

Population in 1881—

25237

Loughrea UNION.

Present Net Annual Value, £76264.10.0

STATE OF THE WORKHOUSE for the Week ending Saturday, the 11th day of August 1883

Numbers of inmates for which accommodation is provided	No. that can be accommodated in each building	Total No. in each building on the above date	Able-bodied		Aged and infirm persons, and adult persons above 15 years of age, but not working		Boys and Girls above 9 and under 15 years of age		Children above 9 and under 15 years of age		Infants under 2 years of age		Total		RETURN OF SICK AND LUNATICS		OBSERVATIONS
			Males	Fem.	Males	Fem.	Boys	Girls	Children above 9 and under 15 years of age	Children above 9 and under 15 years of age	Infants under 2 years of age	Number in Hospital on the above date	No. of Lunatics and Idiots in Workhouse on the above date				
Workhouse	760	108															
Temporary Buildings																	
Additional Workhouse																	
Permanent Fever Hospital, Fever Sheds,	58	1															
TOTAL,	818	109															
Remaining on previous Saturday, as per last Return,			7	19	24	23	4	1	8	11	12	109	Under Medical Treatment in Hospital	28	In separate Wards		
Admitted during the Week,			7	2	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	Under Medical Treatment in Fever Hospital	1	In Wards with other inmates,	5	
TOTAL,			14	21	30	23	5	1	8	11	12	125	Total	29	Total	5	
Discharged during the Week,			11	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	NIGHT LODGERS OR CASUALS.				
Died,				1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Males	Females	Children under 15	TOTAL	
Total Discharged and Dead,			11	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	No. Relieved during Week	10	1	11	
													No. in Workhouse at date				
REMAINING ON THE ABOVE DATE,			3	20	17	23	4	1	8	11	12	109	No. at corresponding period last year				

RETURN OF DESTITUTE PERSONS relieved out of the Workhouse, as by Relief Lists, for the last Week ending Saturday, the 11th day of August 1883, authenticated and laid before the Board of Guardians at this Meeting.

RELIEF DISTRICT	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 DISTRICT	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
No. I.	34	115					BE. forward.						
No. II.	28	46					No. X.						
No. III.	45	119					No. XI.						
No. IV.	24	88					No. XII.						
No. V.	24	58					No. XIII.						
No. VI.	29	49					No. XIV.						
No. VII.							No. XV.						
No. VIII.							No. XVI.						
No. IX.							No. XVII.						
TOTAL	224	483					TOTAL						

COPY of MINUTES of the Board of Guardians, at a Meeting held on Saturday the 18th day of August 1883

PRESENT: In the Chair,

Other Guardians:

Mr. John Roche
 Messrs. Rogers, Ince, Peter P. O'Donoghue,
 Thomas Jennings, Thomas Finn, Laurence Egan,
 Stephen Roland, Michael Fahy, Thomas Kearney,
 Patrick Kennedy, Michael Luby, Patrick Cawley,
 & Oliver Dolphin

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and signed.

The Workhouse Register was produced, examined, and authenticated, from No. 4408 to No. 4423 both inclusive, by the signature of the Chairman and countersignature of the Clerk.

The Outdoor Relief Register was produced, examined, and authenticated, from No. _____ to No. _____ inclusive, by the signature of the Chairman and countersignature of the Clerk.

The Clerk's Report on the execution of the Orders previously made by the Board was read to the following effect:—

That the amount of the Parl^r Grant (£164:10:1) has been lodged with the Treasurer to the credit of the Union as also a sum of £3:2:6 received from the Vet^r Department under the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act.

That he notified to Collector Managan to attend the Board today regarding making arrangements for collection of the Rates of 180 + 80 in the District left uncollected by Collector Kepion.

The Ledger was produced by the Clerk, posted up to the last day of Meeting, with the proper Debits and Credits as ordered on that day.

The Treasurer's Book of Receipts and Payments was produced, by which it appeared that there had been received during the Week, — £301:5:8

Paid during the Week, — £71:17:7

And that the Balance on the Account of the Guardians was £724:15:5

The Book was signed by the Chairman.

