

# 1891 Diary of Sir Horace Curzon Plunkett (1854–1932)

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## NOTES

*‘There was nothing wrong with my head, but only with my handwriting,  
which has often caused difficulties.’*

Horace Plunkett, *Irish Homestead*, 30 July 1910

### Conventions

In order to reflect the manuscript as completely and accurately as possible and to retain its original ‘flavour’, Plunkett’s spelling, punctuation, capitalisation and amendments have been reproduced unless otherwise indicated. The conventions adopted for transcription are outlined below.

1) Common titles (usually with an underscored superscript in the original) have been standardised with full stops: Archbp. (Archbishop), Bp. (Bishop), Capt./Capt’n., Col., Fr. (Father), Gen./Gen’l, Gov./Gov’r (Governor), Hon. (Honourable), Jr., Ld., Mr., Mrs., Mgr. (Monsignor), Dr., Prof./Prof’r., Rev’d.

2) Unclear words for which there is a ‘best guess’ are preceded by a query (e.g. ?battle) in transcription; alternative transcriptions are expressed as ?bond/band.

3) Illegible letters are represented, as nearly as possible, by hyphens (e.g. b----t)

4) Any query (?) that does not *immediately* precede a word appears in the original manuscript unless otherwise indicated.

5) Punctuation (or lack of)

- Commas have been inserted only to reduce ambiguity. ‘Best guess’ additions appear as [,].
- Apostrophes have been inserted in:
  - surnames beginning with O (e.g. O’Hara)
  - negative contractions (e.g. can’t, don’t, won’t, didn’t)
  - possessives, to clarify context (e.g. Adams’ house; Adam’s house). However, Plunkett commonly indicates the plural of surnames ending in ‘s’ by an apostrophe (e.g. Yeats’).
- Initials preceding names reflect the original as nearly as possible (e.g. TP Gill, T.P. Gill, T P Gill, T. P. Gill).
- Plunkett’s symbols for ‘about’, ‘therefore’ and the ‘long (double) s’ have been expanded.

6) Text in parentheses ( ) is Plunkett’s; text in brackets [ ] is editorial.

7) Capitalisation, particularly of the letter C and common nouns, is inconsistent and has been retained if unambiguous.

8) Words crossed out in the original are usually reproduced in the transcript, as their frequency or content may indicate Plunkett’s thinking at the time.

9) Cd (could), wd (would), wh: (which) and Plunkett’s symbol for ‘about’ and ‘therefore’ have been expanded; the ‘long f’ (J) has been expanded to ‘ss’.

10) Approximate monetary equivalents were derived and adapted from Lawrence H. Officer and Samuel H. Williamson, “Five Ways to Compute the Relative Value of a UK Pound Amount, 1830 to Present”, and Samuel H. Williamson, “Seven Ways to Compute the Relative Value of a U.S. Dollar Amount, 1774 to Present”, [www.measuringworth.com](http://www.measuringworth.com), 2011. The index used was the Gross Domestic Product Deflator, a measure of average prices covering a ‘bundle’ of all goods and services produced in an economy (making it broader than just the consumer goods in the Retail Price Index). Figures

rounded to the nearest £ or \$. See website for alternative and more detailed measures of relative worth.

Although great care has been taken to ensure accuracy, some misinterpretations will inevitably have occurred in transcription. For clarification, readers are advised to consult microfilm copies of the diaries available in several libraries.

### ***Correspondence***

The diaries are associated with, and cross-referenced to, an alphabetical indexed collection of nearly 4000 items of correspondence donated to the Plunkett Foundation in the years following Sir Horace's death.

- Letters with an identifiable date are noted beside the diary entry for the corresponding day. Letters attributable to only a particular year or month are indicated at the beginning of the relevant section.
- Letters sent by Plunkett appear in Roman type, alphabetically by addressee (e.g. To Balfour, Arthur); letters received by Plunkett appear in italics, alphabetically by sender (e.g. *Fr Balfour, Arthur*).
- Letters between correspondents other than Plunkett appear in parenthesis and are filed with the letters of the first-named correspondent: (*Fr Balfour, Arthur to House, E.M.*).
- If, for some reason, a letter between two correspondents is filed with neither recipient nor sender, the file location is indicated: (*Fr Anderson, R.A. [BAL]*).

For additional holdings, see <http://www.nra.nationalarchives.gov.uk/nra/searches/> (National Register of Archives) and Archives in 'Plunkett, Sir Horace Curzon (1854–1932)', Bull, P., *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* (Oxford University Press) 2006.

### ***Abbreviations***

1) Frequently occurring abbreviations and contractions:

#### **Names**

|        |                        |        |                                |
|--------|------------------------|--------|--------------------------------|
| Æ      | George William Russell | JGB    | John George Butcher            |
| AJB    | Arthur James Balfour   | KW     | Karl Walter                    |
| EVL    | Ernest V. Longworth    | Lady B | Lady Elizabeth (Betty) Balfour |
| F / Fs | Fingall / Fingalls     | LI.G.  | David Lloyd George             |
| GBS    | George Bernard Shaw    | RAA    | Robert Andrew Anderson         |
| GH     | Gerald Heard           | SHB    | Samuel Henry Butcher           |
| GWB    | Gerald William Balfour |        |                                |

#### **Organisations**

|           |   |                  |  |
|-----------|---|------------------|--|
| AAOS      | American Agricultural Organisation Society              | IH               | <i>Irish Homestead</i>   |
| AOS       | Agricultural Organisation Society                       | IS               | <i>Irish Statesman</i>   |
| AOS & SHL | Allotments Organisations Society and Small Holders Ltd. | IIA              | Irish Industries Association   |
| BB Co     | Berthon Boat Company                                    | IRA              | Irish Reconstruction Ass'n./Irish Republican Army (depending on context) |
| CDB       | Congested Districts Board                               | IUA              | Irish Unionist Alliance  |
| CWS       | Co-operative Wholesale Society                          | K St Club/K.S.C. | Kildare Street Club  |
| DATI      | Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction     | NAOS             | National Agricultural Organization Society                               |
| FO        | Foreign Office  | NFU              | National Farmers Union   |
| H of C    | House of Commons  | RDS              | Royal Dublin Society   |
| HPF       | Horace Plunkett Foundation                              | RIC              | Royal Irish Constabulary   |
| IAOS      | Irish Agricultural Organisation Society                 | TCD              | Trinity College, Dublin  |
| IAWS      | Irish Agricultural Wholesale Society                    | UAOS             | Ulster Agricultural Organisation Society                                 |
| ICAS      | Irish Co-operative Agency Society                       | UI               | United Irishwomen  |
| IDL       | Irish Dominion League                                   | UP               | Union Pacific  |
|           |   | Wyo Dev Co       | Wyoming Development  |
|           |   | WO               | War Office   |

## General

|                              |  |                   |   |
|------------------------------|--|-------------------|---|
| &c                           | etcetera (etc.)                                    | Gt                | Great   |
| a/c a/cs                     | account/s  | HR                | Home Rule   |
| ADC                          | aide-de-camp                                       | Inst/Inst:/Inst'n | Instruction   |
| agricl / agric'l             | agricultural                                       | I.Q.              | Irish Question  |
| ag / agric're                | agriculture  | legisl'n          | legislation   |
| Amer'n                       | American   | Ltd.              | Limited   |
| ass'n / assoc'n              | association  | moted             | motored   |
| ass't                        | assistant  | MP                | Member of Parliament  |
| betw'n                       | between  | Mov't             | movement  |
| bd                           | board  | Nat / Nat'l       | National  |
| CC (by context)              | Catholic curate                                    | Nat's             | Nationalists  |
|                              | Cricket Club                                       | o'c               | o'clock   |
|                              | County Councillor                                  | Parl / Parl't     | Parliament  |
| Ch: Sec                      | Chief Secretary                                    | parl'y            | parliamentary   |
| coll / coll:                 | college  | PP                | parish priest   |
| co / co.                     | company or county                                  | Powder R          | Powder River  |
| com'n/comm'n                 | commission   | Pres't            | President   |
| Conv'n/Conv'tn               | Convention   | Prot              | Protestant  |
| coop/coop:                   | co-operative                                       | Qn                | Question  |
| coop'n                       | co-operation                                       | RC                | Roman Catholic  |
| ct'e/c'tee/c'tte/<br>com'tee | committee  | Rel'n / Rel'ns    | Relation/s  |
| DD                           | Doctor of Divinity                                 | RR                | Railroad  |
| dep't                        | department   | R'y               | Railway   |
| Do / do                      | ditto  | Sec / Sec'y       | Secretary   |
| ed'n / educ'n                | education  | Soc'y             | Society   |
| Eng'd                        | England  | SS                | steamship   |
| Ex / Exs                     | Excellency/ Excellencies<br>(usu. Lord Lieutenant) | TD                | Teachtai Delai<br>(representatives in lower<br>house of Dail) |
| exhib'n                      | exhibition   | Tech/Tech:/Tec'l  | technical   |
| gen'l                        | general  |                   |   |
| gov't                        | government   |                   |   |

N.B. The apostrophe in a contraction usually indicates that in Plunkett's handwriting the word ended with underscored superscript letters (e.g. Parl<sup>x</sup> is transcribed as Parl'y).

2) Less frequent or ambiguous contractions are expanded in brackets for clarity and easier reading (e.g. rec[eive]d, originally handwritten "rec<sup>d</sup>"). If the same usage occurs in close proximity, the expanded version is generally not repeated.

