

Population in 1911—35,083.

STATE of the Workhouse for the Week ending Saturday, the 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1921

No. of inmates for which accommodation is provided	No. that can be accommodated in each building	Total No. in each building on the above date	Able-Bodied		Attendants		Aged and Infirm		CHILDREN						RETURN OF SICK AND LUNATICS.	
			Classes I—II		Class III	Classes IV—V		8 to 15 years		3 to 8 years		Infants under 3 years of age, and Nursing Mothers		Total	Number in Hospital on the above date	Number of Lunatics and Idiots in Workhouse on the above date
			Males	Fem.	Males	Fem.	Males	Fem.	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Children			
Workhouse	816	83														
Temporary Buildings	222	-														
Permanent Fever Hosp.	44	6														
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1082</b>	<b>89</b>														
Remaining on previous Saturday as per last Return			29	10	11	22	28	85			2		39		70	In separate Wards
Admitted during the Week			2	1			6	3		1	1				6	In Wards with other inmates
Born																
<b>Total</b>			<b>31</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>88</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>39</b>		<b>76</b>	
Discharged during the Week			18	9	3	16	43	61		1	3		17			
Died																
<b>Total Discharged and Died</b>			<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>61</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>17</b>			
REMAINING ON THE ABOVE DATE			12	2	8	6	11	27					22			

RETURN OF DESTITUTE PERSONS relieved out of the Workhouse, as by Relief Lists, for the last Week ended Saturday, the 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1921, authenticated and laid before the Board of Guardians at this Meeting.

RELIEF DISTRICTS	Destitute Persons relieved out of the Workhouse under to Vict. c. 31, s. 1		Destitute Persons relieved out of the Workhouse, but not comprised in Sec. 1		Total relieved out of the Workhouse		RELIEF DISTRICTS	Destitute Persons relieved out of the Workhouse under to Vict. c. 31, s. 1		Destitute Persons relieved out of the Workhouse, but not comprised in Sec. 1		Total relieved out of the Workhouse	
	Number of Cases relieved	Number of Persons, including Applicant and Family, dependent on him or her	Number of Cases relieved	Number of Persons, including Applicant and Family, dependent on him or her	Cases	Persons		Number of Cases relieved	Number of Persons, including Applicant and Family, dependent on him or her	Number of Cases relieved	Number of Persons, including Applicant and Family, dependent on him or her	Cases	Persons
							Bt. forward	43	85			43	85
No. I.	43	85			43	85	No. V.	2	7			2	7
No. II.							No. VI.	1	3			1	3
No. III.	3	4			3	4	VII.—Children Boarded out beyond Union.	15	15			15	15
No. IV.	2	2			2	2							
Car. forw.	48	91			48	91	TOTAL	66	116			66	116

MINUTES of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians, at a Meeting held on WEDNESDAY,

the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1921

PRESENT—In the Chair—P. Thornton Esq.

Other Guardians—

Mr. C. Young & Messrs J. O'Sole, J. Lee, J. Lee, J. Walsh, W. Flaherty & M. Hooper

P. D. Robinson PRESIDING CHAIRMAN.

Next Meeting of the Board of Guardians to be held on WEDNESDAY,

the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1921.

(Signed) P. H. Mullery Clerk of the Union.



TABLE (2).—STATISTICAL MINUTES.

No Meeting held Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 1921

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

Indoor, from No. \_\_\_\_\_ to No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Separate ,, No. \_\_\_\_\_ to No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Out-door ,, No. \_\_\_\_\_ to No. \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

The Weekly Abstract of the Account of Provisions and Necessaries for the Week ending Saturday, the 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1921, was submitted, of which the following is a Summary :—

	Stock in hand at close of preceding week			Received during the week			Total			Consumed during the week			Stock in hand at close of this week			Collective No. of days					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	By Inmates	By Officers	Total	£	s.	d.						
Provisions	96	9	11	123	1	0	219	10	11	108	13	11	17	18	6	126	12	5	92	18	6
Necessaries	11	7	0	12	8	9	23	15	9	16	7	2	1	14	7	18	11	9	5	4	0
Total	107	16	11	135	9	9	243	6	8	125	11	1	19	13	1	145	23	14	98	22	6

The General Average Cost of an Inmate for the week was  
 £ s. d.  
 : 13 : 5  
 Average Cost in Infirmary ... : 16 : 0  
 Average Cost in Fever Hospital ... : 17 : 6

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

- 1—The Clothing Materials Receipt and Conversion Book.
- 2—The Clothing Receipt Book.
- 3—The Inventory Book.
- 4—The Labour Book.
- 5—The Workhouse Farm Account.
- 6—The Medical Weekly Return and Extra Book.
- 7—The Out-door Admission and Discharge Book.
- 8—The In-door Admission and Discharge Book.