The Weekly Balance Sheets of the several Collectors were laid before the Board, their accuracy having been first ascertained and authenticated by the Clerk.

The Lodgments made of Rates collected in the several Electoral Divisions appear to have been as follows:—

Name of each Collector	Electoral Divisions arranged in Collectors' Districts	Collected and Lodged during the Week			Total Rate and Arrears Collected and Lodged			Remaining Uncollected		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Fleaprae	Loughlea	55	12	9				32	8	4
	Kilconkey	8	8	9				21	5	6
	Lackaher	7	1	5						
	Kilchenn	3	6	8				14	18	1
	Quilbegh	13	9	11				4	5	11
	Shille	6	13	4				15	16	4
	Maratun	8	1	1				20	5	10
	Drumlan							13		
		102	13	11				122		
								91	19	9
M ^d Keaven	Shinn		9	6				25	13	9
	Cuill							24	14	9
	Killgallen		10	10				35	11	4
	Mayde							6	14	2
	Freelhill	1	9	6				16	19	7
	Kayabing							14	11	4
	Kilconkey		3	2				11	19	2
	Killilla	5	7	0				16	14	5
	Rafud		8	11				15	5	0
	Donkey	2	14	7				14	7	4
	Donkey									
	Cappaluck	2	1	5				18	18	6
	Kellomer	6	16	8				21	8	6
	Seagun	10	17	7				21	10	5
		30	19	2				245	6	9
M ^d Managan	Luturn							123	3	7
	Bracklaph							194	8	5
	Killashill							562	18	9
	Kilmear							43	17	2
	Bullagun							69	2	2
	Kilshille							41	6	
	Grays							79	19	4
								40	10	10
								46	10	11
								49	11	4
M ^d McDonagh	Bgan							370	16	9
	Shinn							333	2	0
	Shinn							263	2	5
	Shinn							967	1	2
	Shinn							46	16	7
	Shinn							60	8	
	Shinn							29	5	7
	Shinn							71	17	3
	Shinn							57	16	11
	Shinn							260	4	4
Total								159	16	4
								124	19	7
								545	0	3

NOTE.—A total is to be inserted in Red Ink at the foot each Collectors' District, as well as for the entire Union.

Debit the Treasurer and Credit the several Electoral Divisions with the respective amounts lodged.

The Clerk's Account of Petty Disbursements made by him since last Meeting, amounting to £

The following Books were exhibited 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 Weekly Relief List and Abstract.
2. The Provision Check Accounts.
3. The Provision Receipt and Consumption Account.

By which it appeared that the Cost of Provisions and Necessaries received during the Week was £

Debit Provision Account and Credit Invoice Account.

The Cost of Provisions and Necessaries consumed was - 16 : 15 : 5

Debit Maintenance Account and Credit Provision Account.

And the General Average Cost of an Inmate for the Week was : 2 : 9½

Average Cost in Infirmary, - : 4 : 1½

Average Cost in Fever Hospital, Hall - : 2 : 3¼

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

800 lb White Bread
6½ " Butter
80½ " Meat
2½ cwt Oatmeal
408 Quarts Sweet Milk
10 lb Tea
42 " Sugar
3 pk Heads
3 Quarts Whiskey
14 lb Cocoa
44 Eggs
19 pk Tobacco

4 lb Mould Candles

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

1. The several Clothing Accounts.
2. The Medical Officers' Books.

The Outdoor Relief Lists and Weekly Receipt and Expenditure Books of the several Relieving Officers were then produced by the Clerk, their accuracy having been previously ascertained by him, and authenticated by his signature.

The Abstract of the Outdoor Relief Lists was also produced by the Clerk, having been duly entered up by him for the last Week ended Saturday, the 11 day of April 1883 whereby it appeared that in that Week the Total Expenditure in Outdoor Relief was

In Money, - - - £ 24 - 9 - 4
In kind, - - - - -

Total, - - - - - £

Credit each Relieving Officer, as per Receipt and Expenditure Book.

