Shine, Francis Keane, John Connelly, John Burke, Patrick Lyons, Patrick Byrne, James Daly, and P. E. Carroll.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Paying orders were made and signed amounting to £114.5.7, advice note to Treasurer being signed by the chairman (Mr McDonnell), Mr Shine and James Daly.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Daly and unanimously passed that the Band Room be supplied with coal at the expense of the Board.

The Clerk was directed by the Board to write to Secretary of the Dramatic Society requiring the Society to mend the Board Room table which got broken.

Mr Daly proposed and Mr Carroll seconded that Mr John Butler be paid one shilling per week for acting as caretaker of the Town Hall, he agreeing to assist the Town Clerk in collecting rent of stalls at Market Place.
Passed unanimously.

Mr Thomas Dwyer, Cranor, and Mr John Butler, Assistant Cranor, were unanimously voted £2 each for a biennial overcoat.

On the motion of Mr Daly seconded by Mr Shine, the Toll Farmer, Mr Murphy was unanimously allowed £10 for posting and distributing throughout the District during the year placards of all the fairs of the Town including postage.

Mr Shine proposed and Mr Keane seconded the following which was passed unanimously:

"That we condemn in the strongest terms the conduct of the miscreants who recently poisoned three of the County hounds at Coolarne and trust they shall soon be brought to justice."

Passed unanimously, "Copies of the resolution to be sent to the Master of the Hounds and the Press".

The Temperance Society applied for and were granted unanimously the use of the Board Room on any Sunday nights they may require it for the giving of a lecture under the auspices of the Society, the Secretary of the Society to give one week's notice to the Secretary of the Dancing Class having the use of the Board Room on the night required for the Lecture.

Christopher Murphy applied on the 10th of October 1911 for and was then given as weekly tenant two stalls vacant at Meat Market Place at one shilling per week rent, with permission to break a door way in wall between the stalls and to erect a stove. He gave as required a sum of £2.12.0 as deposit.

Application was read from Mr J. D. Blake M.P.E. for £12.0.0 fees alleged to be due to him in connection with the building of stalls in the Meat Market.

Consideration of the application was adjourned until Mr Blake gives particulars of the bill.

12th January 1912

Michael C. Shine Chairman

Tuesday, 2nd January, 1912.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs M. B. Shine (in the chair, and subsequently) James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board), Patrick Murphy, James Daly, John Burke, Thomas McHugh, Francis Keane, Patrick Byrne and M. C. Harty.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Paying orders were made and signed amounting to £57.7.10, advice note to Treasurer being signed by Mr McDonnell (Chairman), Mr M. B. Shine, & Francis Keane.

A letter was read from the Pig Dealers Association of Ireland requesting that pigs be not allowed in future to be sold in Tuam the day before the Pig Fair nor on the day of the Pig Fair up to 7 o'clock in the morning.

Adjourned to next monthly meeting, copies of the letter to be forwarded in the meantime to each member of the Board.

A letter was read from Miss Fitzpatrick, Dublin, applying for the work of illuminating the Board's address to Mr Joseph Flynn B.A., Solr., on the occasion of his appointment as Chairman of the National Assurance.

The Chairman (Mr McDonnell) proposed, Mr Keane seconded, and it was unanimously carried to send the address to Miss Fitzpatrick to be illuminated and that the cost be paid, not by the Board but by the Commissioners' individual subscriptions.

Annexed is a letter from the Board's Solr accompanying the one that follows which he received from the Local Government Board:—

Tuam, Co. Galway, 6th March, 1911.

John Flynn Esq., Town Clerk, Tuam:

"Dear Sir,— I enclose you reply which I had from the Local Government Board. I have shown this to Mr McDonnell. You should keep this letter safe and have it to produce before the Auditor when necessary. You will see from it there is nothing to prevent the Commissioners now proceeding with the steam-rolling of the roads.

"Yours faithfully,

"Henry Concanon."

Annexed is the letter referred to above:—

"Local Government Board,

"Dublin, 2nd March, 1911.

"Sir,— With reference to your letter of the 22nd and 27th ultimo relative to the maintenance of the streets of the Town of Tuam by the Tuam Town Commissioners under the Galway County Council, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that as no loan appears to be demanded by the Commissioners in connection with this proposal, the matter does not require their sanction. The proposal is of somewhat novel character, and, as the Board understand it, the sum allocated by the County will be sufficient to defray the expenses of the contract at the conclusion of the specified period of five years. The Town Commissioners must explain the matter to the Auditor informing him that they are acting under legal advice but so far as the Board are concerned they will raise no objection to the experiment being tried.

"H. Concanon Esq., Solicitor"

"I am, Sir, your obedient servant, E. Devlin,
Assistant Secretary"

There was an application from Messrs Grainger Bros. for balance of contract for steam-rolling of the streets of the Town.

Consideration of the application was adjourned to that day week, 9th inst.,

Signed on behalf of the Board,

James McDonnell

Chairman.

Tuesday, 9th January, 1912.

Adjourned meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board), Michael B. Shine, Francis Keane and Patrick Byrne.

There not being a quorum, the business—to consider application from Messrs Grainger Bros for balance of amount of contract for steam-rolling the streets of the Town—was adjourned to next monthly meeting.

James McDonnell

(Signed)

John Flynn, Town Clerk.

Town of Tuam.

Election of Commissioners for the above Town
in the year, 1912.

I, the undersigned, being the Returning officer at the Poll for the Election of Commissioners for the said Town, held on the 15th Day of January, 1912, 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	No. of votes recorded
Byrne, Patrick	Vicar Street, Tuam	192
Connelly, John	Shop Street, Tuam	128
Goggins, Michael	Bishop Street, Tuam	136
Hession, Michael Francis,	Bishop Street, Tuam	234
Keane, Francis	Dublin Road, Tuam	176
O'Connor, Patrick	Bishop Street, Tuam	117

And I do hereby declare that the said
Michael Francis Hession
Patrick Byrne
Francis Keane
Michael Goggins and
John Connelly
are duly Elected Commissioners for the said Town

John Glynn,
Returning Officer.

January, 15th Day, 1912

I, Michael Francis ^{Hession}, having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam hereby declare that I take said office on 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
25th Day of January 1912
John Glynn
Town Clerk

M. Hession

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

Made & subscribed before me this
23rd Day of January 1912
John Glynn
Town Clerk

Patrick Byrne

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

Made & subscribed before me this
23rd Day of January 1912
John Glynn
Town Clerk

Francis Keane

I, Michael Goggins, having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam hereby declare that I take said office on 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 1912
John Glynn
Town Clerk

Michael Goggins

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

Made & subscribed before me this
23rd Day of January 1912
John Glynn
Town Clerk

John Connelly

I, James McDonnell, having been chosen Chairman of the Commissioners for the Town of Tuam hereby declare that I take said office on 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, 1912
John Glynn,
Town Clerk.

James McDonnell

Tuesday, 23rd January, 1912.

Special meeting.

The annual statutory meeting of the Board was held on the above date for the purpose of electing a Chairman for the ensuing year.

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board presiding), M. C. Shine, James Daly, Dr M. F. Hession, Patrick Byrne, P. Carroll, John Burke, John Connelly and Michael Jiggins.