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

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

The Abstract of the Accounts of the several Relieving Officers for the last Week ending Saturday, the 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1921 was submitted as follows :—

	Relieving Officer	Relieving Officer	Relieving Officer	Relieving Officer	Relieving Officer	Relieving Officer	TOTAL													
	O'Sullivan	O'Flaherty	McNeill	Walsh	Kyne	Gooney														
	District No. I.	District No. II.	District No. III.	District No. IV.	District No. V.	District No. VI.														
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.													
1. Balance in hands at close of previous week ...	26	16	3	1	16	0	1	10	6	1	11	8	10	1	2	11	34	5	7	
2. Money since advanced by Guardians ...	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3. Total to be accounted for ...	26	16	3	1	16	0	1	10	6	1	11	8	10	1	2	11	34	5	7	
EXPENDITURE.																				
4. Out-door Relief ordered by the Board—																				
In Money ...	10	11	6	.	.	.	10	6	6	0	10	0	12	0	12	10	0			
In Kind ...	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5. Orphans and Deserted Children boarded out ...	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6. Provisional Relief (in kind only), given by Relieving Officer on his own responsibility	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7. Total Relief given	10	11	6	.	.	.	10	6	6	0	10	0	12	0	12	10	0			
8. Balance in hands at close of the week ...	16	5	9	1	16	0	1	0	0	1	5	8	1	1	9	1	21	15	7	
9. Total ...	26	16	3	1	16	0	1	10	6	1	11	8	10	1	2	11	34	5	7	

Children Boarded-out beyond Union—Cost for Quarter ended

£ : :



FORM 14.  
(Article 7.)

TABLE (1)—FINANCIAL MINUTES.

**GALWAY UNION.**

Finance Meeting held the.....day of.....192.....

The Financial Statement Book of Receipts was produced and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the counter-signature of the Clerk, showing the sums which had been received during the month of.....192..., and the Ledger entries made in respect of same as follows:—

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

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

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

TABLE (b).		£	s.	d.
SUNDRY ACCOUNTS, viz. :—				
Provisions and Necessaries	...			
Clothing and Bedding	...			
Workhouse Burials	...			
Relieving Officers' Accounts—Outdoor Relief	...			
ESTABLISHMENT—				
(a) Salaries	...			
(b) Medicines and Medical and Surgical Appliances	...			
(c) Farm	...			
(d) Other Expenses	...			
Maintenance in Extern Institutions	...			
Emigration, Law and other Expenses	...			
Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages and of Vaccinations	...			
Lunacy Fees to Medical Officers	...			
MEDICAL CHARITIES :—				
Salaries	...			
Vaccination Fees and Expenses	...			
Medicines and Medical and Surgical Appliances	...			
Miscellaneous Expenditure	...			
Superannuation Allowances	...			
Repayment of Loans	...			
Unpaid Bills of last half-year	...			
Expenditure out of Loans	...			
Total Amount of Payments ordered as above	£			

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ending the last day of.....192.....

SUMMARY.	Ordinary Account			Loans Account		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance (if any) due by Treasurer as per last monthly Statement						
Total Sums received during the month						
Total						
Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last monthly Statement						
Payments ordered during the month						
Total						
Net Balance due.....the Union (being difference of above Totals)						
RECONCILEMENT.						
Balance per Bank Book due.....Treasurer						
Outstanding Orders						
Net Balance as above due.....the Union						



HOSPITAL REPORT.

WORKHOUSE.		FEVER HOSPITAL.	
Admitted during the <sup>2</sup> Weeks	31	Admitted during the <sup>2</sup> Weeks	1
Discharged	36	Discharged	1
Died	1	Died	0
Remaining	82	Remaining	6

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

The Military Authorities transferred 63 inmates from this Workhouse to Cort-Workhouse on the 7<sup>th</sup> inst. & 31 to Aughterard Workhouse on the 8<sup>th</sup> inst.

Dr Colahan absented himself from duty on the 13<sup>th</sup> & returned on the 15<sup>th</sup> inst. Dr Waters acted as his substitute.

Dr W. McDonogh has been absent from the 14<sup>th</sup> inst. Dr J. J. McDonogh has been acting as substitute.

8<sup>th</sup> inst. Mr S. Fogarty, who recently resigned his position as Porter in the Fever Hospital, left.