The requirements of each Relieving Officer for the ensuing Week having been duly considered and estimated by the Board, Cheques on the Treasurer and Orders on Contractors were duly signed and delivered to each of them, of the following amounts and value respectively:—

RELIEF DISTRICT	Name of Relieving Officer	By Cheque on Treasurer £ s. d.	By Order on Contractors Article and quantity	Value £ s. d.	RELIEF DISTRICT	Name of Relieving Officer	By Cheque on Treasurer £ s. d.	By Order on Contractors Article and quantity	Value £ s. d.
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No. II.					No. X.				
No. III.					No. XI.				
No. IV.					No. XII.				
No. V.					No. XIII.				
No. VI.					No. XIV.				
No. VII.					No. XV.				
No. VIII.					No. XVI.				
No. IX.					No. XVII.				
Car. forward.					TOTAL.				

Credit Treasurer with Cheques.

Debit each Relieving Officer with Cheques and Orders.

On the Report and recommendation of the Finance Committee the following Bills having been duly examined, and found to be correct and in accordance with the several Orders, were directed to be paid, and Cheques for the several amounts were duly drawn on the Treasurer and signed, namely:—

1. Clothing Account.	£	s.	d.
Myles J Keasen	54	14	1
James Mc Carthy	6	17	7
William Flaherty	121	6	3
Samuel Smyth	9	1	7
Lawrence M Egan		14	
Joseph Hall	1	8	1

Debit Clothing Account and Credit Treasurer with the several sums as above.

2. Establishment Account.

Patrick Parker	Water Works	1	18	0
Patrick Glynn	O B Relief	20		
James Hamrick	"	10		
Edward Lally	"	10		

Debit Establishment Account and Credit Treasurer with the several sums as above.

3. Workhouse Invoice Account.

£ s. d.

Debit Workhouse Invoice Account and Credit Treasurer with the several sums as above.

4. Outdoor Relief Invoice Account.

£ s. d.

Credit Treasurer and Debit Outdoor Relief Invoice Account with the several sums as above.

The Clerk's Report of Vaccination was read—(this on the first meeting in every month)—Number of successful cases,

The Report of the Visiting Committee was read, and Orders were made thereon as follows:—

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

Ordered that an inmate named Mary Burns—
about to take her discharge—get a Suit of the
Clothing already in the House

" 100 Brocoli Plants, 1 jar Brunswick Black,
1 White Wash Brush, 10 but Shaw

Average degrees of beam for
current week. Ridge 10, Kennedy 10 7/8, Forde 10.

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

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

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Letter from the Local Government Board dated 13th August 1883 referring to certain statements which lately appeared in the public press regarding the death of John Burke at Canaroe and to the delay on the part of Dr. Burke and the Officer Beekham in affording him relief and stating that they have instructed their Inspector D. Raughan to hold an inquiry on oath into all the circumstances of the case.

A letter was read from Dr. Raughan fixing Tuesday next the 21st inst. for holding the inquiry at the Board Room here.

It being the unanimous wish of this Board that the proposed inquiry and the circumstances connected with the death of John Burke be postponed until the 27th inst. in order to give sufficient time to summon witnesses and also that

that some other Inspector instead of Dr. Raughan be sent to hold the inquiry. The Clerk is directed to write for Local Government Board consent.

Letter from same dated 17th August 1883 stating that they have received the half yearly report of their Inspector D. Raughan upon this Union which they observe is of a satisfactory character generally as regards the management of the Workhouse and the discharge of their duties by the several officers of the Establishment.

Letter from C. J. Redington Esq. dated 17th August 1883 requesting that the amount (£205) of the Government Grant issued for those parties who have declined to emigrate under the Areas of Port Ireland Act be returned to the Board of Works and obtaining as regards the case of Joseph Shuff that if he receives an appointed Passage to Australia within a short time the Local Government Board will re-issue the Grants sanctioned in his case.

The consideration of the foregoing was postponed.

Letter from Mr. William Flattery dated 16th August 1883 requesting the Board would be pleased to allow him at the rate of 23rd up ton for the 100 stow coal lately supplied to the Workhouse as he has not made £1 by the transaction.

The Board ordered Mr. Flattery to be paid at the rate of 22nd 6 up ton. Such being the terms of his contract.