## 1891

### Events:

***Found his first co-operative creamery at Ballyhahill, Co. Limerick***

***Royal Dublin Society refuses to support co-operative dairying***

10 Mar – Irish National Federation, organisation of anti-Parnellites, inaugurated in Dublin

24 Mar – Conference in Dublin decides to form Irish Labour League

June – O’Shea’s divorce decree made absolute; Parnell marries Katherine O’Shea

***5 Aug – Balfour Act extends provisions for land purchase and establishes Congested Districts Board (Plunkett a member)***

6 Oct – Parnell dies

Dec – John Redmond becomes leader of Parnellites

### Publications:

- *Report of 23rd Annual Co-operative Congress*, Lincoln, pp. 97-8, 100

- “The Congested Districts Board and Emigration” (letter), *The Freeman’s Journal*, 3 Dec., p. 5

### Government:

*Prime Minister*: 3rd Marquess of Salisbury (Conservative)

*Chief Secretary*: Arthur James Balfour (to 9 Nov), William Lawies Jackson

*Lord Lieutenant*: Marquess of Zetland

**Approximate monetary equivalents (2010):** £1= £107 ; \$1 = \$23

| Correspondence<br>[Notes] | 1891       | Diary Entry  |
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|                           |            |  |
|                           | 1 Jan, Thu | Went to Paddockhurst to dine & sleep & say goodbye to those very hospitable people with whom I have had such a strange connection.   |
|                           | 2 Jan, Fri | Back by morning train to London. Alston came up & I dined him, Tom Hare & Frank Plunkett at St. James Club.  |
|                           | 3 Jan, Sat | Concluding business in London. Lunched & dined with Alston at White’s & left by 10 PM train from Crewe where I slept.  |
|                           | 4 Jan, Sun | Came over by Irish Mail. Denis met me at the Pier (into which the good ship Ireland charged with some force) & took him to Maretimo. There were Emily, Rose & Fred & dear of [ <i>sic</i> old] Lady Cloncurry who was for the first time to my notice somewhat aged.   |
|                           | 5 Jan, Mon | Spent the day in Dublin with Royal Dublin Society’s agricultural official & Ld. Balfour who gave me an interview on cooperative matters. I wanted the Gov’t to get the Royal to apply part of the gov’t funds for dairy purposes. Came to Dunsany.   |
|                           | 6 Jan, Tue | Writing letters most of the day. Went over to talk over Fingall’s affairs with him. Explained the reading of his estate a/cts which clearly spell RUIN. His income must vanish altogether. The only chance he has is a gov’t appointment & for that he must qualify. He talks Australia. But that is <u>rot</u> . He has a wife. |
|                           | 7 Jan, Wed | Another similar day. Kincaid Smith dined & slept & the Murphys (male) & Fingall dined.<br><br>William Wass began as valet at £65.  |
|                           | 8 Jan, Thu | Shot Dunsany – 7 cock, a hare or two & a pheasant with 5 guns! I got a hare, pheasant & brace of cock. Good for me!<br><br>In evening drove to Agher to hunt next day. The frost had   |

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|  |             | apparently gone. But towards night it seemed to be coming back.   |
|  | 9 Jan, Fri  | Woke to a hard frost. Went back to Dunsany & to Dublin en route to the south to renew my dairy campaign.<br><br>Rec[eive]d invitation from the Zetlands, whom I don't know, for a week at the Castle from Feb. 16 – second levée time. Sure to meet swell people which I suppose is educational.  |
|  | 10 Jan, Sat | To Limerick by the mail where my cooperative associates Monteagle, Gibson, Stokes & Anderson all met me. Did a good day's work at Coop organisation, especially arranging for supply of machinery to the new societies. We held our Industrial League meeting which if it doesn't do much good will do no harm.   |
|  | 11 Jan, Sun | Off before sunrise to Newcastle West with Anderson for a creamery meeting at Feenagh. Very good attendance for short notice & did some good. Saw the secretary of the Castlemahon Soc'y & the promoter of the Newcastle West Soc'y. Did a lot of Coop writing &c. Came back to Limerick.<br><br>Parnell was leaving as we arrived at 11 P.M. What a ragged wild following he had!   |
|  | 12 Jan, Mon | 8 AM boat to Labbasheeda about 5 miles below Foynes on opposite (Clare) bank. Cold bright day. What a noble river and no craft in it all the way save ours! Poor Ireland! Well we, Stokes & I, held a very successful meeting and launched another creamery. Then we got rowed across to Mount Trenchard, Stokes going on to Foynes. I stayed the night with the Monteagles.  |
| [ J.P. Evans – agricultural machinery supplier]<br><br>[ <i>nous verrons</i> – we shall see] | 13 Jan, Tue | Spent the morning in Limerick with J.P. Evans & Co. arranging with that firm to give special terms to <u>cooperative</u> dairies. Did other business in connection with the propaganda work and went to Doneraile where I found Alexis, wife and a Miss Goodenough (Mrs R's cousin) and John Watson. The latter & Alexis had agreed that I was mad to go on with this propaganda work. <i>Nous verrons</i> .  |
| [ <i>genius loci</i> – “spirit of the place”; local worthy]                                  | 14 Jan, Wed | Off early again to Newmarket, Co. Cork with Anderson and held another meeting. The presiding <i>genius loci</i> Colonel Aldworth is good but stupid, his wife pushing but indiscreet & I doubt whether they will make a success of it at first. Back to Doneraile for the night.  |
|  | 15 Jan, Thu | Off early to Newcastle West for a meeting. Started a creamery which ought to succeed. Slept in Limerick.  |
|  | 16 Jan, Fri | Spent the day in Lim[eric]k writing a long & important letter to the Royal Dublin Soc'y urging them to give us a permanent organiser for Coop Dairying. Also went into the affairs of the Limerick Clothing Factory – employing nearly 1000 men & women & in a hopeless trough. May subscribe – a donation for it looks like the same thing – something to the Pref[erence] shares which must be issued to save it. Had a long & pleasant talk with R.C. Bishop O'Dwyer of Lim[eric]k, a very nice & not oily ecclesiastic. Back to Doneraile at night. |
|  | 17 Jan, Sat | First morning this week I got up by daylight. Attended a meeting at Liscarrol to try to heal over a local dispute which threatened the creamery that Anderson had started. Hope I did some good. Returned by slow train to Dublin where I slept K St. Club. Thus  |

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|   |             | ended a week well spent – but so am I.   |
|   | 18 Jan, Sun | Arrived early at Dunsany. Wrote many letters, lunched at Killeen, attended prayers at Dunsany and dined & slept at Summerhill. Daisy told me that Ld. Zetland & Balfour thought of asking me to go & help to disburse their big fund in the congested districts. It would overwork me terribly to add this burden & yet I could not refuse. I hope the request won't come.   |
|   | 19 Jan, Mon | Returned to Dunsany & worked hard at business. I have too much on hand & my health suffers. Daisy Fingall & her somnolent lord dined with me to talk business – i.e. what F. ought to do to avert the impending bankruptcy. It is a hard question.   |
|   | 20 Jan, Tue | Hunted with the Meaths. Cold blowy rainy day. Poor sport. I wasn't at all well from over work & did not enjoy myself at all.   |
|   | 21 Jan, Wed | Hunted with the Wards. Good business man's pack. Was able to do lots of work at my desk & still have good hunt. Rode badly, am rather weak just now. This awful weather seems to disagree.   |
| ["hole and corner" – peripheral, unimportant] | 22 Jan, Thu | Spent the day in Dublin – Irish Industries business. Had a request before the Agricultural Com'tee of the "Royal" to help Cooperative Dairying. Attended Council meeting of Industrial League & found it a very hole & corner affair.<br><br>Saw Colonel Dease (Governor) at Bank of Ireland about Frank Plunkett's & Fingall's affairs. Incidentally he told me I could be a director of the Bank if I liked. If I had time I should like the commercial training it would give me. |
|   | 23 Jan, Fri | Rode Coleridge's & my joint horse "The Co". Carried very well in a splendid run from the new gorse in the Bush Farm. Was introduced by Daisy Fingall (who was by the way riding very well) to Lord Zetland. Dined at Killeen & met Trivy & Billy Anderton. He poor boy has fooled away a princely fortune.   |
| <i>Fr Neale, Edward Vansittart-</i>           | 24 Jan, Sat | Wrote hard all the morning. Hunted with the Wards at Flathouse. Had a good 45 minutes & was well carried by 'Laceman'. Then drove over to Lyons where I found Bee alone. Was very tired & could hardly talk to her. Val came back late at night.   |
|   | 25 Jan, Sun | Spent the day on the farm &c. Talked Valentine off his head about Dairying (Cooperation) but failed to convince him that it would do more good than harm socially. He is a very prejudiced Tory. Called on Dease & declined Directorship of Bank of Ireland. Talked over Frank Plunkett's & Fingall's affairs. Went later to Kildare St. Club for the night. Poor Valentine is getting gloomy & half morose. I fear he may suffer in his head later on.                              |
|   | 26 Jan, Mon | Johnny came over last night & we went to Dunsany together by morning train. My short absence resulted in a deluge of correspondence which kept me in all day.  |
|   | 27 Jan, Tue | Hunted with Meaths at Beau Parc. Poor day. Rode small grey.  |
|   | 28 Jan, Wed | Hunted with Wards. Big grey. Good run. Well carried.   |
| [Lady Gay Spanker –                           | 29 Jan, Thu | Hunted with Meaths, Trim Station. Poor day. In evening Coleridge & his two sisters & the Duchess of Hamilton who had come over to him for a week's hunting – old Friends with Devon & Somerset Staghounds. She is one of the hardest riders in Eng'd & I had thought she was a sort of Lady Gay Spanker. I never met   |

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| larger-than-life character in Dion Boucicault's <i>London Assurance</i> ] |             | a quieter nicer woman. She was much interested in Coop work. In evening Johnny & I entertained the Fingalls, O'Shaughnessys, George & Lilly Lambert. Kincaid Smith stayed the night so we were 14 to dinner – 7 each sex.   |
|   | 30 Jan, Fri | Hunted with Meaths at Summerhill. Ld. Zetland was out & I had a big talk with him about his Fund. He is quiet, modest & sensible. This was my fourth day running. I think I feel better for relaxed mental work even with excessive physical work. All party left today & Johnny & I were alone.  |
|   | 31 Jan, Sat | Meant to take a day's rest but found it necessary to take Johnny out shooting. He is getting into a wretched state of ill health from weakness & indulgence in alcohol & physic.  |
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|   | 1 Feb, Sun  | Writing letters. Church at Kilmessan, Watsons to lunch, also Killeen party. Johnny laid up with neuralgia, the result of nipping I have no doubt.   |
|   | 2 Feb, Mon  | Went to Dublin to try & get help for Cooperative Dairying from the agricultural com'tee Royal Dublin Society. Failed but went on to Balfour who said he would try & help me with them. Stayed the night in Dublin.  |
|   | 3 Feb, Tue  | Went to the Levee & attended Meath Hunt Committee meeting where Fingall's resignation was accepted & John Watson appointed master.<br><br>During day Coleridge & his New Zealand brother in law consulted me on the affairs of the Ceylon plantation.   |
|   | 4 Feb, Wed  | Went to Dublin to attend annual meeting of Industrial League. Spoke very badly which I regret as the speeches will be read. I was tired.  |
|   | 5 Feb, Thu  | Hounds met at Kilmessan. Found in Glane & had a nice gallop through Oxpark, Arlingtown & Swainston to Kilmessan Station & back through Arlingtown.  |
|   | 6 Feb, Fri  | Fingall drove me to Abbotstown. Hunted Laceman & had good run from Waringstown to Kilrue.   |
|   | 7 Feb, Sat  | Worked all day to get free for party coming at night. Cloncurry, Bee & youngest sister ("Tommy"), Emily Lawless, the Everards, Alexis Roche & Colonel Forster arrived. Colonel Dyson Laurie & daughter dined. We had a cheery evening. Johnny nipped all day & I feared for the morrow. He was bright & cheery enough till we went to bed.  |
|   | 8 Feb, Sun  | Did not take the party to Church but the Parson came to Dunsany as usual at 4 & we mustered in force. We then all walked over to Killeen and Daisy & her sister dined. Johnny was very ill indeed & assured me that he had Bright's disease & could not live many months. The "farce is played out" he almost groaned in his misery. It was a piteous sight. He was evidently very sorry for himself. |
|   | 9 Feb, Mon  | Cloncurry left early, Emily & the Everards later. Everard, Col. Forster, Alexis, "Tommy" Winn & self hunted. Tommy borrowed horse & clothes about the country. We had a very jolly day's sport winding up with the run of the season from Trotter's to  |