15<sup>th</sup> " Mary A. Connaughton gave birth to an illegitimate child in the lying-in Hospital, she states that the putative father is Michael Ryan of Bladdagh.

16<sup>th</sup> " On the recommendation of the Medical Officer John Feevey was transferred to the County Hospital for operative treatment.

" " Nurse A. Osbornor went on 4 weeks' leave of absence, Nurse Cecilia Leonard is acting as substitute, at a remuneration at the rate of £2.2.0 a week with rations allowance.

13<sup>th</sup> " Nurse Trimm resumed duty after leave of absence.

Clerk's Report:

As notified the Military Authorities took over possession of the Workhouse premises save the Chapel & Hospitals on the 7<sup>th</sup> inst.

As your Board expressed a desire that your Officers should make no preparation for, or facilitate in any way the Military entering into occupation, no steps were taken by me to remove Books, &c. from the Board Room & my Office. Their removal was quietly carried out by the soldiers by throwing some of them through the windows. I expended the sum of £5 in the employment of persons to convey them from the ground to a store room to the upper portion of the Administration Building in the Fever Hospital premises.

(21)

During the past 2 weeks I have used the Registry Office in the front of the Workhouse, but I have received notice that this office is required for a Guard Room for the soldiers. Please make arrangement for the provision of a suitable office in which I may carry out my duties.

I summoned this meeting to be held in the Waiting Room in the Salway Dispensary, the only place available, were read by the Clerk, and directions given to answer them respectively, to the following effect (or Orders made on them respectively), as follows:—

Room in the Salway Dispensary, the only place available, moved by Mr. L. L. L. seconded by the Chairman, & Resolved that the room in the Dispensary used by Dr. W. McDonogh, Medical Officer of 122 Disp. Dist. be temporarily occupied by our Clerk as an office, Dr. W. McDonogh & Dr. J. J. McDonogh to share the second Medical Officer's room. The Dispensary waiting room to be used as a Board Room for the Guardians & R. D. Gormeib.

General Correspondence.

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5<sup>th</sup> July

From Dail Bream, referring to previous correspondence & to Clerk's letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> inst. in regard to the continued absence on sick leave



of Relieving Officer Cooney, & stating that - as this Official has been on sick leave since Nov. 1919, she should be required to submit her resignation to the Guardians forthwith.

*Order & copy of this communication to be furnished to Mrs Cooney.*

7253/21 } From same, sanctioning the proposed payment of  
7th July } £3 a week to Mr Simms for discharging the duties of the Master of the Workhouse.

Steps should be taken to secure a contribution from the parties responsible towards the maintenance of the inmates Elizabeth Carroll & Julia Melvin referred to in the Minutes.

8018/21 } From same, similar recommendation in the case of  
15th July } Mary Golding & child, referred to in the Minutes of the 6th inst.

*In the three cases mentioned the putative fathers are soldiers & non resident in Galway. Taking legal proceedings against such, would, in the opinion of the Guardians, be a waste of money.*

Requesting to be informed what correspondence, Minutes & Queries Sheets were sent to the Dept. & have not been acknowledged.

*Information furnished on 18th inst.*

1st July. From Messrs McDonagh & Boland, acknowledging the receipt of notice that the Military Authorities are in occupation of portion of the Workhouse Buildings covered by Fire Insurance Policy No 9639, £20,000, Hibernian Insurance Co

20th July, From Miss O'Beirne, Nurse in the Fever Hospital, applying for annual holidays.  
*Four weeks granted.*

Martin Molloy, inmate of the Workhouse, stating that since the death of the Subulause Driver, he has acted as Driver. He requests the Guardians to make him an allowance for his temporary services.

*Order. To be allowed extra rations.*

Transfer of inmates from the Galway to Lort & Dughterard Workhouses by the Military Authorities.

The Lort Board of Guardians passed a resolution on the 9th inst. that, unless a guarantee be given by the Competent Military Authority, or the Galway Board of Guardians, that the cost of maintenance of the 65 inmates sent to Lort Workhouse from Galway Workhouse, shall be discharged on the 16th inst.

Further communication on the same subject, stating that, as the Galway Guardians have not had an opportunity of considering their resolution of the 9th inst. they have postponed action in regard to the discharge of the 65 inmates from Lort Workhouse. A deputation consisting of two Guardians, their Solicitor, Master & Clerk shall wait on the Galway Guardians on the 20th inst.

Accordingly, the members of the deputation were received by the Galway Guardians on the 20th inst. After a discussion it was mutually agreed to take no further action for the present.