Mr Shine proposed and Mr Keane seconded that the outgoing Chairman, Mr McDonnell, be re-elected.

Passed unanimously.

Mr McDonnell returned thanks for the compliment thereby paid him for the fourteenth year consecutively.

Mr Keane gave the following notice of motion which was accepted unanimously:

"Take notice that I or some member of the ^{Board} on my behalf, will move at the next monthly meeting of the Board -

"That the opinion of the Board's solicitor be requested to know if instead of having annual elections for the members of our body the election could be held triennially."

The following notice of motion was given by the Chairman which was accepted unanimously:-

"Take notice that I or some member of the Board will move at the next monthly meeting of the Board -

"That the Constabulary be requested to see that the thoroughfares and the footways of the Town are not impeded by placing goods thereon which interfere with the convenience of the public."

(Signed for behalf of the Board.)

Jas M. McDonnell Chairman.

Friday, 26th January, 1912.

Meeting by requisition.

Pursuant to the following requisition a special meeting of the Board was held on the above date:-

"Tuam, 23rd January, 1912.

"To John Flynn,

"Town Clerk, Tuam:

"We, the undersigned Town Commissioners, hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Friday next at 6 o'clock pm for the purpose of considering an application from the Pig Dealers Association of Ireland to set an hour for the buying of pigs at the Tuam markets, say 7 o'clock am, which is suitable for both buyers and sellers and allow no pigs to be sold at said markets on the day before the pig fair."

(Signed)

"James McDonnell,

"Michael C. Shine,

"Francis Keane,

"Patrick Byrne

"John Burke"

The following members of the Board attended - Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman), Michael C. Shine, Michael Jiggins, Thomas M. Hoyle, Dr M. F. Hession, Patrick Murphy, P. Carroll, Francis Keane, and James Daly.

The Chairman proposed and Mr Shine seconded the following resolution which was carried unanimously:-

"That we, the Tuam Town Commissioners, in compliance with request of the Pig Dealers Association of Ireland, hereby give notice that pigs shall not in future be allowed to be sold in Tuam the day before the Pig Fair nor on the day of the Pig Fair up to 7 o'clock in the morning. The Railway Co. to be requested to take no pigs for railing during the above mentioned time. And a copy of this resolution to be forwarded to the Tuam District Council and to the Pig Dealers Association."

A representative of Ireland's Life Insurance Society applied for and was granted for the 9th February the use of the Town Hall for Mr Sanderson, Chairman of the Insurance Society, for the purpose of explaining the National Insurance Act.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Jas M. McDonnell Chairman.

Tuesday, 6th. January 1912.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present - Messrs. James McDermott
(Chairman of the Board), W.C. Shill, James Daly, P. Farrell,
Patrick Byrne, Thomas McKugh, John Burke, Michael Figgins,
Francis Keane and Patrick Murphy.

A letter was read from the Clerk as follows:-

"I am, 6th. January 1912,
Dear Sir - I should feel obliged if you would kindly
grant me five months leave of absence as I am feeling
far from well. Inclosed is Dr. Forde's certificate.
Yours obediently,
John Flynn, Town Clerk."

Answered to the Certificate:-

"I am, D. Falvey,
6th. Feb. 1912,
I certify that I am attending Mr. John Flynn, Town Clerk,
I am for some time. He is suffering from neurasthenia,
and in my opinion he will not be able to do duty for
some months."
Thomas S. Fitchel, M.D., D.P.H."

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Patrick Byrne,
and passed unanimously -

"That the Clerk be granted leave of absence for
six months, and that Mr. J. J. Fady be appointed to act
in his stead at a salary of £1. per month."

Proposed by Mr. W.C. Shill, seconded by Mr. Francis Keane,
and passed in silence -

"That in adjourning this meeting as special
business we desire to place on record our deep sense of
regret for the death of Daniel Nolan who for 25 years
was the able and distinguished representative of North Galway
in the House of Commons. He was first representative
of Inam Division, and also the first Chairman of the
Galway County Council which under his guidance
became second to none in Ireland. He for many years was
Chairman of our local Board of Guardians where, while
safeguarding the interests of the ratepayers, he always
showed the deepest interest in the poor and suffering.
Through his exertions in the House of Commons an Act of
Parliament was passed which enabled us to re-build the
Hall in which we now meet."

Copies of this resolution to be sent to Raymond
Nolan Esq. and to the Press.

Ladies of the Antiques' Dancing Class applied for and were granted
the use of the Town Hall for a dance to be held by the Class
on 17th. Instant.

Secretary of the Commercial Dance Class applied
for and was granted the use of the Town Hall for the
Commercial Dance Class's annual all-night dance on
Saturday 10th. instant.

Signed on behalf of the Board.

James McDermott Chairman

Thursday 13th. January 1912.

Adjourned, monthly meeting.

Commissioners present: - Messrs. James Mc Donnell
(Chairman of the Board), James Dalry, P. E. Canally, Patk. Byrne,
Thos. McHugh, Jno. Burke, Michael Higgins, Francis Keane,
Patrick Murphy, Mich. J. Keenan, John Samdell, Mich.
C. Hoaly, and Patrick Lyons.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and
signed.

Copying orders were made and signed, amounting to
£92.8.6, advice note to Treasurer being signed by Mr. Mc Donnell
(Chairman), Mr. Francis Keane and Mr. John Burke.

A letter was read from Mr. Lawrence Burke as
follows:-

"Ocio Street, Inam,
16th. January '12,

"Dear Sir,

My father intended being present at your meeting
on Sat. Jan., but, notwithstanding a painful effort was
prevented by extreme feebleness. I beg to make, on his
behalf, a claim for £72 for the quarter ending 1st. Jan..

Apart altogether from his tithe owing to long service
in the local government to a pension, he has special claims
this quarter - (1) having put out material on the streets and
lanes not steam-rolled, and done the clearing up to 25 Nov.,
(2) owing to no recreations made by your Acting Chairman
(which were afterwards publicly repeated by Mr. Murphy, F.C.),
having been induced to send an Overseer to check the steam-rolling
to have 2 men and a horse ready, when required for the watering
cart, and to repair sewers broken by the roller.

Yours truly,

William Burke.

"John Flynn Esq.,
Town Clerk."

After the letter had been read, Mr. Wm. Burke, on
behalf of his father, Mr. W. Burke, made a formal objection to Mr.
McDonnell's acting as Chairman, stating that he (Chairman) was
concerned in a contract to the Board.

The objection was over-ruled, the Chairman stating he
bore full responsibility for acting, and it was -

Proposed by Mr. James Dalry, Seconded by Mr. Francis
Keane, and passed unanimously -

"That the letter be referred to the County Surveyor
for his recommendation."

Mr. McDonnell, pursuant to notice, proposed, and Mr. J. Keane
seconded the following resolution, which was unanimously
passed -

"That the (Anstalt) be requested to see that the thoroughfares
and the footways of the Town are not impeded by placing
gates thereon which interfere with the convenience of the
public."

Mr. J. Keane, pursuant to notice, proposed, and Mr. McDonnell
seconded the following resolution, which was unanimously
passed -

"That the opinion of the Board's Solicitor be requested to
know if, instead of having annual elections for the
members of our Body, the election could be held
triennially."