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|                                   |                      | Culmullin. I was well carried all the last part on my big grey. Col. Forster hunted away.<br><br>Johnny was quite well again apparently. Evidently he had had the "horrors".  |
|                                   | 10 Feb, Tue          | Cloncurry & "Tommy" left early. Alexis & I hunted with Wards.   |
|                                   | 11 Feb, Wed<br>(Ash) | Meath Hunt meeting at Killeen to accept regretfully Fingall's resignation & confirm John Watson's appointment. It was a sad chapter in poor F's history. Wrote lots of letters and did some other business through the day.<br><br>Fingall walked over after Dinner to begin a difficult arbitration betw'n Jas Murphy & Coleridge over a horse deal. F showed great common sense & some grasp of a difficult complication.                   |
|                                   | 12 Feb, Thu          | Alexis hunted a hireling at Kells & I went to Dublin to see the Land Commission who are thinking of appointing a dairy instructor for the South of Ireland & wanted to consult me about it.   |
|                                   | 13 Feb, Fri          | Hunted with grey at Drumree. Went lame & came home early. Was glad partly as I was seedy enough with mucous diarrhoea.  |
|                                   | 14 Feb, Sat          | Hunted big grey with Wards. Still seedy. Poor day & had no enjoyment. Johnny went to Rock Lodge and looked over his affairs for a wander.   |
|                                   | 15 Feb, Sun          | Coleridge came down for the day about his arbitration and he & George Murphy agreed the two sides before Fingall & me.  |
|                                   | 16 Feb, Mon          | Busy all the morning & then came up to Dublin to spend the inside of the week with Their Excellencies. Found a very nice party including Lds. Enniskillen, Lurgan, Morris, Cloncurry, Drogheda, de Freyne & their wives &c.   |
|                                   | 17 Feb, Tue          | Levee to which Johnny came – dance of house party and very few others. I worked up my coop dairying scheme during the day in various ways. At dinner took in Lady Morris and sat next Lady Zetland & had some interesting conversations on the Congested Districts problem.   |
|                                   | 18 Feb, Wed          | Excellent host & hostess the Zs. They arranged to let their guests go with His Ex[cellency] to the Stallion Show, or with Her Ex in a steam launch to Howth Castle or with the Wards or to stay at the Castle or to do what they pleased. I went with the Wards. In the ev[en]ing the drawing room with this house party & "processed". Such tom foolery! but if you have an aristocracy it is well to drill them in formalities – I suppose. |
|                                   | 19 Feb, Thu          | Busy all day. Went at the R.D.S. agricultural meeting again & did other business. A dinner & Ball in the ev[en]ing at the Castle. I half enjoyed myself but went off to bed [at a] reasonable hour. Johnny came up for the dinner.  |
|                                   | 20 Feb, Fri          | Went down with Daisy, Miss Burke & Miss Winn (whom I mounted on my little grey) to Woodlands for Meath Hunt meet. Bright dry scentless day. Still enjoyed taking the air. Came back with His Ex[cellency] & party from Dunboyne. An -----<br>?gatherers dinner & ball.  |
|                                   | 21 Feb, Sat          | Took leave of Their Excellencies & came down to Dunsany after doing a day's business in Dublin. Found Beau Watson who was   |



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|  |             | in much perplexity about Old Whitehead's sudden determination to sell Paddockhurst. Found also a letter from Countess Hoyos imploring me to go over & advise her father in the matter. Infernal nuisance.   |
|  | 22 Feb, Sun | Arrears of correspondence. Walked over to Killeen to talk over the James Murphy vs Coleridge arbitration. Then Johnny Watson & I dined at Killeen.  |
|  | 23 Feb, Mon | Watson decided on my advice to go back to P'hurst at once. Old Whitehead is talking of selling the Place and seems likely to make a great mess of it by getting into the hands of house agents.   |
|  | 24 Feb, Tue | Hunted big grey which I have named "Mont Blanc" with Meaths Rahinston. Grand weather, but not for hunting. Johnny & I dined at Killeen, I to talk over the arbitration with F[ingall].  |
|  | 25 Feb, Wed | Letters & business. Then met Fingall in Arlington to show the horse we are arbitrating about to Col. Johnson. Then hunted with Wards & lots more business. Had a very good run.   |
|  | 26 Feb, Thu | Went to Dublin to meet the subcom'tee of the Agricultural Section on my request for help in organising Coop dairies. Monteagle came with us but we did not get so much as an interview. I brought him back to dine & sleep. After discussing the matter with him I decided to guarantee £250 a year for 2 years to Anderson if he would give up his present position and be cooperative organiser for the Coop Union. I can't spend my surplus better than in Coop improvement. |
|  | 27 Feb, Fri | Monteagle left today & I did business all day after.  |
|  | 28 Feb, Sat | Captain (Mary) Matthews A.D.C. came for Sat till Monday. The Wards met at Dunsany Castle & we breakfasted & lunched all who would come in. His Ex[cellency] partook. Coop meeting 6 P.M. which lasted till 8.15 – rather uncomfortable for our guest.   |
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|  | 1 Mar, Sun  | A day of rest from Kilmessan but hard cooperative work for me. Matthews & I dined at Killeen. George Murphy wrote a gentlemanly apology for his conduct about the arbitration.  |
|  | 2 Mar, Mon  | Johnny left & also Capt. "Mary" Matthews. I went to the Dunvilles rather than face solitude in the ruins. Met the F. Fetherstons, Miss Glyn, a Major & Mrs. Cunningham.   |
|  | 3 Mar, Tue  | Hunted little grey with Meaths at Lismullin & went back to Sion in evening.   |
|  | 4 Mar, Wed  | Hunted Laceman with Wards at Batterstown & mounted John Dunville who came for the night on "Mont Blanc" my huge grey. We two dined at Killeen.  |
|  | 5 Mar, Thu  | John Dunville left to hunt. He & I met at dinner at Kildare St. Club and went to London together by mail.   |
| <i>(Fr Neale, Edward Vansittart to Anderson, R.A.)</i> | 6 Mar, Fri  | Arrived early and put up with J. Dunville in his little house 7 Norfolk St., Park Lane. Went on to P[addock]hurst after meeting Watson in London to hear of the trouble. Found John Whitehead, the eldest son, who stayed the night to see me. But I saw little of him as I was busy with Watson most of the time.  |
|  | 7 Mar, Sat  | Spent the morning writing a long letter to the first Conference of  |

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|                           |             | coop creamery delegates to be held at Newcastle West on 9th. Then P[addock]hurst affairs.  |
|                           | 8 Mar, Sun  | Watson & I walked over in drenching rain to Copthorne church yard to see my dear father's grave. Snowed on us on way back & recalled that sad snowy day two years ago. Passed by Down Lodge in which my father was the only thing I cared about. P'hurst affairs the rest of the day. Bertie consulted me on his matrimonial plans.  |
|                           | 9 Mar, Mon  | Left P'hurst for John Dunville's house in London. JG Butcher & Denis Lawless dined with me at Club. Saw Arthur Acland at House of Commons and talked over Cooperation in Ireland with him. He & I agreed on the great difficulty of the cooperative movement – the “selfishness” of its leaders. Tom Hughes stands up manfully for the higher ideals. But dear old man he is too outspoken.  |
|                           | 10 Mar, Tue | Very busy day. Dined with Conny. Fenwick in morning. Had long Pelton talk. Great present prosperity, rocks ahead in relations labour & capital. Labour sees that capital must win in a hand to hand fight. So labour means to enlist legislation.  |
| [?St. Oswald]             | 11 Mar, Wed | Another busy day. Settled to lend Frank Plunkett £1300 (£300 of it already advanced) for 5 years @ 5%. I hate these loans to friends. They are bad security & it would be very difficult & unpleasant in many events to get repayment. Went to see Langdale. Called Ld. Oswald. Lunched Mary & met Mrs. Leonard Courtney & the Robin O'Brians of Clare. Dined Johnny, Denis Lawless, J. Dunville & Arnold Forster at St. James Club.   |
|                           | 12 Mar, Thu | Went to city & finally closed with P.R. Cattle Co. for their remaining assets for £3000 on behalf of Windsor Kemp & Co.<br><br>Denis Lawless consulted me about his future, he having finally decided to leave the army. He appeared to me to be nervous & unsettled in brain by the worry of the change. I was anxious about him.<br><br>Ld Arthur Butler & his sister in law, Mrs. R. Hickox, John Dunville & Mary dined with me at the Wellington.  |
|                           | 13 Mar, Fri | By a morning train to Manchester to attend the United Board meeting & try to arouse some interest in Ireland. The narrow selfishness of the movement begins to weigh on me. They took an interest in Ireland when they thought it would bring them & the Nationalists together. Now that they begin to see that cooperative propaganda reveals Irishmen in their true light they are sick at heart. However I fight on as the link betw'n English & Irish cooperation is of great disciplinary importance. |
|                           | 14 Mar, Sat | Stayed through the day because I had always been told that my cooperative education needed a sight of the “wholesale” quarterly meeting. The “Wholesale” is probably the largest business of the kind in England & its thoroughly democratic management is instructive enough. Left at night for Ireland.  |
|                           | 15 Mar, Sun | Arrived after a cold uncomfortable rough night at Dunsany. Rather depressing. So went over to Killeen where they had a party of Lambarts & others.   |
|                           | 16 Mar, Mon | After a good sleep felt better. Went for a hunt on Mont Blanc.   |