Letter from Mr. B. R. Pope dated 18th August 1883 stating that a tenant of his lately evicted named Thomas Kennedy has ample means being possessed a few days before his eviction of a Horse, a cow 8 sheep and Pigs, and that he (Mr. B. Pope) used

used every effort to induce him to take the benefit of the arduous Act tho' he owed Seven Years.

His man having appeared before the Board and applied for relief his case was referred to Rel^d Officer Hanniffy

The Medical Officer reported that with pleasure he has to report that the Soup now given to the inmates both in the Hall and Hospital is of excellent and nutritious quality - a most important article of Diet - the House is in a sanitary and most orderly state, the poor people seem cheery and contented.

A Draft for the Sum of £12:10:0 - the Supplemental Loan required for the Emigrants last sent to the United States was ordered to be lodged with the Treasurer to the Credit of the Union

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, - - - - -

The number of Applicants admitted to the Workhouse was - 2

The number of cases of Provisional Outdoor Relief was - 6

Do. do. in which relief was continued by the Guardians - 5

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

The number of Applicants for whom relief was not ordered -

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

(See also Minutes of the Guardians' proceedings under the Medical Charities Act, and as the Rural Sanitary Authority.)

Next Meeting of the Guardians to be held on the day of 188

(Signed), _____
Clerk of the Union.

The Lord Bishop of Elmsford accompanied by the Rev^d Prof^r Cunningham, Egan and Fellars appeared before the Board and submitted the following statement which having been read was ordered to be inserted on the minutes of the days proceedings. The startling revelations of the hardships to which the poor are exposed here leave me and the Clergy no alternative no matter how reluctant we feel in interfering with the duties of the Guardians, but to ask you to branch to the foundation the Cause of the frequent complaints and investigations that are occurring. As a Surin Inquiry has been now told directed regarding the death of John Burke I have only to respectfully suggest to the Guardians to insist that it be searching and impartial. For years I as a Ratepayer and on the grounds of Religion and Humanity to the Sick and dying poor have been anxious to secure for them the ministrations of the Sisters of Mercy. Surely the time has come when your own Medical Officer states openly that the Hospital arrangements of the House are so bad that he could not advise any Sick or infirm patient to enter here to put an end to this state of things. To my own knowledge several Sickly old people in the town to whose maintenance I contribute somewhat state they would rather die on the flags than enter the House or Hospital. I do not wish to refer to any particulars leave with confidence the matter in your hands

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The foregoing matter having been considered
the Hospital Nurse was sent for and she handed
in the following document.

Gentlemen I have to resign
my situation of Hospital Nurse of your
Workhouse. I do so now in consequence of my
failing health.

Sain to

(Signed)

Susan Fahy

order Consideration of the above postponed
until this day fortnight.

Proposed by Mr. Reddin. Seconded
by Mr. Kennedy and unanimously carried that
the Board take immediate steps to try and
secure for the inmates of the Hospital the care
and attention of the Sisters of Mercy, and
that a deputation be appointed to wait upon
them to ascertain their views thereon.

A deputation
consisting of Major Rogers, Messrs. Laurence Egan and
Patrick Kennedy was appointed to wait upon the
Sisters of Mercy on Monday next.

14 and 15 Vic., c. 68.

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UNION.

MINUTES of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians at a Meeting
held on _____ the _____ day of _____ 188

(SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET.)

I. MEDICAL CHARITIES ACT, 14 & 15 Vic., cap. 68.

II. PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS.

PRESENT—In the Chair,

Other Guardians:

An Estimate of Medicines, &c., required by the Medical Officer of the Louthrea
Dispensary District, approved by the Committee of Management, was laid before the
Board, with a Requisition from the Committee for the supply of the same, and directions
were given thereon as follows:—

To be procured from the Contractors

An Invoice of Medicines forwarded by the Contractor, for the Lorey
Dispensary District, in pursuance of an Order of the Board in their Minutes of _____
having been received from him, the Clerk laid the Invoice before the Board, and was
directed to forward the same (or reported that he had forwarded the same, as the case
may be,) to the Medical Officer of the District, retaining a Copy of the Invoice for the
use of the Guardians.