Proposed by Mr. James Dalry, seconded by Mr. Thomas McHugh,
and passed unanimously -

"That we request the National Insurance
Commissioners to send their Instructions,
Mr. Frank Fay, to explain the Insurance
Act to the people of the town of Inam and
neighbourhood."

The Acting Clerk was directed to write to the Great Southern & Western
Railway Company with reference to the anti-gang Gards train from Inam
on Saturday evenings, and to ask the Coy. to alter the time of departure
of that train from 5.15 p.m. on Saturday evenings only from then until
the first of June.

The Acting Clerk was also directed to ask the Great Southern and
Western Railway Coy. to arrange with the Midland Great
Western Railway Coy. for the issue of return excursion tickets from
Inam to Boardman upon the first Monday or Tuesday in each month
and single fares and an eighth (about), and available up to and including
the Saturday following, this privilege being already enjoyed by the
people of Inam and Athdown.

It was ordered that a notice to quit be served upon John Rowland for
default in payment of the rent of his meat stall on Vicar Street.

It was ordered that advertisements for the March Fairs be inserted in
the "Cinnacht Tribune" and "Western People" for three successive weeks.

Signed, on behalf of the Board.

Michael Hume Chairman.

Friday 2nd February 1912.

Special meeting.

A special meeting of the Board was held on the above date, in compliance with the following Requisition, viz:—
"February 2nd 1912.

"J. J. Brady,
"Acting Town Clerk,
"Inam."

"We, the undersigned, Town Commissioners of Inam hereby request you to convene a Special meeting of the Board for Friday 2nd inst. at the hour of 6 pm. at the Inam Hall, Inam for the purpose of discharging the debt due to Gainger Bros. for steam-calling the streets of the Town."

"Signed,

"Jas. McDermott,
"P. Murphy,
"P. Byrne,
"Jas. Keane,
"Michael Jiggins."

Commissioners present, Messrs. M. C. Shinn, P. E. Byrne, M. C. Keenan, P. E. Carroll, Mich. Jiggins and P. Murphy.

Mr. P. Byrne proposed, Dr. Keenan seconded, and it was passed unanimously, that Mr. M. C. Shinn take the Chair.

The Acting Clerk read the County Surveyor's certificate stating that Messrs. Gainger Bros. were entitled to be paid a sum of £891. 9. 6 in respect of the steam-calling of the Inam streets.

A sum of £200 had been already paid on account of this sum.

It was ordered that a laying Order for £691. 9. 6 be sent to Messrs. Gainger Bros., being the balance due to them, less £200, said sum of £491. 9. 6 to be retained, owing to the steam-calling of the Dublin Road having been irregularly carried out — a letter to be written to Messrs. Gainger Bros. setting out the defects in the road, and stating that within the next fortnight it was found necessary to put fresh material on the road.

It was ordered that a similar letter be sent to the County Surveyor with a request that he ought to inspect, and report on the state of the road mentioned.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Michael C. Shinn

Chairman.

Tuesday 5th March 1912.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present: Messrs. James McDermott (Chairman), M. C. Shinn, J. Keane, J. J. Byrne, J. Dalry, P. Murphy, J. J. Keenan and P. Byrne.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Laying Orders were made and signed amounting to £94. 18. 6, advice note to Treasurer being signed by Mr. McDermott, Mr. Shinn and Mr. Dalry.

Mr. M. C. Shinn proposed that one month's extra remuneration amounting to 4/4 be stopped from Mr. J. J. Keenan, barometer of the stall, in consequence of his neglect to properly look after the stall during the previous months. The Chairman seconded, and it was passed unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Shinn, seconded by the Chairman, and passed in silence:—

"That we have learned with regret of the death of Mr. Wm. Kinwar for many years, until his retirement, manager of the National Bank here where he was, which we regret. We beg to tender to his relatives the expression of our sincere sympathy in their affliction. Copies of this Resolution to be forwarded to his son, Mr. St. Kinwar, and his brother Mr. Henry Kinwar, St. Jamesfield."

A letter was read from the Editor of the "Western People" explaining the cause of omission of report of the meeting of this Board at which a Resolution of regret at the death of Mr. Nolan was passed. The letter stated that Mr. Nolan, the Representative of the paper in the Inam District, did not forward his report, and in consequence, it was not inserted.

The explanation was considered satisfactory.

A letter was read from the City Dealers' Association thanking the Board for the steps taken in connection with the prevention of the system of forestalling at fairs.

A letter was read from the Great Southern and Western Railway Co. stating they were unable to accede to the Board's request re alteration of time of departure of the Athlone to. fairs train on Saturday evenings at the 1st June.

The Acting Clerk was directed to write again to the Coy. and ask them to reconsider the matter, as the Board were informed that they (the Coy.) could make the alteration if they so desired.

The County Surveyor made, in reference to Mr. Lawrence Bunn's claim for £72, for cleaning and repairing the streets of the town, that from the application he was unable to say how much Mr. Bunn should be paid. He thought the latter should be asked to furnish a detailed bill of particulars.

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Shiel, and passed unanimously -

"That a copy of the Co. Surveyor's letter be sent to Mr. Bunn, and that he (Mr. Bunn) furnish the particulars mentioned to the Board."

An order was made for the fixing of the gips in the Dair Green Walls, the work to be done to the satisfaction of Mr. Murphy, Ill. Engineer.

Messrs. John Shiel and Thomas Dwyer were appointed Enumerators for the March Dair on their application being read.

Mr. P. Byrne furnished an account for £4.15/- in respect of repairs to sewage pipes etc. at rear of Town Hall.

The Bill was referred to the Committee, who were previously appointed to inspect the work.

Mr. A. E. Canall, I.C., submitted his resignation as follows:-

"March 4th 1912,

"The Chairman,
"Inam Town Commissioners.

"Dear Sir -

I beg to tender you my resignation as a Member of the Inam Town Commissioners, hoping you will accept of same.

"Yours faithfully,
"A. E. Canall."

It was decided that Mr. Canall be asked to re-consider his resignation.

An account, amounting to £2.6.0, received from Mr. James Stewart for repairs etc. to footpaths in the Town was adjourned to the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. M. D. Camell, Hon. Sec., Inam Branch of the Gaelic League, made asking the Board to take part in the St. Patrick's Day procession, and requesting the use of the Hall for a Ceilidh on St. Patrick's night.

The Board unanimously decided to take part in the procession, and to give the use of the Hall on the night mentioned.

It having been mentioned that Mr. John Blane's contract for the scavenging of the town etc. of the Town would expire on the next day, 6th March,

It was decided not to advertise for a contractor as the work would be included in the Board's contract for the cleaning and keeping in repair of the streets, and he who employed on that job when it would be found possible to give him work.

The Great Southern and Western Railway made stating they were unable to issue the monthly excursion tickets from Inam to Dublin as requested.

The Board adjourned.

Signed on behalf of the Board.

Michael Shiel Chairman.

Wednesday 1st March 1912.