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|                           |             | Very cold wretched day. No sport.<br>General meeting of Stores at 6 P.M. Rather poor after the Coop Wholesale meeting in Manchester!!  |
|                           | 17 Mar, Tue | St. Paddy. No work, no play (hunting) I was an exception to the former. I worked at that wretched Coleridge vs Jas Murphy arbitration. I rode over to see Gussy Briscoe who had been badly hurt out hunting. He was quite recovered.   |
|                           | 18 Mar, wed | Another day's writing, chiefly cooperative. Then a call on the Parson at Kilmessan who had been to Dublin to have 8 teeth pulled at a sitting & was now in bed therefrom. Dined at Killeen. We finally awarded £35 against Coleridge in the arbitration case.  |
|                           | 19 Mar, Thu | Went to Dublin again to beg for help from the Royal Dublin Society for the creamery work. Again the Com'tee of Agriculture opposed the Cooperative part of the scheme. Dined at the Grange to meet Hugh Cullen Sen[io]r.   |
|                           | 20 Mar, Fri | Meaths at Trim Station. Bad day. John Wilkinson dined & he & I had a night over the year's estate a/cts.   |
|                           | 21 Mar, Sat | Hunted with Meaths at Swainston. Had a nice run from Gerrardstown in afternoon.<br><br>Daisy & I went to Dunboyne by Hunt special & drove by hack car thence to Lyons. On the way she asked me for advice on a trouble in her life which I can't repeat here even. But it impressed me a good deal in many ways. Her absolute confidence in my secrecy touched me. She is a charming little woman. At Lyons found "Tommy" Winn, the Gerard Leighs, Cardens & Colonel Forster & a Major St. Aubyn.  |
|                           | 22 Mar, Sun | Went to the R.C. Chapel at Celbridge with Daisy, a pleasant change from our dreary services. Then walked with Val & showed my ignorance of matters agricultural.   |
|                           | 23 Mar, Mon | Left Lyons early leaving my servant to find his way back to Dunsany & went to Doneraile where I put up with the Roches for the night. Of course cooperative organisation with Anderson & the affairs of the Doneraile Soc'y took most of my time. Alexis was on a special jury in Cork & only arrived at 11.45 P.M. by which time I was quite asleep.  |
|                           | 24 Mar, Tue | Drove with Anderson to Liscarrol & Lombardstown Societies. Both going ahead well. Dined in Mallow & came on by night to Limerick.  |
|                           | 25 Mar, Wed | A real March day. Went by train to Rathkeale where we met the President of the Granagh Soc'y, on to Balingarry where after interviewing the Priest & others we went to Glenwilliam & held a meeting among the suppliers of milk to Mr. Atkinson's creamery. We urged the formation of a coop dairy to take over Atkinson's machinery of course by his consent. Then we called by night on Fr. O'Shaghnessy at Clouncagh where another Factory was started on truly cooperative principles. After a very cold drive we got to a very cold station where at 10 P.M. we got into a very cold train. |
|                           | 26 Mar, Thu | By train with Anderson to Bruree, by car to Bulgaden & thence to Ardpatrick. Both societies going ahead very satisfactorily. Their buildings are up & machinery contracted for. Propagandist work  |

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|                           |             | in bad wintry weather is severe & unpleasant. Today it blew & snowed & sleeted all day.   |
|                           | 27 Mar, Fri | By 9 AM boat for Labasheeda. Rudder chain broke & we went aground at the start. 1 hour lost. Arrived Labasheeda 3 hours late & people told us they could not put us over to Glin after meeting. So we went on to Tarbert & drove to Glin where we held a meeting of the Com'tee of the factory going up there. We then drove to Newcastle West inspecting (Ballyhahil on the way) & took night mail to Dublin. Gibson, Anderson and I were the <u>we</u> .  |
|                           | 28 Mar, Sat | A very busy morning with the Stokes & Anderson. Broached to Stokes my idea that he should finally take the position of selling agent for all the creameries in the Coop Union & he assented. This makes something to work for. I would stake my life on his straightness. Had a long talk with Bishop O'Dwyer. He will back us up. He says the farmers are beginning to fear Home Rule & its probable taxation of land. He would have boldly reduced rents 30% to 50% & made this a <u>permanent</u> tax on the land. Much like Davitt's plan he says but more honest. I visited Clothing Factory and Railway people. Decided to try & organise a store between them & Bacon men. Slept Dublin. |
|                           | 29 Mar, Sun | Early to Dunsany. Went over to Killeen as they had a party and F. wanted my servant & help to wait. Spent most of the day at Dunsany writing innumerable letters.   |
|                           | 30 Mar, Mon | Fairyhouse Races. Went in F's coach. Very cold ?east wind & not at all enjoyable.   |
|                           | 31 Mar, Tue | Daisy & I drove early to Drogheda & took train for Belfast. There, after sending her off to Redburn, I had a deputation from the Belfast Cooperative Soc'y, a small struggling but very promising society which may be the seed of a great movement for the benefit of Ireland.<br><br>Got out before dinner to Redburn & found Sir Henry & Miss James, Ld. Wolmer and a party assembled for the Unionist Demonstration we had come to attend. At dinner all the local politicians ( <del>Lib</del> Unionist) assembled & it was a rather dreary but not uninteresting performance.   |
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|                           | 1 Apr, Wed  | In morning visited 2 coop stores. Then had a political afternoon – reception of deput[at]io[n] &c. Got to know some local people. In evening Sir H. James made a splendid Unionist speech to about 3000 very intelligent looking people in the Ulster Hall. I never heard a better or more eloquent speech. Ld. Wolmer, TW Russell & others spoke well. But Sir Henry's was <u>masterly</u> . I enjoyed it.   |
|                           | 2 Apr, Thu  | Wrote letters (chiefly cooperative) all the morning. In afternoon went to a large reception of local Lib. Unionists at the Reform Club, the Dunville's being hosts & hostesses. Daisy & I then took train for Drogheda whence we went to Killeen by F's carriage. I have talked a good deal lately to that little woman about her husband's future. She is sensible as well as quick of apprehension. But I am getting dangerously fond of her.   |
|                           | 3 Apr, Fri  | A <u>very</u> wet day with Easterly gale. But we had a good hunt from Gerrardstown nevertheless. Then a ring from the Poor house. I rode both my greys badly in the first run.  |

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|                                     |             | Spent the evening with Wilkinson doing the Dunsany estate a/cs which is not inspiring work.   |
| [Lady Mayo's parents are Ponsonbys] | 4 Apr, Sat  | To Dublin by early train. Writing letters chiefly cooperative & seeing R.D.S. & Land Com'n on technical dairy instruction. Then went to Palmerstown where I met Ld. Wolseley & Capt. McLaren A.D.C. Gen'l. Keith Fraser, Wyndham Quin & Eva & Lady Mayo's father & mother & Duke & Duchess of Leinster, Mrs. Harry Bourke.  |
|                                     | 5 Apr, Sun  | Writing letters all morning. Walked with Wyndham Quin to Lyons hoping to see Ld. Dunraven who might help me round Adare. But he was gone. Had a quiet talk after dinner with the beautiful Duchess. She is certainly clever & we might be friends.  |
|                                     | 6 Apr, Mon  | Came back to Dunsany. Rode a 'school' on Laceman at Morris'. Wrote piles of letters & dined at Killeen.   |
|                                     | 7 Apr, Tue  | Bitter cold day & I foolishly went to the IV Hussar races at Fairyhouse with the Fingalls. They took Ld. Zetland & the O'Shaughnessys. Ld. Z. is very fond of the little woman who certainly gets no less charming as time goes on – so far. But he is a thorough gentleman & it is all right.<br><br>Wilkinson dined & did the annual a/cs. He is so stupid that we can't get them right. I <u>won't</u> tot' his figures. |
|                                     | 8 Apr, Wed  | Last day with the Wards. Had a good hunt 1 hr & 40 minutes. Very seedy. Dined at Killeen where two Lambarts were all that turned up out of a large party expected.  |
|                                     | 9 Apr, Thu  | Drove to Kilmore on Killeen Coach (which picked up Ld. Zetland at Dunshaughlin) for Meath sportsmen's races. I rode Laceman in them. Could not win but rode a good third. It is much too hard work for me. It was the first race I ever rode & I think I rode it well. I was rather pleased at being so near at the finish. Ld. Zetland came back to Killeen where I dined & slept.   |
|                                     | 10 Apr, Fri | Last hunt with Meaths at Rahinston. Rode little grey. Only had half a day (& that bad) as I had to catch train for Dublin & go over by night mail to London.  |
|                                     | 11 Apr, Sat | Arrived early & went into lodgings 12 Curzon St., lunched with Mary, did some business. But spent most of day writing on cooperative business.  |
|                                     | 12 Apr, Sun | Had to write a long report of Irish Section for Congress at Lincoln. This took most of the day. Had a long interview with Monteagle also on Irish cooperation.  |
|                                     | 13 Apr, Mon | Up early for London, 6.30 & off to Romsey where George Price, Langdale & I met the Berthons & held a meeting. It was not a day wasted, for we checked old B's excitement over the coming Naval Exhibition which would have induced him to go into all sorts of extravagance expecting to get orders thereby.<br><br>Dined with Conny. Mrs. Fawcett wrote asking me to attend a woman suffrage meeting.                      |
|                                     | 14 Apr, Tue | Countess Hoyos & Watson came up & lunched at Wellington Club with me. Morning in City & most of rest of day writing letters. Went to House of Commons to see Johnny about Dunsany business. Found him in most unsatisfactory frame of mind.   |