Resolved that as next meeting day will fall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> pro. same day as the Galway Race Meeting, the next meeting shall be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> pro. Notice to this effect to be posted to each Guardian.

Order

The Clerk of Oughterard Union, by direction of his Board of Guardians, furnished a copy of a report he submitted to them re the proposed amalgamation of Unions in the County, adopted by the County Council which scheme has not been approved by the Oughterard Board of Guardians.

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7<sup>th</sup> July

Instead they approved of the Scheme submitted by their Clerk.

The Guardians of Galway Union approved of the scheme of the County Council.

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15<sup>th</sup> July

Mr Callaghan, Assistant Clerk of Galway Union, furnished replies to the objections passed on the County Council Scheme by the Clerk of Oughterard Union.

Copies of both reports are attached to the Minutes. Order. A copy of Mr Callaghan's report to be sent to each Board of Guardians in the County.

1<sup>st</sup> July

To the Chairman and Members of the Galway Board of Guardians.

I observe the Guardians of Oughterard Union object to the Scheme adopted by the County Conference, and approved by the County Council, on the grounds that the Conference was not representative of the whole County. If it was not representative, who is to blame? Each Public Body in the County had an opportunity of sending delegates, and if consideration of the matter was adjourned pending a full Meeting of such delegates, I greatly fear the question would be "shelved" as so happened on many former occasions.

No doubt the Scheme as proposed by me at the Conference, and adopted by a large majority, may have its drawbacks, but I cannot agree with the allegation made by Mr. Joyce, Clerk of the Oughterard Union, that it "will result in a more inefficient and expensive service." The ingenuity of man could not devise a Scheme to meet the wishes of everybody, but evidently the County Council were of opinion that the one adopted was preferable to that set forth by Mr. Joyce, otherwise they would not have approved of same.

Mr. Joyce's Scheme for converting the Galway Workhouse and Fever Hospital into a General Hospital for the County, and having the existing Galway Hospital utilised for treatment of Fever cases, is, in my opinion, unworkable for the following reasons :-

1. In the opinion of Dr. Colahan it would cost Thousands of Pounds to convert the Body of the Workhouse into a suitable Hospital.
2. The Fever Hospital was planned and built for the treatment of Infectious Disease, and as such would not be suitable for a general Hospital.
3. The Galway Hospital is situate in the most thickly populated part of the City, and could not with safety, be used for treatment of Fever or other Infectious Diseases. Besides the building is most unsuitable for such an Hospl.
4. The prohibitive cost of conveying patients to Galway from such outlying Districts as Clifden and Portumna.
5. The risk to life involved in removing serious cases such a long distance - 50 miles in some instances.
6. The hardship and expense which would be imposed on friends of deceased patients, bringing remains home for interment.
7. The impossibility of patients being visited by friends. ( I note that Mr. Joyce considers this objection a matter of sentiment. In my opinion it is a matter of great comfort to patients and friends to be able to see one another from time to time)

No doubt Mr. Joyce's Scheme would be an excellent one in a small County, but when you consider that this County extends 94 miles from east to west, and 53 miles from north to south, covering an area of 1,467,849 acres, with a population of about 200,000, it is absurd to suppose that one Hospital would suffice.

As regards the suggestion that Oughterard would be a more suitable Workhouse to retain than Galway, I wish to point out that Oughterard has always been considered as an Auxiliary Institution, having been established many years after the Poor Law Scheme into operation. The Divisions comprising the Union were taken from Clifden and Galway Unions. The population of Galway Union is over 35,000, whilst that of Oughterard is less than 17,000.

Besides, Galway Workhouse is one of the best equipped in Connaught, possessing an excellent sewerage system, water supply, gas supply, sanitary annexes and bathing arrangements, Steam Cooking and washing, &c.

I notice that reference has been made publicly, that the Conference was composed almost entirely of Officials. At the first Meeting, I proposed that no official should act on the Committee which would draw up the Scheme, but got no support. Had my suggestion been adopted, it would prevent a lot of controversy.

(Signed)

John Gallagher

Assistant Clerk, Galway Union.



To the Chairman and Members of the Galway Board of Guardians.

Resolved that as next meeting day will fall on the 2nd of August, the following is proposed for the consideration of the Board of Guardians.

1. In the opinion of Dr. Colahan it would cost thousands of pounds to convert the Body of the Workhouse into a suitable hospital.

2. The Fever Hospital was planned and built for the treatment of Infectious Diseases, and as such would not be suitable for a General Hospital.

3. The Galway Hospital is situated in the most thickly populated part of the City, and could not with safety be used for treatment of Fever or other Infectious Diseases.