Adjourned Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners Present: Messrs. James McDermott (Chairman), J. Keane, J. Daly, M.C. Shiel, J. McKelgh, M.D. Kession, J. Burke, P. Lyons, J. Hamill, and P. Murphy. Mr. Henry Concanon, the Board's Solicitor was also in attendance.

Mr. Concanon, at the request of the Chairman, stated the position of the Board with regard to the provisions of Part III. of the Housing of the Working Classes Act 1890, and that as the Board had adopted that Part of the Act there was no obstacle in the way of the Board's proceeding for a Loan, subject to the carrying out of the Regulations of the Local Government Board.

An application for the position of Engineer to the Board in connection with the erection of Working-Class Lodging houses under the proposed Scheme was received from Mr. Gabriel P. Coakellae, C.E., Dunlop's Hill, Falwar, who was present.

Proposed by Mr. Shiel, seconded by Mr. Keane, and passed unanimously:

"That Mr. Coakellae be appointed Engineer and Clerk of Works to the Board in connection with the Scheme for the erection of Working-Class Lodging houses at a remuneration of five per cent. upon the amount sanctioned by the L.F.B. to be expended, in case the Scheme succeeds, said percentage to cover all out-lets, fees and expenses, of every kind, of said Engineer; but in case the Scheme is not sanctioned by the L.F.B. and does not follow, Mr. Coakellae is to be paid a sum of Fifteen Guineas in full for any work done by him."

The Acting-Clerk was directed to summon a meeting of the whole Board as a Sites Committee for a suitable date to arrange as to the inspection and choosing of suitable sites.

Signed on behalf of the Board.

Michael Keane

Chairman

Tuesday 2nd April 1912.

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners Present: Messrs. M. C. Shiel (in the Chair), M.D. Kession, J. Burke, P. Lyons, and P. Murphy.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Paying orders were made and signed, amounting to £70.5.5, a cheque to the Treasurer being signed by Messrs. M.C. Shiel, P. Murphy and M.D. Kession.

Mr. H. J. Kinivan made acknowledgments with thanks, the Board's resolution of sympathy on the death of his father.

Mr. Henry Kinivan, J.P., Sandenfield, also made thanking the Board for their resolution.

The L.F.B. Railway Co. made stating they had nothing to add to their previous letter in reference to the time of departure of the Saturday Evening goods train.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board notifying the Board of the appointment of Mr. A.B. Ellis as Auditor of the Commissioners' accounts.

Messrs. French Bros. applied for a supply of Glass for the windows of their workshop, stating it would cost about 10/- and was badly needed.

The application was unanimously refused.

Mr. P. E. Cannell made thanking the Board for assisting him in consideration his resignation, but stated he had finally made up his mind to resign.

The resignation was accepted.

The following report of a meeting of the Sites Committee appointed in connection with the erection of Working-Class Lodging houses was read and unanimously approved:

"Tuesday, March 26th. 1912.

"A meeting of the Sites Committee was held in the Town Hall on this date.
 Present: Messrs. Jas. McDermott (Chairman), M.C. Shiel, J. Keane, P. Murphy, M.D. Kession, J. Daly, J. McKelgh, J. Burke, and G. P. Coakellae, Engineer.
 A letter was read from the L.F.B. Board stating the Act had

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"been adopted by the Board in a proper manner, and that lands could now be acquired compulsorily only by agreement. It was decided to apply for a loan for the erection of fifty working class lodging houses, the Committee to decide on sites after an inspection.

The inspection was subsequently made, the Committee deciding to take one acre and one road (statute) on the Ballyfad road for the erection of twenty houses, and to take 2.825 acres (statute) at Tannanahon for the erection of thirty houses.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,
James McDermott,
Chairman.

Mr. P. Quake, Sec. Dec. applied for and was granted the use of the Hall for a concert to be held in aid of the Band on Sunday Evening, 21st. April.

Mr. James Stewart's bill for £26.0 for repairs to the park paths was referred for payment to the County Surveyor, who had a sum in hand to pay same.

Mr. Patrick Roland came before the Board in reference to an Order for possession of one of the meat stalls which had been obtained by the Board's Solicitor against John Roland. Roland offered to pay £1, now and the balance of the rent due, and also, by the date of next meeting.

Ordered - that Roland pay £1.8.6 now, and the balance, £1.6.0 on or before 7th. May prox.

Mrs. Lucy, Hotel, wrote appealing the Board of her intention to erect a portico outside her Hotel door on the Square, and asking if the Commissioners had any objection to the work being carried out. A plan of the proposed structure, and a letter from the County Surveyor was enclosed.

The Acting Clerk was directed to inform applicants that the Board had no objection, provided the County Surveyor approved of the work.

A letter was directed to be sent to Miss Mahel Kelly of the "Inn Herald" asking her to arrange for the attendance of a representative from her paper at the Board's meetings, and to report same.

Signed on behalf of the Board.

James McDermott
Chairman.

Tuesday 7th. May 1912.
Monthly meeting.

Commissioners Present, Messrs. Jas. McDermott, C.D. (in the Chair), Mr. Shiel, Mr. Keenan, J. Quake, J. Samolly, J. Keane, P. Murphy, P. Ryan, Mr. Keating and C. Lyons.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Caring Orders were made and signed amounting to £64.10.5, a special note to be presented being signed by Messrs. James McDermott, Mr. Keenan and Mr. Shiel.

Mr. J. Keane proposed, Mr. Mr. Keating seconded and Mr. Mr. Shiel supported the B. option of Mr. J. P. McDonagh, Solicitor, as Commissioner in room of Mr. P. C. Connell resigned, which was carried unanimously.

The Acting-Clerk laid before the Board a number of reports from the Constabulary in reference to loaders in the Town who had exposed their goods on the foot paths and thoroughfares thereby causing obstruction in contravention of the Board's order. The reports stated that in each case the offending parties had been cautioned previously. There was also a report against several fish dealers for exposing fish for sale on the Public Street.

It was decided that proceedings be instituted against Patrick McDermott, John Keenan and James James for offences committed on the 30th. April 1912, and against all the fish dealers for the several dates upon which they were reported as having exposed the fish for sale in the Public Street; and the Acting-Clerk was instructed to order the Board's Solicitor to have this done.

Mr. Pat. Roland came before the Board and paid 14/- part of the amount due for rent of meat stall, and also, he having paid £1.8.6 previously, and asked for time to next meeting for payment of balance.

The Board, unanimously granted the time asked for.

The Acting-Clerk reported that John Meekam had given up possession of one of the meat stalls he held, and paid the rent to date.

Ordered - that Meekam be refunded the amount

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which he has lodged (£1.6.0) as security for the rent of said
hall, and that said hall be advertised for letting.

A communication in re the Shops Act,
received from the Under-Secretary, Dublin Castle, was
advised for consideration to next meeting.

The Council of Aberdeen was invited by the
Board to appoint delegates to attend a Conference re the
National Health Insurance Act, in Dublin on the 23rd
and 24th. May instant.

The letter was marked "read".

Mr. Wm. D. Langley, on behalf of the Irish
Branch of the Boy Scouts, applied for the use of the Hall
for one hour on Sunday afternoons, and one hour on
one certain evening each week when the Hall would not be
otherwise engaged.

The application was granted.