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|                                   |             | Looking wretchedly ill & evidently living a very unhealthy life.   |
|                                   | 15 Apr, Wed | American mail day made a busy morning in London. Took 3.20 train for Wickham Market & went to Duchess of Hamilton's at Easton Park. A Colonel Bailey came there too. One of Coleridge's sisters was with the Duchess. At 7 PM we had a meeting in the schoolhouse to advocate a coop: store. I did my best but felt I was not enlivening the dreary subject. Still I persuaded those present, some 70 I think, to join & support the store. I hope it will succeed.  |
|                                   | 16 Apr, Thu | 6.15 AM off went the Duchess to her farm 6 miles away. At 9.30 we met her at breakfast in her short rough petticoats & strong boots. Then a morning spent largely in her office working out cooperative plans. Then off after an early lunch to meet some prominent farmers at the farm. Back to high tea & then a large meeting at Framlingham under the auspices of the farmers' club there. Some 250 people at least present. I gave a long address on cooperative dairying. I was tired & weak. Criticisms were few & I answered them pretty well. The Duchess is determined that the thing shall succeed. I begin to see the real force & strength of the woman & shall try to get her to exert her influence in a wider way. |
|                                   | 17 Apr, Fri | The Duke & two others went to some races in the neighbourhood & the Duchess & I spent the day working up coop schemes. In the evening we went to another meeting 6 miles off to start another store. I spoke well at it but I don't know whether the trade is there to make a success.   |
|                                   | 18 Apr, Sat | Returned early to London & had a terrible day's letter writing mainly cooperatives. Took night mail for Dublin. Denis Lawless & Ranfurly also in train.  |
|                                   | 19 Apr, Sun | Arrived Dunsany. Found large arrears of correspondence. Went to Killeen in afternoon & found F[ingall] in bed much bruised about chest & neck by fall hunting on Saturday. Stopped to dine.  |
|                                   | 20 Apr, Mon | Dublin by morning train. Writing all day (coop organisation chiefly). Went to Gowran Grange in afternoon & found the Droghedas, D Lawless, Miss Fanny Poole & some others.   |
|                                   | 21 Apr, Tue | First day of Punchestown. Saw many friends. Did no work & thoroughly enjoyed myself.   |
|                                   | 22 Apr, Wed | I enjoyed the second day of Punchestown as much as the first & was supremely happy. The rest was most enjoyable.   |
|                                   | 23 Apr, Thu | Left early for Dublin, the dear old Baron seeing me off. Met Coleridge at Kingsbridge & discussed horse matters. Then went down to Killeen to see if Fingall could come to Dublin for the dinner the Meath Hunt were to give him. He was too sore & stiff & so he wrote out a speech to be read. I then went to Dublin & found everyone disposed to 'renege' when they heard we were to have the Play minus Hamlet. However Daisy consented to come to the dinner accompanied by Lady Dillon, Lady Hesketh & Mrs. Kearney. We made it go off fairly. Presented Daisy with the favour of £433.  |
|                                   | 24 Apr, Fri | After a sleepless night up at 6.30 & off to Milford by 7.40 mail. There John Alexander met me and at 12 o'clock I addressed some thirty farmers on Cooperative dairying. I made an impression &  |

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| [Pack]                    |             | got a fellow worker I think in John A. Then went to D.R. Packe [sic] Beresford's at Fenagh House – close to Ballydarton and held a meeting of labourers & farmers to advocate a cooperative store. Both meetings will I hope result in something: at any rate the cooperative seed is sown. The day's work wearied me.  |
|                           | 25 Apr, Sat | Up early again & off to Dublin. Spent the day there writing letters mainly cooperative and also interviewing the Land Commission (T.S. Porter) about Cooperative Dairying. The Land Com'n are proposing to Balfour a scheme by which the gov't will give funds for technical instruction & also for cooperative organisation. Came to Dunsany, dined with Fingall. Found him nearly well.   |
|                           | 26 Apr, Sun | Castlerosse & Kincaid Smith came to Dunsany for Fingall sale next day.  |
|                           | 27 Apr, Mon | Fingall sale occupied absorbing attention all day. A huge crowd of buyers attended and over 2/3rds of the miscellaneous goods varying from good hunters to "a young ass" were sold at excellent prices. I bought one & resold at a loss of £12.10/- I bid up many others & brought in some for him. In the morning I talked over the future of their life with both the F's & I think stirred F. up to a feeling that he ought to do something. Possibly I may get him to work on Irish Industries.                       |
|                           | 28 Apr, Tue | After a morning's letter writing went to Dublin en route for Limerick & the creameries. Went to call on Ld. Zetland at the Viceregal Lodge & he kindly asked me to dinner. Only his wife, daughter, O V Lumley & Harry White so had a quiet evening's talk over Irish Industries &c. Slept at Kildare St. Club.   |
|                           | 29 Apr, Wed | Went to Limerick by early train. Spent day with Stokes & Gibson organising future cooperative dairy work. Called on Bishop O'Dwyer to sound him as to probable reception His Excellency would get if he visited Limerick. He said if he came very quietly he would be respectfully rec[eive]d. The only difficulty was owing to any civility being interpreted by the Times & Tory papers as brilliant reception – break down of the Nationalist sentiment &c &c.   |
|                           | 30 Apr, Thu | Went from Limerick to Doneraile where I spent the afternoon with Anderson, my organiser of Cooperation. Came to the conclusion that he must give up all other employment and work for me alone. He can't serve two masters. Slept at Cork where I wanted to see one Beamish who Frank Plunkett told me had had great experience of dairying in Sweden.  |
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|                           | 1 May, Fri  | Up early & did a good bit of writing. Then R.H. Beamish, whose sister married a Swede & who spent some years in Sweden studying dairying came & spent some hours with me instructing me on technical details. He knows more about creameries than anyone I have met. Then I went to Killarney where I wanted to see Bishop Coffey and get his assistance with the Priest at Listowel. I called on Ld. Kenmare. Unhappily Castlerosse had left in the morning so I put up at the Railway Hotel. The Priest was propitious. |
|                           | 2 May, Sat  | A very cold wet day. So did not do tourist work. Walked up to South Hill to see Jack Leahy who was a schoolfellow at Eton & Univ[ersity College]. Drove to see John McGillicuddy but he was   |

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|                           |             | not in. Both are possible helpers in Industrial work. I mean to get to know all the useful men in Ireland in this way. It won't give me a very large acquaintance. I saw the Bishop again & he promised to help me & gave me a letter to the P.P. at Listowel. Thither I went & slept at Brinsley Fitzgerald's. He is a brother of the Knight of Kerry & a very nice fellow.  |
|                           | 3 May, Sun  | Stokes, Anderson & T.S. Porter representing the agric'l department of the Land Com'n arrived we held a meeting to start a coop creamery. It was very well attended & was I think a success. I expect a factory to result. I wasn't well & did not do my part very well which I regretted as several reporters were present. We all went back to Limerick, Anderson on to Doneraile, Porter to Dublin & I slept at "the Junction". |
|                           | 4 May, Mon  | Went to Dublin where I found an invit[atio]n to lunch with Ld. Zetland. I had further talks with him about the creameries & he really means to help me. He goes south in the morning on a tour of industrial investigation & I shall try to get him a reception at a creamery in Limerick or Clare. Came to Dunsany, dined at Killeen.  |
|                           | 5 May, Tue  | Trim Races. This meeting seems to grow. I wish something else would thrive in this part of Ireland besides race meetings. I went with George & Mary to the Grange & Daisy F. Dined at Killeen to talk over creameries to Fingall. I am very anxious to get him to join me in the good work.   |
|                           | 6 May, Wed  | To Dublin after a day's hard letter writing (cooperative). Coleridge dined at Club.   |
|                           | 7 May, Thu  | Down to Milford by early & back to Dublin by late train. Ascension day (holiday) made a good meeting though a much needed deluge of rain rather spoiled it. Still I persuaded the people, only leaving them to find cows enough.  |
|                           | 8 May, Fri  | Rode a horse in Phoenix [Park] which I bought from stud through Coleridge. I gave £100 which was cheap, on his looks. Back to Dunsany by midday. Dined Killeen after riding over to Summerhill to see Langford.<br><br>Fingall finally refused to join me in creamery work. It is an opportunity he won't get again in a hurry.   |
|                           | 9 May, Sat  | Harry Bourke wired asking me to go & see him at Hayes on important business. Daisy & I drove over to Beauparc whither we got Harry B. to come. He wanted me to interfere betw'n him & Mayo in a landlord & tenant row over Hayes. No. We rowed, some Lambarts, Daisy & I on the beautiful reaches of the Boyne below Beauparc. George & Mary Murphy dined.  |
|                           | 10 May, Sun | Worked hard – went to church – worked hard. Then ceased from labour & walked over to Killeen & enjoyed a perfectly lovely day strolling about with Daisy Fingall.   |
|                           | 11 May, Mon | Very busy all the morning. More strolling with Daisy in afternoon. Then F & she, the Leonards & Falkiners dined with me.  |
|                           | 12 May, Tue | Dined at Killeen!   |
|                           | 13 May, Wed | Left for England.   |



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|                                   | 14 May, Thu | Arrived early London & went to Hotel Victoria because T.S. Porter of the Land Commission was there. Called on some people but found no one in except Conny & Raymond. Went early to bed very tired.   |
|                                   | 15 May, Fri | Called on the Goschens & found Alexis Roche, took Lodgings for Wednesday next at 15 Park Lane and got stabling for a horse. Then went to Lincoln for Coop Congress & put up at the Great Northern Hotel. Met Gray, B. Jones, &c &c.   |
|                                   | 16 May, Sat | Burnett (Labour Correspondent of B[oard] of Trade) Miss Beatrice Potter, Sidney Webb Fabian Socialist, E.V. Neale, Gray, Jones & other habitués of Coop Congress arrived. Meetings of committees all day. Anderson got in from Ireland also.<br><br>Telegram to say Johnny & Ernle were both down with the prevailing epidemic – influenza.   |
|                                   | 17 May, Sun | Talking all day with Anderson & Cooperators who flocked into the town from all parts. In the grand old Cathedral we had a most eloquent sermon from the Bp. of Lincoln.   |
|                                   | 18 May, Mon | As Chairman of Standing Orders Committee I was very busy all day with formalities. I had moreover to work up facts for the coming discussion on “Cooperative Dairying”. A.H.D. Acland M.P. opened proceedings with a sound and uniformly good but dull address. Then Sidney Webb (Socialist) read a paper on how to bring Cooperation to the very poor, of course a Socialistic speech was clothed in cooperative disguise.   |
|                                   | 19 May, Tue | Got a letter from Balfour asking me to join the Congested Districts Board with Tuke, Father Davis and one Redington on it. Replied yes if after interview I find it would not interfere with present duties (cooperative I referred to chiefly). At Congress I spoke in favor of cooperative dairying. I gave conclusive technical and commercial arguments in favor of the factory plan but time allowed did not give me opportunity of going into ?general and social advantages. Congress voted £200 in add[ition] to the £150 already guaranteed as permanent organiser’s (Anderson’s) expenses. There was some dissent so I said Irish Section (I) would not claim the money from the Board unless next Congress approved of it. |
|                                   | 20 May, Wed | Morning sitting proved dull. In afternoon I went up to London 3rd class with some leading cooperators and Burnett of the Board of Trade.  |
|                                   | 21 May, Thu | Thoroughly tired out. But piles of letters awaited me. Morning with Markby. Afternoon meant to call on people. But too tired. Must not waste my time as I have many people to see & may have to go to Ireland again soon. Ernle getting on but Johnny bad patient.  |
|                                   | 22 May, Fri | Went to see Balfour about Congested Districts Board. Decided to serve because he said he thought it would not take 1/3rd of my time. With my wealth I can I think do the thing well. I can benefit Ireland I am sure if I only keep my health. Oh! for physical strength!<br><br>Went to see L’Enfant Prodigue – a play without words. A fine example of the French genius for acting. They overacted in parts on account of the English unreceptiveness.   |