4. The prohibitive cost of conveying patients to Galway from other parts of the County is a serious matter.

5. The risk to life involved in removing serious cases such as Typhoid, Diphtheria, and Cholera, is a matter of great importance.

6. The hardship and expense which would be imposed on friends of deceased patients, bringing remains home for interment.

7. The impossibility of patients being visited by friends.

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18/7/21 (Signed) John Gallagher  
Assistant Clerk, Galway Union.

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Oughterard Guardians.

County Scheme of Amalgamation of Unions.

The following was read at the meeting of the above board on Thursday—29th July 1921.

Gentlemen,  
With reference to the Report of the Galway Conference on Amalgamation of Unions, I beg to inform you that I attended the Conference and that I submitted another Scheme which on a division was defeated. The number of persons who attended the Conference was only about a dozen, and I do not think that it can be claimed for it that it fully represented the mature views of the people of the whole County on the important subject.

The Scheme carried by a majority of those present at the Conference may be described as the Fogarty Scheme, which was agreed to by the Galway County Council many years ago. Since then things have changed considerably, and I do not think that the Scheme if carried into effect, will either benefit the poor or save the ratepayer anything. Experience has proven that a small workhouse such as ours can be more cheaply and economically run than a much larger one, such as Galway. To put this statement to the acid test, compare the rates for union charges on both unions, as also the general average cost per inmate in both institutions. If the Scheme is adopted and all the inmates in the workhouses of the County grouped into three workhouses, I have not the least doubt but the change will result in a more inefficient and expensive service with increased cost to the ratepayers and inconvenience to the poor. From the geographical point of view the selection of the workhouses to be retained has been badly done. Oughterard being the central union of the three western ones should be the one to be retained and not Galway. Galway, Tuam and Loughrea are not many miles apart and are right in the heart of the County. You are favouring those in that circle at the expense of people living in distant parts of the County 40 or 50 miles away from all or any of these places.

Briefly stated, the Scheme I put forward at the Conference and which was defeated on a division, was as follows—

- (1) Abolish all the workhouses as such, in the County (workhouses, workhouse hospitals and fever hospitals).
- (2) Abolish the present County Hospital
- (3) Establish the present Galway workhouse, workhouse hospital and fever hospital as a County Galway Hospital for paying and non-paying patients.
- (4) Establish the present Galway Hospital or infirmary as a fever hospital.
- (5) Establish either the Tuam or Loughrea workhouse as a Home for the aged and infirm inmates in the workhouses.
- (6) Extend the out door relief system under which many of the inmates of the workhouses can be boarded out, including the children.

The class of inmates known as the unmarried mothers, fortunately not a numerous class in this county, could be sent to Loughrea or Tuam workhouse (whichever may be selected for the Home for the aged and infirm) until an Irish Parliament deals with the question. The recommendation of the Viceregal Commission of some years ago, that this class of person should be placed in charge of a Community of Nuns for some time has much to recommend it, and it is a question which should be dealt with on National or Provincial rather than on County lines.

To my mind there is no need to retain any of the Districts Hospitals or Fever Hospitals. If any is retained it will probably start with not many patients, but will ultimately develop into an ordinary Poorhouse. Two motor ambulances ought to be sufficient to remove all patients

to the County Galway Hospital. No part of the County is more than two or three hours' run from Galway. Within the last month we had quite a large number of people, in the various stages of typhus fever, conveyed by a horse-drawn vehicle from Lettermullen to Oughterard, a distance of about 40 miles. They were at least seven hours on the road, and none of them died or appeared to suffer in consequence of the journey. It would be a great advantage to the sick poor to be treated in a City of Galway hospital, and have at their service some of the most eminent men of the medical profession. It would put the poor man on a level with the rich, who, when he falls dangerously ill, calls in his motor car and hies himself citywards. There is the sentimental objection that the friends, &c., of the patients could not visit them frequently when you abolish the district hospitals. The fewer visits of friends to a really sick person the better.

Of the 50 inmates in this workhouse 17 are qualified for Old Age Pensions. A small allowance of out-door relief in addition to the pension would enable these to live with their friends or neighbours. If the number of inmates in the other workhouses of the county entitled to old age pensions bears the same proportion to the total as it does here, there will not be many for the Home to be established for the aged and infirm. I may state in passing that it may be worth considering whether it might not be wise to build the proposed Home at Athenry which is so centrally situated in the County and an important Railway junction. The material in one or more of the workhouses could be utilised for the building. Roughly speaking the ten workhouses of the County and Galway Hospital cost the ratepayers £65,000 per annum. If you abolish them and set up instead the institutions I have referred to you will save at least one half of that sum, if it is not the fault of those who may be appointed to manage them. There is the further advantage of abolishing the hated workhouse system. English in its conception and birth and quite unsuitable for the conditions prevailing in this country.