Messrs. John Shue and Thomas Dwyer were
appointed enumerators at the May Fair (2 days) at the
usual remuneration.

It was decided to advertise for tenders for the
repairs and alterations to the Water Cart.

The following report was read:-

"Ipsam,
7th May 1912.
We the undersigned being Members of Committee appointed to
inspect sewerage work done at rear of Town Hall, recommend
payment to Mr. P. Byrne of £3.10.0, as this work was necessary
and useful.

"Michael C. Shue, J.B.,
"Treas. Keane, J.B.,
"John Byrne, J.B."

The Chairman proposed, Mr. Keane seconded,
and it was agreed that the Report be adopted, and that the
payments of £3.10.0 be made as recommended.

An order was made authorizing the Doll Farmer
to have some additional gaps in the Fair Green made up for the
May Fairs.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Michael Shue Chairman.

Tuesday 4th June 1912.
Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners Present: Messrs. James
McDonnell, C. J. C. (in the Chair, and subsequently Mr. W. B. Shue),
W. B. Shue, C. Murphy, J. Dwyer, J. McHugh, J. Keane,
P. Byrne and J. Daly, and Mr. J. Session.

The minutes of the previous meeting were
read and signed.

Paying Orders were made and signed amount-
ing to £69.8.5, advice note to Treasurer being signed by Messrs.
McDonnell, J. Daly and J. Keane.

The following Report of the Auditor on the
audit of the Board's accounts to 31st March 1912 was
read, viz:-

"(Copy)
No. 25, 565/1912.
"Ipsam Rural District.
"Ipsam Town Commissioners.
Castledare,
"May 10th 1912.

"Sir - I beg to report to the Local Government Board that I have aud-
ited the accounts of the above-named Town Commissioners for the
year ended March 31st 1912, and I send herewith Abstracts of the
same duly certified by me.

"The Town Clerk has no Bond, and informed me that he never
had one. Under Section 68 of the Commissioners' (Amalgam) Act 1877 a Bond
is necessary for this officer, and he should have one prepared with-
out delay."

"I had no means of checking the moneys received by the
Commissioners during the period under audit. No book receipts or
documents could be produced in support of the same. I informed the
Clerk that a Black Receipt Book should be kept in future and also
that a Special Book of a permanent nature should be kept for
the rents of meat and other stalls showing the amount accrued during
each month, and the amount collected and lodged on foot of same.

"The Petty Cash Expenditure is in excess of what it should
be, and several items which could conveniently be discharged by
Paying Orders are paid by the Clerk as Petty Disbursements. No
vouchers could be submitted in support of the Petty Cash Expend-
iture which amounted to £71.13.4. The method adopted in paying
for the scavenging and cleaning of the streets is irregular. One of the
Commissioners receives a cheque for £10 or 15 and pays the weekly
wages until this sum is exhausted. The only documents in the nature
of vouchers submitted to me were loose sheets of paper contain-
ing a statement in pencil of the moneys paid in respect of
wages. A Wages Book, as also a Rate Book should be kept.

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"I could not find any record as to the balance due by or to the Clerk at the close of the last financial year, and in order to arrive at the figure given in the Clerk's Statement as due to him by the Commissioners I had to go through the Petty Cash Account for the year and found it very confusing because so many had charge of the Petty Cash. A Book should be kept showing exactly the moneys received and expended as is provided for by Article 19 of the Public Bodies Order 1904. I was surprised to learn that the Clerk had no Books of reference, and could not even produce a copy of the above Order.

"The balance due to the Treasurers at the close of the last financial year was £41 and notwithstanding their financial condition the Commissioners entered into a contract with a Belfast firm to steam roll the roads in the vicinity of the Down at a cost of £841 9 6. I must state this expenditure they overdraw their Account, and at the close of the year under audit the overdraft stood at £991 5 5. I was informed that the Commissioners had entered into an agreement with the Bank of Ireland to pay four per cent interest on this overdraft, but this arrangement does not affect the accounts for the year under audit.

"Replying on the decision arrived at in the case of Reg. v. Newell (1898) 2 D.R. 530 I have uncharged three of the Commissioners with the sum of £10 paid to the Treasurers as a year's salary whereas, in reality, it is interest on overdraft. Of course, this payment was made prior to the contract for steamrolling.

"I had to adjust the Books of the Commissioners as also the Abstracts because the Clerk included as a debt due to Treasurers Paying Orders which had long since been cancelled, and entered the Overdraft as £1037 11 11 whereas it should have been £991 5 5. The Commissioners frequently sign the advice notes before they are satisfied that the amounts are adequate, and direct the Clerk to issue the Paying Order when the Particulars come to hand. In some cases the Clerk writes out the Paying Order and keeps it in his office until satisfied as to the amount. In two cases Cheques for £30 and £4 5 0 were actually written out and entered in the advice notes but were never cashed. The cheque for £4 of a duplicate of the fee for audit was produced and I cancelled it, but the one for £30 could not be produced. The Commissioners should satisfy themselves as to the accuracy of each payment entered in the advice note before signature, and if the Particulars are not furnished with any Account it should wait over until the next meeting.

"The Down Clerk has been granted six months' leave from February last owing to ill-health, and an Acting-Clerk has been appointed to carry on the duties during the interval.

"I would respectfully suggest that the Commissioners be requested to furnish the Board with a copy of their Minutes of Proceedings as I am of opinion that this course would prevent such irregularities occurring, and would cause the Commissioners to take more interest in the discharge of their

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"Duties.

"Jan. 10,
"J. J. O'Connell, Servant,
"Arthur C. Ellis,
Auditor.

"The Secretary,
"Local Government Board,
"Dublin".

The matter of the Report having been fully considered and gone into, and the Board having read the remarks of the Clerk and the Acting-Clerk, it was decided that a reply be sent to the Local Government Board in respect of the several matters referred to by the Auditor, and the following resolutions were made by the Chairman (Mr. Stille), and approved, viz:—

"The Clerk to get a Bond Book to be paid by the Board. That the Clerk be instructed to get all necessary Books.

"The Clerk states that he produced the Petty Disbursements Book, and we are satisfied.

"Payments in future will be made by cheque in all cases.

"With regard to the scavenging etc. of the streets, no other method could be adopted as payment to be made to the men employed weekly. No cheque for £10 or £15 or any other sum has been at any time issued to any member of the Board for street cleansing. The cheques have been sent to the Clerk for that purpose.

"The Board's Solicitor be instructed to apply to the Local Government Board for a remission of the surcharge.

"More care to be taken in future as to Paying Orders. That the other portions of the Report be read.

A deputation representing those Egg merchants who were summoned for obstructing the thoroughfare, came before the Board, and having undertaken not to unnecessarily obstruct the streets etc. again, the Board decided to withdraw the prosecutions instituted, and not to ask for costs.

Mr. Michael McAlgunn's tender for the repairs and alterations to and painting of the Water Cart according to a specification at the sum of £6 10 0 was accepted. There was another tender. Mr. Stille proposed the acceptance of the tender, Mr. Burke seconded, and it was unanimously passed.

Mr. M. A. Moran, Painter, applied for the vacant post of Ball in rear Street, and lodged £1 6 0 as security.

Tuesday Ev. July 1912.