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|   | 23 May, Sat | A day idling mostly. "Jimmy" Winter & Frank Lambart dined with me at Wellington.   |
|   | 24 May, Sun | Frank Kemp & wife arrived in London. I spent 2 hours of the afternoon with J H Tuke the philanthropist, a Quaker banker who has done more than any other man for the poorest districts of Ireland in the way of emigration &c. He & I both agreed that Balfour's scheme was so crude that it practically left the whole thing to the Congested Districts Board to work out. This is unsatisfactory. We get the kicks without the halfpence & the blame but not the credit. |
|   | 25 May, Mon | Dined with the Monteagles & met S.H. Butcher. Had a good Irish talk.   |
|   | 26 May, Tue | Tuke & I had an interview with Balfour re Congested Districts Bill. I pointed out an amendment it required to which B. assented & I am to ask Monteagle (or Fingall??) to move it in Lords.<br><br>Frank Kemp & wife dined with me at Wellington & I took them to a play at the Haymarket, The Dancing Girl, very well acted by Beerbohm Tree.   |
|   | 27 May, Wed | Derby day. Vilely cold and wet for those who went. I didn't. Dennis [ <i>sic</i> ] came to town & I went round calling with him.   |
|   | 28 May, Thu | Lunched at Lady Listowel's. Wanted to meet her in hopes she would help with Irish work. But she was caught by the influenza & he is no good at all. The Kemps & Monteagles dined to effect a business acquaintance betw'n them.  |
|   | 29 May, Fri | Lunched with Dennis [ <i>sic</i> ] to meet J.S. Trotter from whom I hoped to get "Coop Dairying" help. He is a philanthropist, but is in with General Booth at present.<br><br>Dined with JG Butcher & met Carson Q.C. crown prosecutor in Ireland.  |
|   | 30 May, Sat | Spent day with Tuke at Hitchin working up Congested Districts Bill & suggesting amendments thereto. Met & liked Mrs. Tuke.<br><br>Castlerosse & Annaly dined at Whites with me & went to Court Theatre.  |
| [?Arry - prob. ref. to Chap. 13 of Anthony Trollope's <i>The Three Clerks</i> ; see also 13 Jun.] | 31 May, Sun | Did ?Arry in the Row as I missed my ride yesterday. Then spent the day writing letters & calling on people who were mostly not at home.  |
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|   | 1 Jun, Mon  | To Irish Office with further amendments to the Congested Districts portion of the Land Bill. Dined with R.G. Allanson Winn landlord of Glenbeigh Co. Kerry and probable cooperator. I am gradually working up a scheme of getting the best men in Ireland to join together for the industrial regeneration of the country. I hope I shall get recruits.  |
|   | 2 Jun, Tue  | Met Wrench (Land Commissioner) & had a good talk over Congested Districts Board of which he will be a member. Called on Sidney Webb at Colonial Office & got my hair cleaved a bit. Saw Lady Monteagle & talked Irish affairs. Went to a political Drum at Duchess of St. Albans. Women's Liberal Unionist   |

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|                                      |             | Assoc'n chiefly, a queer lot. Met Mrs. Fawcett & liked her.<br>Philip Bagenal suggested I should stand for South Dublin.  |
|                                      | 3 Jun, Wed  | Met Tuke & Monteagle to discuss Irish matters. Spent afternoon at Naval Exhib'n looking after Berthon Boats business there, the poor old vicar being seedy at Romsey. Dined Lowther Lodge & went to a play. Met Edwards Moss in my division at Eton.  |
|                                      | 4 Jun, Thu  | Went to dinner & the Empire with Kincaid Smith after a good day's work. The Land Purchase & Congested Districts Bill is being fought line by line on the Report stage. Hence Balfour can't announce Congested Districts Board & I lose time I might be gaining by talking to knowledgeable people in London.  |
|                                      | 5 Jun, Fri  | Dined with Aunt Isabella. Met Lewis Morris the poet. Sir Alexander Acland Hood ---- in agriculture & some clever people. Had a talk with Alston & Monteagle on Omaha business and with one W Hatfield organising secretary of Irish Home Industries Assoc'n who was leaving for Ireland. Made my bow to the Prince of Wales in my brand new D[eputy].L[iutenant]. uniform.                                |
| [Duchess of Hamilton,<br>see 15 Apr] | 6 Jun, Sat  | Saw a young fellow named Dunning, came to see me & offer his services as secretary. I must get one & I think he will do. Shall likely engage him when I go to Congested Districts. Promised £200 a year & expenses.<br><br>Wrote letters all the morning & then went to Easton to spend Sunday with the Cooperative Duchess. Found a son of George Verney, a W. Burton (Duke's friend) & a Miss Hamilton. |
|                                      | 7 Jun, Sun  | Wrote cooperative letters in the morning. In evening went to Church and heard an excellent sermon on the resurrection of the dead: but the duchess, said "It isn't his. He thinks of nothing but racing"! Between whiles played tennis & had a pleasant restful Sunday.   |
|                                      | 8 Jun, Mon  | Returned to town. Alston & Frank Kemp lunched with me at Wellington Club. I went to Pritchard dentist & he told me my teeth were in good order but indicated <u>gout</u> very plainly. I fear I am in for that torture. Indeed I know I am.   |
|                                      | 9 Jun, Tue  | Met Lady Aberdeen at 20 Motcomb St., the shop of the Irish Home Industries Assoc'n. Had a good talk with her about Ireland & urged very strongly non political propaganda.<br><br>Went down to Romsey to dine & sleep with poor old Berthon, who was recovering from an attack of influenza – slight, but at 80! – went through several business matters.   |
|                                      | 10 Jun, Wed | Returned to town. Daisy had arrived & I spent most of the day & ev[enin]g with her. Went to a stupid play after dining her at Club. I must be careful. Her strange relations with Fingall make it all the more a duty to fight against the big temptation. She is trying to be good. But she is very weak.  |
|                                      | 11 Jun, Thu | A real holiday. Did Ascot Cup day. Glorious weather. Took Daisy down & saw many friends. Brought her back & took her to a play.   |
|                                      | 12 Jun, Fri | Tuke & I had another talk on the Congested Dist[ri]ct[s] work. The names of the new Board were announced by Balfour in the House. Father Davis, Tuke, T.P. Cairnes, Chas Kennedy & self.<br><br>B.S. Dunning came to try his hand as private secretary. He seems  |

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|                           |             | a nice young fellow but only moderate at shorthand. I think he will do. Dined at a fashionable dull dinner at Ducies.  |
| [See 31 May]              | 13 Jun, Sat | <p>Fenwick at 10 A.M. to discuss whether to take a 65,000 ton contract with Alliance Co. Dublin at 14/6 delivered. This gives some 2/6 profit per ton which is not as high as hoped but quite enough to satisfy me. Said yes if you can't get more.</p> <p>Had Dunning another bout – 7 hours at it. It saved me lots of work. He did well.</p> <p>Denis &amp; I took Daisy to Maidenhead where we did 'arry and 'arriet on the river for a few hours. We lunched with Ld. Morris.</p>   |
|                           | 14 Jun, Sun | Daisy still in "Mrs Willie's" flat all by herself, so had to give a good deal of the day to her & to dine with her & sit on her balcony. Lunched with Ld. Zetland to discuss his proposed visit to Limerick. He wants to go but fears a bad reception - (not for himself but for the Gov't). I urged him to go as even a bad reception would be better than backing out now. He spent 2 hours in the afternoon with Daisy and she being duly primed braced him up. She is going herself as the decoy duck. Denis Lawless staying with me Sat till today.   |
|                           | 15 Jun, Mon | <p>Lunched with Ducie in hopes of getting some hints about fishing on west coast of Ireland. Did not learn much. Dined with Mrs. Willie Jameson &amp; went to play. Very poor one too. Worked hard most of the day.</p> <p>Dunning will I daresay make an efficient private secretary.</p> <p>Am negotiating with Dunbar Barton about South Dublin.</p>  |
|                           | 16 Jun, Tue | <p>Went to Irish Office but failed to see Balfour who had just gone. Looked over amendments to Land Bill with Manders &amp; sent them to Monteagle. Met Gill M.P. at House of Commons &amp; told him I should like to see Parnell about Industrial work. Am to meet him Friday. Wrote Dunbar Barton that I ought to warn supporters (if I ran for Irish constituency) that my opinions are too new to be surely permanent.</p> <p>Fingall arrived &amp; put up with me. He &amp; Daisy, "Mrs. Willy", the Kemps, Andrew Carden, Col. Rowley, the Heskeths dined with me at Wellington &amp; went on to Alhambra.</p> |
|                           | 17 Jun, Wed | Entertained Zetlands, Arthur Butlers, D Lawless, Fingalls, Duchess of Hamilton & some others at the Naval Exhib'n with tea & an explanation by H.O. Arnold Forster. The Duchess & Fs dined & went with me to Gaiety Theatre. Fs liked the Duchess.   |
|                           | 18 Jun, Thu | <p>A busy day. Secretary of Unionist Alliance called about Unionism in Meath, referred him to Headfort. Lunched with the Egremonts after a meeting re Omaha with Frank Kemp &amp; Monteagle. Then in afternoon went to Lady Aberdeen with Daisy to discuss lace selling &amp; improvement of lace making in Ireland.</p> <p>Am in correspondence with Dunbar Barton about standing for South Dublin. I fear I am not sufficiently formed in my opinions to be accepted.</p>  |
|                           | 19 Jun, Fri | Spent the day mostly trying to see Balfour & Parnell on different Irish subjects. Saw neither but had long talks with Tuke & T.P. Gill M.P. on Irish subjects. It was altogether an instructive day.   |