BALLINASLOE ASYLUM.

I approve of the proposal to appoint two men to supervise the work of that institution for three months and recommended retrenchment and reform. I made the recommendation at the Conference that the harmless lunatics in Ballinasloe and those in the workhouses throughout the County might usefully be placed in an Auxiliary Asylum to be established at Athenry. There is a good deal of cultivable land in that district which could I am sure be procured cheaply, or the Agricultural Station might be taken over. It seems to my mind to serve no useful purpose except of the officials and as a model as how not to making farming pay.

The Auxiliary Asylum so established ought to be run on asylum labour at a large profit which could be applied partly to pay the cost of the maintenance of the less fortunate patients in Ballinasloe Asylum. A percentage of the profits should go to those who produce the wealth and might be a help to start some of them in life again. I have seen it clearly demonstrated the beneficial effect regular and not over fatiguing work has had on the health of the feeble minded, especially when the work is made a source of profit to themselves.

There are difficult times before us, and we shall require the best brains of our people to steer clear of the rocks that lie ahead. Irishmen are endowed with a great love of country and no one should begrudge a little time and thought and self sacrifice in endeavouring to solve in the best possible way the many difficult problems that await solution. There is none perhaps more urgent or more important than the poor laws, and let us when the opportunity offers sink all petty personal and parochial considerations and advocate what our conscience tells us will confer the greatest good on the greatest number.

I am, gentlemen,  
Your obedient servant,  
P. H. JOYCE.

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The cases of Provisional Relief, and Applications for Relief, were considered and decided on, as set forth in the Application and Report Books.

The number of Provisional Admissions to the Workhouse confirmed was	...	34
Ditto disallowed	...	0
The number of Applicants admitted to the Workhouse was	...	0
The number of cases of Provisional Out-door Relief was	...	1
Do. in which Relief was continued by the Guardians	...	1
The number of other Applicants in the Relieving Officers' Books relieved by order of the Guardians was	...	0
The number of Applicants for whom Relief was not ordered was	...	0

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

THE PAUPER CHILDREN (IRELAND) ACTS,  
And CHILDREN ACT, 1908.

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Medical Charities Acts (14 & 15 Vic., cap. 68), Vaccination Acts, and Dispensary Houses Act.

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

Reports (Form P) containing the names of children born in the District who are over 3 months of age and have not been vaccinated, from the Medical Officers of the following Dispensary Districts, viz.:—

Galway No. 1	defaulters	Oranmore	defaulters
do. 2	"	Spiddal	"
do. 3	"	Tourloughmore	"
Moycullen	"		

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

Estimates of the Medicines, &c., required by the Medical Officers of the under-mentioned Dispensary Districts were laid before the Board, and directions were given thereon, as follows:—



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

Read Letter from *Dail Goream, No 72574*, dated *5th July* 1921,

referring to the resolution of the Guardians on 22<sup>nd</sup> ult. proposing to discontinue the supply of medicines, &c. to people living on the Middle & South Islands of Aran on account of their refusal to pay rates. The Ministry consider that before taking definite action in this matter the Guardians should communicate with some of the prominent residents on the Islands. The situation to be explained to the Parish Priest with a request for his views & recommendations.

*Approved, suggestion to be acted upon.*

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*5th July* { from same, referring to queries respecting the employment of Dr. Tubridy as temporary Medical Officer of the Spiddal Dispensary District. The Ministry observe that he resides at a distance of 10 miles from the centre of the District & from the Dispensary, & that he proposes only to attend sick calls during the period of his employment. The Ministry consider this is a most unsatisfactory arrangement. If Dr. Tubridy is to be allowed £8-8-0 a week he should be required to discharge all the duties of the Medical Officer as this figure is higher than that usually allowed to temp. Med. Officers for a Disp. Dist.

*The Guardians beg to observe that Dr. Tubridy is Med. Officer in an adjoining Disp. Dist. of the Oughterard Union. He attends at the Dispensaries in Galway Union as often as he can. They endeavoured, but failed to procure the services of a doctor who could reside in the Spiddal Disp. Dist.*

*Order, Dr. Loftus to be requested to state when he hopes to be able to resume duty in his District.*

The Relieving Officer reported that Dr. Tubridy did not attend at Spiddal Dispensary on the 17<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> inst. He attended at Bantrolahan on the Dispensary Days.