Monthly Meeting. Commissioners present: Messrs. James McDermott, Esq. B., in the Chair, Mr. Shine, J. Burke, P. B. McDonagh, P. Murphy, F. Keane, J. Daly, Mr. Koshy, J. Howell.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Paying Orders were made and signed amounting to £98.1.4, advice notes & Treasurer being signed by Messrs. McDermott, Shine and Keane.

The following letter was read:-

"S. Manly,

Castlebar,

"D. Manly,

June 12th 1912.

"Dear Mr. Manly,

"Will you kindly pass on to the Inam Loan Commissioners my best thanks for their kindness in passing the resolution forwarded to me by you, and, in particular, to Mr. James Daly for proposing, and Mr. John Burke for seconding it?"

"I beg also to thank yourself for personally tendering your own congratulations.

"Yours faithfully,
+ M. Higgins, Esq."

"Mrs. J. W. Lady."

A letter was read from Mr. P. H. Hopkins written on behalf of the Cavan Road Stallholders asking to have larger windows put into said stalls as a means of free ventilation. Mr. Hopkins also appeared.

The matter was referred to a Committee to inspect and report to the Board.

The Clerk was directed to ascertain from the Toll Farmer if he wished any revision in his list of Fairs for 1913, and, if so, to have same noted in the Almanac.

Mr. James the Board's Permanent Supt. of the Public Cleansing made an application for remuneration in respect of work done on Sundays since he was engaged, and for which he had not been paid. His weekly wage for six days was 15/- per week, and he now claimed £1.6.3 in respect of 21 Sundays from the 1st. Decy. to the 6th. July 1912, except Sunday 17th. March.

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The Chairman proposed "That James be allowed the sum claimed, and that his weekly wages in future be 16/3."

Mr. Shine seconded, and it was passed unanimously.

The Bill from the Gas Co. for 18/8 in respect of Gas supplied to the Band Room from March to June 1st. 1912, was before the meeting, having been adjourned from previous day.

It was unanimously decided that the Ac. be sent to the Band with a request that it be paid, and an intimation that the Board would, in future, pay for the Band Room Gas.

Mr. Martin Conneron, on behalf of the Committee of the Band wrote applying for the use of the Hall "on Sundays that would be best, to play selections."

The letter was marked "read."

Letters were read from Messrs. P. Redmond, Wm. Field and R. Chafferton, M.P.'s acknowledging the Board's resolution re the Representation of Savers under the Home Rule Bill, and stating the matter would have their best attention as well as that of the Irish Party.

An application was read from Messrs. Wm. Langley and James Stowell of the Inam Branch, Na Trauma, Wick (Bay Deanta) for a refund of 12/6 paid to the Town Clerk for the use of the Hall for their concert on 30th. June.

Ordered:- that the amount be refunded.

It was ordered that a Paying Order be issued to Messrs. Tinsler Brothers for £50, balance due them on foot of the Steam rolling contract, and that they be asked to refund £20 to repay price of stones to Mr. S. J. McDonagh.

The Local Government Board wrote acknowledging receipt of the application to remit the surcharge of £10.

Mr. James Daly proposed, Mr. W. B. Shine seconded the following resolution, which was passed unanimously, viz:-

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"That we the Inam Town Commissioners
desire to express our high appreciation of the munificent
and generous action of Mr. James B. Curran for his
contribution of £500 to the Galway County Council
towards the equipment of a Sanatorium at Ryehill, and we
trust that at some future date he may be able to give the
benefit of his brilliant financial genius to the service of
his Country."

Proposed by Mr. M. B. Shine, seconded by
Mr. John Burke, and passed unanimously, viz.:

"That we request the District Council to be so
good as to have the trees presiding the walls around
the old graveyard cut down as they are not injurious
to the health of the people."

It was ordered that advertisements be
issued inviting tenders for the supply of Gas from 1st
Sept. 1912 to the 31st May 1913, as per previous contract,
tenders to be considered at next meeting.

A Committee consisting of Messrs. Daly,
Keane, Shine & Murphy was appointed to look into the
matter of the Public Lamps, and report next meeting.

The Toll Farmer stated that a number of
lamps in the fair had been required to be made up, and requested
an order to have this done.

Ordered accordingly.

By Order of the Board.

Michael Shine Chairman.

Tuesday, 6th August, 1912.

Monthly Meeting:

Commissioners present, Messrs Michael B. Shine, J. B. McDonogh,
Thomas McHugh, Patrick Murphy, Patrick Lyons, Michael C. Bosty, Patrick Byrne
and John Burke.

Mr. Shine, proposed by Mr. Burke and seconded by Mr. McHugh, took the chair
and presided.

The Town Clerk, John Flynn, his vacation having expired, resumed duty.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Paying Orders were made and signed amounting to £73. 8. 1 advice
note to the Treasurer being signed by Messrs Shine, J. Burke & J. B. McDonogh.

D. J. B. Costello came before the Meeting and said that at turn to the New
Lane it was very necessary to put up a finger board showing the way to the Town.
Strangers coming in, on arriving at that point don't know what direction to turn.

The Chairman said that that didn't come within the scope of the Board,
it was the ^{County} District Council that could deal with it.

The Inam Gas Co, per Mr. Michael Dowling, tendered to supply with gas
light and extinguish all public lamps from the 1st September 1912 until 10th May
1913 from one hour after sunset until 11.00 p.m., except 8 lamps which will be
left lighted on all dark nights throughout the year, 1/3 of the lamps to be charged
for at the rate of £2.7.6 each and the remaining 4 viz 2 in the Church grounds
and 2 in the Cathedral road at £1.10.0 each per year. The Cathedral road lamps
to be lighted on the nights of Saturday and Sunday and if required for any special
devotion on any night throughout the year on notice being given by the Parish Clerk;
the Parish Clerk to extinguish same on all occasions. The Company also tendered
to light the Town Clock Dial for the sum of £10 per annum. The Town Clock
to be lighted from one hour after sunset until one hour after daybreak on all
nights throughout the year. The supply of Gas to the Town Hall, Town Clerk's
office and Fire station to be by meter and charged for at the rate of six shillings
per 1000 cubic feet. The Company further agreed to supply gas tar at two pence
per gallon.

On the motion of Mr. Lyons seconded by Mr. Bosty the tender was unanimously
accepted.

Mr. Burke directed attention to the necessity of lopping some branches off
the trees overshadowing the public lamp opposite Mr. Sheehy's on the Galway road.
Either that or remove the lamp, he suggested, to a more suitable site.

Ordered that the matter be referred to Committee.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Harty seconded the following resolution which was passed in absence:-

"That we the Tuam Town Commissioners desire to convey to Mr. Bernard and the other members of the family the expression of our sincere sympathy with them on the loss they have sustained by the death of Mr P. B. Bernard, D.L., a gentle and simple a gentleman long and honorably connected with our Town and who the people, gentle and simple highly respected. Copy of this resolution to be forwarded to Mr. Bernard"

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. McHugh and passed unanimously-

"That we the Tuam Town Commissioners, condemn in the strongest manner the series of outrages inflicted on Catholics and Liberal Protestants in Belfast, and we are of opinion that these outrages were the direct result of incitement to violence by Bonar Law, Sir Edward Carson, Lord Londonderry and other political leaders who are responsible for these outrages. Copies of this resolution to be sent to the Lord Lieutenant, the Chief Secretary, J. E. Redmond M.P., Richard Hazelton M.P., J. Devlin M.P., and to the Lord Mayor of Belfast."