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|                           | 20 Jun, Sat | Missed Balfour again by bad luck. Bought wedding presents for Dot Cuffe, Ethel Roche, J. Pollock, Ralph Wortley & Norah Plunkett. The latter Daisy Fingall is to arrange. It is to be a lace fan, the lace coming from Lady Aberdeen's Irish shop. Called on Duchess of St. Albans & tried to induce her to join Lady Aberdeen. The Fingalls & I left by night mail & so our short "season" ended.   |
|                           | 21 Jun, Sun | Returned to Dunsany but only for 24 hours. Found Johnny laid up with a sprained ankle but otherwise well in body & reasonably clear in mind. I had to spend the day mostly in unpacking & packing up again. The Fingalls & Murphys dined.  |
|                           | 22 Jun, Mon | Off by morning train. Sorry to leave Johnny alone again. In Dublin met Dunning, Anderson, Stokes, Husband & Swallow the last 4 on coop business of course. Saw Local Govt Board & other officials about Congested Dist[ri]ct[s] & got some promise of help &c. Dined at Monkstown with J. [ <i>sic</i> ] P. Cairnes, one of my colleagues on the Board & found him a really strong practical man. He had heard that Father Davis drinks!<br><br>Had a political talk with Dunbar Barton.   |
|                           | 23 Jun, Tue | A very busy morning in Dublin at Census office, Land Com'n & elsewhere collecting statistics for Congested Districts. Then Fingall, Anderson, Dunning & I took a slow train to Limerick. We had a dinner at which Stokes & Gibson attended & talked over cooperative plans. Also we talked over His Excellency's reception which seems to have been limited to a respectful one by Colonel Turner's (RM) insisting on ?"boxing" it.  |
|                           | 24 Jun, Wed | Morning at Coop'n & then in afternoon F. & I went to see the famous New Tipperary. It is a strange sight. Beyond question the people have made big sacrifices for Nationality in giving up their trade in the old town & building a new one. But the shock to trade was too serious to be overcome by half formed & uninformed National esprit de corps. At Lim[erick] J[unction] Mary & Alice turned up for the night to do the Horse Show next day. They stopped at the J[unction] Hotel. Daisy joined us & we had to travel to Lim'k in a horse box.  |
|                           | 25 Jun, Thu | His Excellency arrived in a downpour. Of course the officials had given the official stamp to every detail of the programme & so spoiled what otherwise would have been a brilliant (comparatively) exhib'n of loyalty. I was at the station & then drove round with the party to see Cleeves Condensed Milk Factory & the clothing factory. At both the reception was good. But in the streets there was not a cheer. No hostility however. At the Horse Show reception very fairly good. In evening we had a Drum at Mrs. Bannatyne's. Local celebrities rather wearisome. But Daisy the prettiest in the crowd was as nice as ever. |
|                           | 26 Jun, Fri | Writing for the coming conference of Cooperative dairymen all the morning. Then the Show and a Ball in the evening. This ends the festivities. His Ex's reception today was decidedly less cold & it looks as if the feeling towards him was warming. But those who think the "National" spirit sick unto death are, I think, superficial observers.   |
|                           | 27 Jun, Sat | Went to Kilcooley, the Fingalls, Dunning & I, to rest till Monday. Found Mary, her 2 girls & Harry & a German governess living   |

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|                           |             | quietly but apparently happily.   |
|                           | 28 Jun, Sun | Had to spend most of the day writing for the Cooperative Conference (Dairy farmers) to be held in Limerick on Tuesday next. But in afternoon found time for a drive with the family up the hill & have a breezy walk. Also had to try to talk poor Campbell out of a state of melancholia.  |
|                           | 29 Jun, Mon | Writing for the conference all the morning & in afternoon we went to Limerick, leaving Daisy behind to cheer up Mary.   |
| [Beamish]                 | 30 Jun, Tue | At 10 A.M. met the conference of delegates from 15 Cooperative Dairy Societies & Fingall, Monteagle, Anderson, Stokes, Gibson, Cleeve, Beamis [sic], Gray from Manchester, Macdonald Sup[erintendan]t R.D.S., 2 priests, 1 clergyman, a few others – some 60 in all. I took the chair & we discussed business for 3 hours & then adjourned for 1 hour for lunch (provided by me) & had 2½ hours more business discussion. Not a word except business. The affair was unique in the industrial history of Ireland. The movement surely grows apace & without help from newspapers I took Fingall to call on. Fingall took his part at Conference.  |
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|                           | 1 Jul, Wed  | Went with Fingall to see a farm near Ballingrave belonging to his absentee father-in-law. It was an outrageous case of boycotting. The farm had been condemned by the League for the last 12 years & had not returned a penny to the landlord. The grass ran wild, everyone's cattle had been driven on to it, the trees were cut down & the houses destroyed by whoever wanted fire wood or building material. I never saw such a scandalously demoralising case of boycotting. Went on to Shannagolden where the Dairy factory had been burned down & where we met Anderson & held a meeting to discuss best course to adopt. All shareholders came in and it was decided to rebuild on same site. Many business details were settled. It was a good lesson for Fingall & an excellent advertisement for the industrial organisation we had set up. Returned via New Castle, where Leahy, Anderson's brother-in-law, dined, up to Limerick. |
|                           | 2 Jul, Thu  | Dunning & I made our way via Cork to Skibbereen & Baltimore where we were taken in by Fr. Davis the Fishery member of the C.D.B. He lives in a beautiful bay with his Industrial school just below the Parochial House. We drove along the "Baltimore extension", evidently a job betw'n C-g-- & C-----.  |
|                           | 3 Jul, Fri  | Spent the day sailing about a beautiful harbour seeing islands which were scheduled as "Congested". Technically they are so. But there is no distress as Father Davis who is the presiding deity has so improved the fishing industry that the whole population seems comfortable. Looked over the Industrial (Fishery) school.<br><br>Delighted to find Fr. Davis teetotalling. I think the rumors that he had taken to drink must have been quite unfounded. He is a sound, practical philanthropist – quite an expert on Irish fisheries & generally a useful colleague on the C.D.B.  |
|                           | 4 Jul, Sat  | Left Father Davis early & drove to Skibbereen where I addressed some farmers on the Cooperative Dairying question after breaking ground with the Board of Guardians. Visited the Sisters of Mercy convent & saw the handloom weaving there. A very able nun   |

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|                           |            | explained it all to me & made out a good case for government assistance. Came on in the evening by train (light R'y) to Schull. Passed through a miserable country, the first really hopeless looking territory so far.   |
|                           | 5 Jul, Sun | Horrid fit of indigestion – pain in back & drowsiness. Due to long sitting in cars, trains &c. Must get lots of exercise to make this life endurable on vile food. Drove across the isthmus we are on to Dunmanus, then by Goleen to Crookhaven. There learned from the Hotel keeper's wife & the coast guard a good deal about the Fishery question and had a most interesting account of the cooperation by which the Manx men managed to take their own fish to market in England from the Irish coast. Met at Schull in the evening a R.E. officer (Lieut. Harper) in charge of relief work in Cork, Kerry, Clare & Galway. Got much useful information. 23 miles drive.  |
|                           | 6 Jul, Mon | Left Schull early & drove to Bantry where we picked up some information about fisheries & drove on to Glengarriff. Here I thought I seldom saw a more lovely spot. Got a few letters and some information. But it is more a tourist's than a social investigator's place (26½ miles drive).   |
|                           | 7 Jul, Tue | Drove down to Castletown Bearhaven 24 miles & then to Kenmare 34 more. Fine scenery all the way. Kenmare River about the finest in Ireland. If only the country was prosperous what grand places there would be in these wilds only suitable for the leisure of the rich! The weather was blustery & wet. But still we enjoyed ourselves in the ever new & ever beautiful scenery. Castletown Bearhaven we studied a bit. The people are mainly interesting from the fact of there having been copper & silver mines near there employing a large part of the population. This made them go to the western mining regions when the home mines played out. Earning big wages made them come home to winter & the people are half Yankeyised – such a funny combination. Having to fly round & only take instantaneous photos so to speak loses much of the interest. But it is the only plan in the short time before Board meets. 58 miles. |
|                           | 8 Jul, Wed | After making enquiries at Kenmare & visiting the convent we drove down the other side of the river to Sneem & Cahirdaniel to Waterville in Ballinskelligs Bay. Passed through beautiful scenery, especially by Dromore Castle. At Waterville ---- in comfortable hotel G.V. Butler R[esident].M[agistrate]. (son of R.M. in Meath some years ago) who I remember in /84 or thereabouts came to consult me about going to America. I advised him not. But he went & it made a man of him physically & morally if not financially. 42 miles.  |
|                           | 9 Jul, Thu | Got up early & looked over the cable station at Waterville. It was <u>most</u> interesting. The machinery by which the defects in the cables are located seemed the most wonderful triumph of modern science. While we were there one of the 'operators' asked the New York American operator to repeat the alphabet & out it came on the tape almost immediately!<br><br>Drove 40 miles through Cahirciveen to Killorglin. A new railway betw'n last two points is keeping the population, otherwise very poor, in comparative comfort. At Glenbeigh met Harry de Robeck (in the artillery corps there). From Killorglin came by train to  |