In the Dispensary Districts where Dispensary Days fall on the 30<sup>th</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> prox. the days of Galway Place meeting, the Guardians exempt the Medical Officers & Relieving Officers from attendance at the Dispensaries on those days.



Population in 1911—35,033.

STATE of the Workhouse for the Week ending Saturday, the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1921

No. of inmates for which accommodation is provided	No. that can be accommodated in each building	Total No. in each building on the above date	Able-Bodied		Attendants		Aged and Infirm		CHILDREN						Total	RETURN OF SICK AND LUNATICS.	
			Classes I—II	Class III	Classes IV—V	8 to 15 years Class VII	3 to 8 years Class VIII	Infants under 3 years of age, and Nursing Mothers	Children	Mothers	Number in Hospital on the above date	Number of Lunatics and Idiots in Workhouse on the above date					
Workhouse	816	89															
Temporary Buildings	222																
Permanent Fever Hosp.	44	5															
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1082</b>	<b>94</b>															
Remaining on previous Saturday as per last Return			15	2	8	6	4	27						22	89		
Admitted during the Week							6	5					1	1	2	16	
Born														2	2		
<b>Total</b>			15	2	8	6	17	32					1	1	27	107	
Discharged during the Week					2	1	2	2	0	0	1	1	1		12		
Died							1								1		
<b>Total Discharged and Died</b>					2	1	2	3	0	0	1	1	1		13		
REMAINING ON THE ABOVE DATE			15	2	6	5	15	29						26	94		

RETURN of DESTITUTE PERSONS relieved out of the Workhouse, as by Relief Lists, for the last Week ended Saturday, the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1921, authenticated and laid before the Board of Guardians at this Meeting.

RELIEF DISTRICTS	Destitute Persons relieved out of the Workhouse under 10 Vict. c. 31, s. 1		Destitute Persons relieved out of the Workhouse, but not comprised in Sec. 1		Total relieved out of the Workhouse		RELIEF DISTRICTS	Destitute Persons relieved out of the Workhouse under 10 Vict. c. 31, s. 1		Destitute Persons relieved out of the Workhouse, but not comprised in Sec. 1		Total relieved out of the Workhouse	
	Number of Cases relieved	Number of Persons, including Applicant and Family, dependent on him or her	Number of Cases relieved	Number of Persons, including Applicant and Family, dependent on him or her	Cases	Persons		Number of Cases relieved	Number of Persons, including Applicant and Family, dependent on him or her	Number of Cases relieved	Number of Persons, including Applicant and Family, dependent on him or her	Cases	Persons
							Bt. forward	48	91			48	91
No. I.	43	85			43	85	No. V.	2	7			2	7
No. II.							No. VI.	1	3			1	3
No. III.	3	2			3	2	VII.—Children Boarded out beyond Union.	15	15			15	15
No. IV.	2	2			2	2							
Car. forwld.	48	91			48	91	TOTAL	66	116			66	116

MINUTES of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians, at a Meeting held on WEDNESDAY, the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1921

PRESENT—In the Chair—

Other Guardians—

*See page 415.*

Next Meeting of the Board of Guardians to be held on WEDNESDAY, the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1921

(Signed) *Robert H. Muller*  
Clerk of the Union.



TABLE (2).—STATISTICAL MINUTES.

Meeting held Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1921

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

Indoor, from No. 1205 to No. 1236

Separate ,, No. 28 to No. 22

Out-door ,, No. 2892 to No. 2893

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

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

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

The Weekly Abstract of the Account of Provisions and Necessaries for the Week ending Saturday, the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1921, was submitted, of which the following is a Summary :—

	Stock in hand at close of preceding week			Received during the week			Total			Consumed during the week						Stock in hand at close of this week	Collective No. of days					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	By Inmates		By Officers		Total				£	s.	d.		
Provisions	92	18	6	72	20	16	71	20	16	59	15	3	17	13	7	76	16	6	90	2	10	632
Necessaries	5	2	0	14	2	1	23	8	1	12	3	6	1	13	1	13	16	7	9	11	6	
Total	98	2	6	92	6	11	190	9	5	71	18	9	18	12	2	90	13	1	99	16	2	

The General Average Cost of an Inmate for the week was

£	s.	d.
	15	11
Average Cost in Infirmary	16	6
Average Cost in Fever Hospital	17	2

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

- 1—The Clothing Materials Receipt and Conversion Book.
- 2—The Clothing Receipt Book.
- 3—The Inventory Book.
- 4—The Labour Book.
- 5—The Workhouse Farm Account.
- 6—The Medical Weekly Return and Extra Book.
- 7—The Out-door Admission and Discharge Book.
- 8—The In-door Admission and Discharge Book.