A letter having been read that a Home Rule Meeting would be held in Galway on 15th August 1912 and inviting two members to represent the Board at same, Messrs M. Donnell B.T.C. and M. C. Shine J.B. were unanimously appointed to attend.

A letter was read from Messrs Joyce Mackey & Co Galway, Agents on the Cleon Estate Tuam, relative to a complaint by the Postal Authority, as to an offensive smell said to have arisen in the Tuam Post office from a sewer in front of the building.

The Clerk was directed to inform the writers of the letter that the District Council were the authority to deal with the matter.

A letter, signed William Field M.P. and Coghlan Biscoe etc, was read inviting Delegates from the Board to a Convention of the Town Tenants' League to be held in the City Hall, Dublin, on the 28th of August.

On the motion of the Chairman, Messrs Patrick Lyons J.B. and Thomas McHugh J.B. were unanimously appointed to attend the Convention.

Mr. McHugh having directed attention to the Board's motion with regard to the Board's motion scheme for Artisans' Dwellings,

The Chairman directed the Clerk to call a special meeting to further proceed with business.

A letter was read from Messrs Granger Bros, Holywood, Belfast, acknowledging receipt of postal order of £50 in full settlement of steam rolling contract in Tuam streets and forwarded a cheque value £20 being the amount agreed on as payment to Mr. S. J. McDonogh for stones supplied.

It was ordered to get from Messrs Thomas McDonogh & Sons Galway one 20 ft ladder at 26/-; one 25 ft ladder @ 30/-; one 30 ft ladder @ 36/-; and one ladder 35 feet @ 43/2.

A letter of the 25th July was received by the Acting Clerk from the Secretary Local Government Board re Auditor's report as follows:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant, the subject of which will be duly considered by the Local Government Board."

+ The occupiers of stalls at the Meat Market, Joseph O'Connor, Thomas Hopkins, John Hopkins and P Hopkins wrote relative to erecting windows in the Meat stalls.

Marked "read", and that the stallholders refusing to pay rent be proceeded against for same.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Michael C. Shine Chairman

Monday, 26th August, 1912.

Special Meeting,

On above date, a special meeting of the Board was held in accordance with the following resolution requisition:-

"To Mr. John Flynn,
"Town Clerk:

"Tuam, August 21st, 1912.

"We, the undersigned Town Commissioners, hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Monday next, 26th inst., at 11 o'clock P.M. to consult with the Engineer and the Board's solicitor in reference to Artizans' Dwelling.

(Signed)
 "James McDonnell
 "Michael C. Shine
 "Francis Keane
 "Patrick Byrne
 "John Connolly"

Commissioners in attendance, Messrs James McDonnell C.D., Michael C. Shine, James Daly, Thomas McHugh, John Burke and Patrick Byrne.

Mr J. B. Costello C.E. was also in attendance.

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

"That a petition be presented to the Local Government Board to confirm the Improvement Scheme under the Housing of the Working Classes Act 1890 (Part 3) and that an application be made for a loan of £8088.15.0 for the purpose of the said Improvement Scheme."

Signed on behalf of the Board Michael C. Shine Chairman

Tuesday, 3rd September, 1912.

Monthly Meeting,

Commissioners present, Messrs Michael C. Shine (in the chair), Francis Keane, John Burke, Patrick Byrne, Thomas McHugh, M. C. Hesty, F. B. McDonagh

Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

Paying orders were made and signed amounting to £47.4.10, advice note to the Treasurer being signed by Mr. Shine, Mr. Keane and Mr. Burke.

The Chairman (Mr. Shine) proposed and Mr. Keane seconded the following resolution which was passed in silence -

"That we, the Tuam Town Commissioners, desire to place on record our sense of sincere regret at learning of the death of our esteemed and brilliant Countryman and neighbour, Mr. Farrell McDonnell, who, if he had been spared, we expected to represent our County in a Native Parliament. That we desire to convey to Mrs. McDonnell and also our colleagues, our Chairman Mr. James McDonnell and Mr. F. B. McDonagh, esteemed members of our Board, and deep sympathy in their affliction."

Proposed by Mr. McHugh, seconded by Mr. Byrne and passed in silence -

"That we, the Tuam Town Commissioners, have heard with deep regret of the death of the Rev. Father Morgan B.D., C.C., of Ballinrobe who for a number of years was connected with St. Jarlath's College which he helped by his brilliant talents to place in the fore-front of secondary schools in Ireland. His early demise we look upon as the removal of a distinguished ornament from the Catholic Church, and at this our earliest opportunity we express our sympathy with his mother and family and his Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Healy Archbishop of Tuam in their bereavement.

"That copies of this be sent to Mrs. Morgan, his Grace the Archbishop and Mr. Frank Guy."

Proposed by Mr. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Burke and passed in silence -

"That we tender our sincere sympathy to our respected Colleague, Mr. John Connolly, on the death of his daughter and that copy of this resolution be sent to Mr. Connolly."

Mr. M. C. Hesty proposed and Mr. McHugh seconded the following resolution which was unanimously passed -

"That we, the Tuam Town Commissioners, view with alarm the serious nature of the prospects of the Cattle trade in this County and particularly in this County consequent on the existing restrictions enforced by the Department of Agriculture which will inevitably result in the bankruptcy of the small farmer and the general ruin of the trade if the embargo closing the ports of the unaffected areas of England and Scotland is not removed. We therefore desire to impress upon the Government the urgent necessity for the immediate free exportation of small store cattle.

"Copy of this resolution to be sent to the Department of Agriculture."

A deputation consisting of Messrs McDermott, Hume, Lyons and Byrne was appointed to wait on Saturday next on Mr Hazleton M.P. in reference to the question of Foot and Mouth Disease.

Miss Mabel Kelly's tenders - the only tenders received - for contracts as advertised (17) to do all the printing required by the Board for twelve months from date (except Crane tickets) for the sum of £12 and (18) to do all the advertising in the Tuam Herald required by the Board from date, for the sum of £12, surties for both contracts being Messrs Patrick Bradley and Michael Hession - were unanimously accepted.

It was agreed to advertise the Tuam Sept Fair in the four Dublin daily newspapers, Freeman's Journal, Irish Times, Irish Independent and Daily Express, and in the Galway Tribune and (Bellina) Western People.

The following resolution forwarded by the Dublin County Council was proposed by Mr McHugh, seconded by Mr Burke, and unanimously passed -
"That we trust there is no truth in the report recently published that an English official is about to be appointed to the Secretaryship of the Post office in Ireland to the exclusion of existing Irish Postal officials. That the Postmaster General be informed that in the opinion of this Board such an appointment ^{would} be strongly resented in Ireland and would be especially disappointing in view of the incompetency with the Home Rule Policy of the Ministry".

Application was received from "The Employers Liability Assurance Company Ltd" and The Royal Insurance Co Ltd. for insuring the Board's Employees against the risks of the Compensation Act.