On application of the Committee of Management of the _____
Dispensary District, the following supplies of Books, Stationery, Forms, or other
requisites were ordered to be supplied:—

The following Accounts of Expenses (or Statement of Salaries due, as the case may be) under the Medical Charities Act, were laid before the Board, and directions were given for payment thereof (or such other directions as may be given) :—

Dispensary District,
Account of Mr. _____ for _____ : Amount, £

[This at the end of each half-year, in pursuance of Articles 30 and 31 of the General Rules for Dispensary Districts, dated 29th November, 1869.]

An Account of the Expenses incurred for the service of each Dispensary District in the Union, for the half-year ended _____ 188 , having been submitted to the Board, the Clerk was directed to furnish to the Committee of each Dispensary District a statement of all the Expenses of the District which have been included in the half-year's accounts. The following is the total Expense incurred for each Dispensary District for the half-year ended _____ 188 .

District,	-	-	£
District,	-	-	£
District,	-	-	£
District,	-	-	£

[This is to be entered on the occasion of every appointment of a new Committee, after the annual Election of Guardians, and on the occasion of any Election to fill any vacancies in a Dispensary Committee.]

The Board elected the following Ratepayers to be Members of the Committees of Management of the following Dispensary Districts, respectively:—the Clerk to make a Return accordingly to the Local Government Board for Ireland, and to issue the prescribed Notification to the Members elected, and to the Medical Officers of the respective Dispensary Districts, in pursuance of Articles 1, 2, and 3 of the General Regulations for Dispensary Districts.—The Clerk was also directed to supply Check Books of Medical Relief Tickets (Forms E 1 and E 2), in pursuance of Article 29 of the Dispensary Regulations, to the new Members of the Committees; namely:—

Dispensary District, Mr. _____ of _____

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

Order dated _____ (state subject).

The following Letters on matters arising under the Medical Charities Act 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 were made on them respectively as follows) :—

Read letter from _____ dated _____
stating that _____

[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 29th 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. :—

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF GUARDIANS AS THE RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.

Reports from the Sanitary Officers of the following Districts, viz. :—

District	Name of Officer	General Subject	Particulars
Loughrea	B. Donoghue	High State	Despised to be noticed of the Committee to put the House and of Peter Murphy Yard into a Sanitary Loughrea State

were read, and directions given thereon as recorded in Executive Sanitary Officer's Report Book.

The following letters from the Local Government Board for Ireland or others, relating to Sanitary Matters, were read, and directions given thereon as follows :—

Sealed Order dated 15th August 1883 declaring the Townlands of Beacarragh, Poge, Meaney and Wallscourt to be "The Area of Charge" for the expense which may be incurred in providing a Supply of pure Water for the Village of Kiltickle

Letter

The following Accounts of Expenses incurred under the Sanitary Acts were laid before the Board, viz. :—

District	Nature of Expenditure	Amount		

and Cheques were ordered to be drawn for the respective amounts (or directions were given thereon as follows) :—

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Letter from same dated 16th August 1883 stating that they sanction the proposed Loan of £100 for the foregoing purpose, the Loan to be repaid in one instalment and repaid in ten years.

The Board directed to advertise for a Contractor for sinking the Well & tenders to be received on the 1st September.

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Letter from Mr Thomas O'Donoghue dated 18th August 1883 complaining that a sewer which used to form the Water from his yard had been lately stopped up by Mr Brodaugh under whose House it ran, and that in consequence of the stoppage, his and adjoining premises are in a most unsatisfactory state and dangerous to live in at present.

Order Referred to S. Leonard for his observations.

Upon the application of San^y Sub-officer R. Kham, fourteen Barrels of Lime were ordered for gratuitous distribution in the Kilmeeen Division.

Bed clothing. Value £1.45 ordered for Mary Hennehan to replace articles that had been burned by directions of the Medical Officer of Health - Chicken pox having broken out in her House in Loughrea.

Next Meeting of the Guardians to be held on Saturday the 25th day of August 1883.

(Signed),

Patrick Egan

Clerk of the Union.

J. W. H. D. G.

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