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

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

The Abstract of the Accounts of the several Relieving Officers for the last Week ending Saturday, the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1921 was submitted as follows :—

	Relieving Officer	Relieving Officer	Relieving Officer	Relieving Officer	Relieving Officer	Relieving Officer	TOTAL																	
	O'Sullivan	O'Flaherty	McNeill	Walsh	Kyne	Cooney																		
	District No. I.	District No. II.	District No. III.	District No. IV.	District No. V.	District No. VI.																		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.																	
1. Balance in hands at close of previous week ...	16	2	9	1	16	0	1	0	0	1	5	8	.	.	1	1	9	1	2	1	5	7		
2. Money since advanced by Guardians ...	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		
3. Total to be accounted for ...	16	2	9	1	16	0	1	0	0	1	5	8	.	.	1	1	9	1	2	1	5	7		
EXPENDITURE.																								
4. Out-door Relief ordered by the Board—																								
In Money ...	10	11	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	10	6	6	0	.	.	10	0	.	12	0	.	12	10	0
In Kind ...	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5. Orphans and Deserted Children boarded out ...	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6. Provisional Relief (in kind only), given by Relieving Officer on his own responsibility	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7. Total Relief given	10	11	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	10	6	6	0	.	.	10	0	.	12	0	.	12	10	0
8. Balance in hands at close of the week ...	5	12	3	1	16	0	9	6	.	1	9	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	7	1	.	.	.
9. Total ...	16	2	9	1	16	0	1	0	0	1	5	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	9	1	.	.	.

Children Boarded-out beyond Union—Cost for Quarter ended 25/6/21 £ 76 : 7 : 0



FORM 14.  
(Article 7.)

TABLE (1)—FINANCIAL MINUTES.

GALWAY UNION.

Finance Meeting held the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1921.

The Financial Statement Book of Receipts was produced and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the counter-signature of the Clerk, showing the sums which had been received during the month of June, 1921, and the Ledger entries made in respect of same as follows:—

TABLE (a).			
	£	s.	d.
County Council—Money supplied on demand of Guardians			
Repayment of Relief	21	12	11
Rents of Dispensary Residences			
Farm Account—Sales of Farm Produce			
Sales of Offal, Old Stores, and other Receipts			
Loans Received			
Total Amount of Lodgments as above	£ 21	12	11

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

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

TABLE (b).			
	£	s.	d.
SUNDRY ACCOUNTS, viz.:—			
Provisions and Necessaries	11	14	0
Clothing and Bedding	3	2	6
Workhouse Burials			
Relieving Officers' Accounts—Outdoor Relief	1306	7	0
ESTABLISHMENT—			
(a) Salaries	660	14	8
(b) Medicines and Medical and Surgical Appliances			
(c) Farm			
(d) Other Expenses	8	8	7
Maintenance in Extern Institutions	3	18	0
Emigration, Law and other Expenses	2	10	0
Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages and of Vaccinations			
Lunacy Fees to Medical Officers			
MEDICAL CHARITIES:—			
Salaries	278	7	4
Vaccination Fees and Expenses			
Medicines and Medical and Surgical Appliances			
Miscellaneous Expenditure	12	5	0
Superannuation Allowances	20	15	11
Repayment of Loans			
Unpaid Bills of last half-year			
Expenditure out of Loans			
Nurses' Ration allowance,	55	2	6
Total Amount of Payments ordered as above	£ 1396	55	5

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ending the last day of June, 1921.

SUMMARY.	Ordinary Account			Loans Account		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance (if any) due by Treasurer as per last monthly Statement	202	17	1			
Total Sums received during the month	21	12	11			
Total	223	29	12			
Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last monthly Statement						
Payments ordered during the month	1396	55	5			
Total	1396	55	5			
Net Balance due by the Union (being difference of above Totals)	921	14	5			
RECONCILEMENT.						
Balance per Bank Book due by Treasurer	500	19	6			
Outstanding Orders	1022	18	9			
Net Balance as above due by the Union	921	14	5			



HOSPITAL REPORT.

WORKHOUSE.				FEVER HOSPITAL.			
Admitted during the Week				Admitted during the Week			
Discharged	...	...	...	Discharged	...	...	...
Died	...	...	...	Died	...	...	...
Remaining	...	...	...	Remaining	...	...	...

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

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