Marked "read",

Letters were read from the Lord Lieutenant acknowledging receipt of the Board's resolution passed with regard to the series of outrages inflicted on Catholics and Liberal Protestants in Belfast by the Orangemen.

It was agreed to notify the Board of Agriculture that a fair would be held in Tuam on 10th inst. that they may send to it an inspector in accordance with the Foot & Mouth Disease order.

Secretary, Band Committee, applied for gas light for the Band Room grates and was told that in July the Board made an order disallowing gas grates to the Band Room in future.

It was unanimously resolved in case of Irish vendors again offending the Police Authorities, be requested to take all necessary steps to prosecute them without further reports to the Town Commissioners.

It was also ordered that the attention of the Police be called to the conduct of Tramps as well as people of Tuam using obscene language on the streets with a request they would put a stop to it.

Messrs Thomas Dwyer & John Shire were unanimously appointed to act as enumerators at Tuam Sept Fair, at the usual remuneration of £1 each.

Michael C. Shire Chairman

Tuesday 1st October 1912.

monthly meeting.

Commissioners present: Messrs. M.C. Shinn (in the Chair), J. B. McDonagh, J. Burke, P. Lyons, P. Byrne, J. Keane, M.C. Shinn.

Mr. McDonagh proposed and Mr. Byrne seconded "That Mr. Shinn take the Chair." Passed unanimously.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Coping Orders were made and signed amounting to £65.12.2; advice note to Treasurer being signed by Messrs. Shinn, McDonagh and Lyons.

Applications were received from the Committees of the Antiguans Dancing Class, Commercial Dancing Class and the Gaelic League for the use of the Hall during certain week and Sunday nights. A deputation from each of the bodies named was in attendance.

It was decided that the use of the Hall be allowed to the Antiguans on Wednesday nights and on alternate Sunday nights; to the Commercial on Tuesday and Thursday nights and alternate Sunday nights; and to the Gaelic League on Monday and Friday nights - subject, in each case, to the Hall not being otherwise engaged.

With reference to the Board's contract for the keeping in repair of the streets of the Town, the Clerk was directed to prepare and lay before the Board at the next meeting, a statement showing the Receipts and Expenditure in respect of same.

Complaint being made by members of the Board in reference to the inconvenience caused to the people of the Town and the general public by reason of the unfunctionality in arrival of certain trains at Swan, and of the failure of the P.L. & W.S. Coy. to take mails and passengers from the Midland Line to Swan by the morning mail at 11 o'clock - it was ordered that both Companies be written to on the matter, and be asked to explain.

Mr. Shinn proposed, Mr. Byrne seconded and it was unanimously passed:

"That we the Swan Town Commissioners having given careful consideration to the question arising out of the granting of occasional Licences for Fair Shows here, which we are of opinion that such Licensing permits licensed Takers are directly antagonistic to the interests in general of the Proprietors of licensed Establishments in the Town, and we request that the Magistrates

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"should in future refuse to sign any certificates authorizing such unfair competition."

It was ordered that copies of the foregoing resolution be sent to each Magistrate in the Swan Petty Sessions District who normally adjudicates at the Swan Petty Sessions.

The purchase of the revolving sweeping brush and roller at the auction of the effects of the late Mr. Lawrence Burke (held by Mr. Shinn on behalf of the Board for the sum of £10.10.0, including commission) was unanimously approved by the Board.

In reference to the coming October Fair, Mr. Shinn stated that the Chairman of the Board (Mr. McDonagh) had communicated with the Department of Agriculture and with Mr. Runciman with regard to same. The Board approved of this course.

The Clerk wished to be informed as to how he was to act in reference to the employees of the Board who should be compulsorily insured under the provisions of the recent National Health Insurance Act.

Ordered: - that the Cards of all insurable employees be stamped as from the 15th July 1912, and that the Committee of the Swan Catholic Temperance Society be communicated with in reference to Messrs. Drover and Butler, O'Connell and Messrs. O'Connell respectively who were also employed by the Society asking if the latter body would be prepared to bear their share of the contributions.

Mr. Lyons proposed, Mr. Keane seconded, and it was unanimously passed:

"That we the Swan Town Commissioners have heard with deep regret of the death of Mrs. Dechy, and sincerely sympathize with Mr. Dechy and the Mrs. Dechy in their bereavement."

Copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Mr. J. Dechy, P.S., and to Mrs. Dechy, Dr. Higgins.

Mr. Murphy, Toll Tinner, was authorized to have the Tolls in Fair Green Hall made up, and to furnish bill of expense to the Board.

It was ordered that advertisements of the October Fair be inserted in the Dublin and Belfast Daily papers as usual.

The following acknowledged receipts were read: - "The Society, (Liber), Sep. 7th 1912.

"Dear Mr. Lyons -

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"I pray you tender my hearty thanks to the Town Commissioners of Inam for the resolution of sympathy on the death of Father Morgan which you were kind enough to send me. It is a consolation to me in this sad bereavement."

"Remain, yours faithfully,
+ John Kealy, D.D.,
Archbishop of Inam."

"John Flynn Esq.,
Town Clerk."

"Dear Sir, I am heartily grateful to the Inam Town Commissioners for their very feeling expression of condolence on the death of my poor son. But from his own lips in life I had often heard of how kind and generous the people of Inam could be."

"I am, dear Sir,
Yours most gratefully,
Mamph Morgan."

"John Flynn Esq.,
Town Clerk."

"My dear Mr. Flynn, Will you please convey to the Town Commissioners my heartfelt thanks for their resolution of sympathy on the death of Fr. Morgan proposed in such touching terms by Mr. McHugh and seconded by Mr. Lyons. I am glad to see that Inam was backward with its sympathy when the shadow of death was around. For I also desire to thank for associating yourself & particularly with the terms of the Resolution."

"Remain, dear Mr. Flynn,
Yours sincerely,
Francis Tuf."

"John Flynn Esq.,
Town Clerk."

"Inam. 10th Sept. 1912."

"Dear Mr. Flynn, Kindly convey to your Board my very sincere thanks for their kind expression of sympathy with me on the death of my father."

"Yours very sincerely,
James McDermott."

"To J. Flynn Esq.,
Town Clerk."

minutes (Continued).

"Inam. 27th Sept. 1912."

"Dear Mr. Flynn, Kindly convey my sincere thanks to the Inam Town Commissioners (my colleagues) especially to the Proposer and Secunder, Mr. Lyons and Mr. Dunne, for their Resolution of condolence on the occasion of the death of my beloved child. And I thank yourself for your expression of sympathy in my sad bereavement."

"Yours truly,
J. Sammell."

"To J. Flynn Esq.,
Town Clerk."

Acknowledgments were received from Messrs. John D. Edmund, Joseph Dealin and Richard Hagleton, M.P., of the Board's resolution re the recent Belfast outrages.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture in reply to the Board's letter of the 6th ult. regarding the restrictions on the exportation of Live Stock stating that the matter was engaging the earnest and constant attention of the Department.

Messrs. Thomas Dwyer and John Shive were appointed Enumerators for the October Fair at the usual remuneration.

J. W. Sammell.