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|  | 10 Jul, Fri | Wrote a letter to the Freeman in reply to leading article of yesterday advocating cooperative dairying but decrying independent selling to the detriment of the darling middleman. Then took a 32 mile drive down to Kerry Head & back to Listowel seeing several "Congested" electoral divisions. The only bad one was "Kerry Head". Came on to Limerick by night in order to get to Galway by train. There are no Congested Districts in Clare.   |
| [Clanricarde estate notorious for over 200 evictions by absentee landlord]<br>[Cooter – now Cutra] | 11 Jul, Sat | Left Limerick early & went to Galway. On way stopped 6 hours at Gort to look at some Congested Districts lying between there & Woodford – wild mountainous region with the same sad story of land laboriously reclaimed by the tenant for the landlord & in spite of oppression & American competition the farmer devoted to his hopeless homestead. Was on the famous Clanricarde estate. Saw Lough Cooter & its castle in the distance & was sorry I had never been able to accept Ld. Gough's invit[atio]n to go there. Late at night arrived in Galway where I mean to rest Sunday.   |
|  | 12 Jul, Sun | A morning's dictation to Dunning & then out to Salt Hill to spend the day with the Fingalls who had taken rooms to be near her parents. In afternoon we rowed with a party of Galwegians up the river to Menlo where Sir Valentine Baker (Drunk) & his wife entertained us in a house 800 years old & an interesting old place. One of the "sights" of the locality was at the gates of the place – viz an old woman who lived in a house which had 2 walls & no roof except the remains of one end which kept her dry while it rained quite vertically & didn't rain hard enough to flood the house. Called on the old Burke's. Mr. B is quite bucolic & Mrs. I knew of old to be. Daisy's transformation is indeed clever. Convent education & " <u>furrin parts</u> " – them's does it.  |
| [Hibernice – Irish]  | 13 Jul, Mon | Spent morning writing letters & interviewing Arthur Bourke, Local Gov't inspector. Got a wire from Sir W Ridgeway saying he would ask the admiralty for use of gunboat to do the Islands. Decided to resist the temptation of trying to fit in a trip with the Fingalls with our investig[ation]s & left on car for Costello or Hibernice Cashla bay due west of Galway 23 miles. Passed through Spiddle where Ld. Morris lives. Wretched district all the way. Large population – hopeless rocky shore and bog. 3000 men on relief works lately – still 2500. Put up at a semi hotel (Orr's Lodge) & found bacon qualified by eggs & fairly clean beds. The D[istrict].J[udge]. of Spiddal in charge of relief works spent the ev[en]ing with me & gave much information. Of course other diary records facts about Congested Dist[ri]ct[s]. |
| [query in original; the canoes are currachs]   | 14 Jul, Tue | Spent the day on Gorumna and Lettermore Islands chiefly. Were rowed a good many miles in coracles?, the long canvas canoes of the west coast & finally drove by car to Cashel where we stopped at a really comfortable hotel, O'Loughlin's. We were shown round the island by the D[istrict].J[udge]. (Thompson) & Rev. Walter Conway P.P., an excellent priest who discussed the problem of the Congested Dist[ri]ct[s] sensibly enough. On these Islands we saw it in its naked hopelessness as my other diary will show. Met a man 104 years old & a couple aged man 76 woman 88.  |
|  | 15 Jul, Wed | Spent the day at & round Carna where Father Tom Flannery a  |



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|                           |             | really energetic Priest of organising but no other ability I should say entertained us & showed us around – a shockingly congested district with a <u>little</u> fishing, a little kelp burning & a little wool knitting & much relief work seemed to give a little money to supplement the very inadequate resources of the fields. Came back at night to dine too heavily, write up diary & go to bed.  |
|                           | 16 Jul, Thu | Left Cashel with a wretched broken down mare for Roundstone & Clifden. At former saw the Prot clergyman – a canting proselytising D.D. & a P.P. whose sound & fury & nothing [of] significance gave me little information. At Clifden we got some information, enough to show me that the district must be studied closely. Then on to Kylemore Castle where E.L. Henn who had married Miss Mitchell Henry & was keeping house with her there entertained us for the night. Henry has done reclamation on a large scale & says it pays. I had no time to go into the question but will on my return. Kylemore is a most lovely spot. The castle nestles beautifully under the mountains in the green valley of lakes. Henn clever but of the hanging on order I fear. |
|                           | 17 Jul, Fri | Most of the day spent getting to Galway as our ---- horse lay down & nearly died on the road. Found Daisy alone in her Sea Point house Salthill lodgings. Went on board HMS Grappler, which the admiralty had placed at my disposal for next week to visit the islands. The captain is stupid but nice – he is a Lieut[enan]t in Command – Douglas Hammond Graeme.  |
|                           | 18 Jul, Sat | Wrote 25 letters and saw many local people. Made final arrangements for the trip in the gunboat on Monday. It was a very busy day but was a relief after the car spent days. Dunning & I dined with Daisy & her sister.   |
|                           | 19 Jul, Sun | Morning writing letters, seeing Daisy & talking to Major Gaskell. Then went out to Kilcornan to dine with Christopher Redington who was I thought the clearest headed man I have spoken to on the C.D. problem. He has a fine house but like so many Irish landlords is over built. He is a man of ability & character I should say. Unhappily he is so bitter against Balfour's repressive measures that he can hardly cooperate with his remedial ones. But it is a thousand pities he has not some place in the Irish Gov't. He is the best class of Nationalist.  |
|                           | 20 Jul, Mon | Sailed at 4 P.M. over to South Arran Island (Inisheer). Major Gaskell & I landed & made the usual notes. Went on board at Inish & anchored about 9 PM in Kilronan harbour.<br><br>Life on board H.M.S. Grappler seems luxurious enough. I had a capital cabin to myself, room for salt or fresh water baths – writing table &c &c. Party consists of Lieut Commanding Hammond Graeme, S.Lieut. Ellis & the doctor, ?Fedarb, Gaskell pere & fils, Dunning & a County inspector O'Brien, E Galway.  |
|                           | 21 Jul, Tue | 6 AM went ashore on the middle island Innismaan returning after an appetising walk to breakfast on board. Then did the big island (Innismore) & steamed across to Casheen Bay where we inspected Lettermullan. Anchored off the ?House of Industry Kilkieran Bay. Roughish today. Dunning very sick.  |
|                           | 22 Jul, Wed | Up 5.30 AM ashore at 6 & drove 6 miles to Carna to get Father Tom Flannery to take me over Mweenish. Daisy & her sister were staying the night there, having driven from Galway to see local  |

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|                           |             | industries on behalf of Lady Aberdeen's Assoc'n. The Hotel was overflowing with 2 land commissioners. Father Tom's was a rough put up. After getting information about Mweenish went on board & steamed round Slyne Head into Ballynakill bay. Slept at Letterfrack Hotel whither Daisy had driven to see a basket factory of the Xian Brothers School & enjoy Connemara scenery – perhaps also to see her “cousin” & talk plans.  |
|                           | 23 Jul, Thu | Came on board early with E L Keane from Kylemore & visited Inishark, Boffin [ <i>sic</i> ] and Turk islands. Anchored again in Ballynakill bay. A very healthy life & one I would like to continue indefinitely.   |
|                           | 24 Jul, Fri | Ashore early at Derryinver Quay & drove with the Gaskells to the Blakes at Rinvyle. These ?poor people being utterly ruined by the ‘times’ had turned their house into a hotel. The mother was sick but the two sons (V. & R.) took us over the property & gave us the landlord's side of the question fairly enough. Saw also a priest who told me the tenants' side & a kelp dryer. Dined at Kylemore where the Captain, Lieutenant & doctor, Dunning & the County inspector had also come. After a good dinner went back to the ship for the night. |
|                           | 25 Jul, Sat | Left Ballynakill harbour at 6 AM & steamed over to Clare Island which we did thoroughly and then steamed into Westport. I dined the officers at Westport (& a vile dinner it was) at the Railway Hotel. Then said goodbye with many thanks for really nice hospitality during the week. I feel the better for the cruise though of course I had to work my mind all the time.<br><br>Met Rut[t]ledge Fair, Local Govt Board Inspector at Westport, and found he had a thorough knowledge of the Congested Districts.                                   |
|                           | 26 Jul, Sun | The day brought forth 20 letters & some other work. Then we drove via Castlebar, Balla & Kiltamagh [ <i>sic</i> ] to Swineford where we put up with the late Pawnbroker's wife. The late lamented made himself famous by insuring his life & then leaving his every day clothes on the banks of a river. He has not since been seen. But the Insurance office refuses to pay the premium until it is proved that the pawnbroker is not in his store clothes in America or Australia. However the “widow” gave us excellent quarters.                   |
|                           | 27 Jul, Mon | More investigations. This day a drive of 14 a walk of 7 & then a drive of 7 miles in the Swineford Union. Saw Priests, police, postmasters, schoolmasters, shopkeepers & others. Saw boys & farmers & houses, the last two unrecognisable as such to English eyes. Came back to Swineford to sleep.  |
|                           | 28 Jul, Tue | Finished preliminary canter through Congested districts & returned with Dunning to Dunsany. The change from the dreary (even in summer) expanse of the Swineford Union to the pastures of Meath was refreshing indeed. Dined at Killeen.   |
| [9 st, 7 lb = 133 lb]     | 29 Jul, Wed | Naked weight – 9 stones 7 lbs. A busy day writing & packing & going. Crossed to Eng'd.   |
|                           | 30 Jul, Thu | Arrived by early mail. Stayed 15 Park Lane. At 1 P.M. an informal (because not yet constituted) meeting of the Congested Districts Board was held. Present Balfour, Ridgeway, Fr. Davis, Tuke, W.L. Micks (to be sec to Bd.) & self. Tuke & I thought the business was absurdly “rushed”, Balfour being in a hurry to get  |

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|   |             | off to the House. I was rather angry at being called over from Mayo. Micks & I spent the evening with Tuke at Hitchin & I had to leave for bed after dinner as the sea had upset me.   |
|   | 31 Jul, Fri | Came back to London. Had an hour with Balfour who, as he was sitting for his portrait, was more amenable. He entered into my view that an enquiry in the U.S. & Canada was of the utmost importance if emigr[atio]n were to be resorted to. He saw no other plan than that I should make the enquiry. So in September I must be off. Meanwhile a gallop through Mayo, Leitrim, Sligo & Donegal Congested Dist[ri]ct[s] must be made. Balfour gave me letters to Ld. Lothian & Sir James Ferguson.  |
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|   | 1 Aug, Sat  | Saw the Amer'n Minister (Lincoln), Sir James Ferguson (Parl'y Sec'y to the Foreign Office) & some underlings in the Scotch Office. Am trying to collect materials for emigr[atio]n and colon[isatio]n enquiry in U.S. & Canada. Went down to Dunstall to dine. Found Ernle in her most querulous unhappy humour. Poor thing. She is wretched subjectively & must always be so I fear. Of course Johnny is quite incapable of kindness to her & her lot is indeed sad.  |
|   | 2 Aug, Sun  | Busy writing in morning. Then called on Emily Lawless & Mitchell Henry. Went down to Paddockhurst to enjoy the Bank Holiday which could not be one in London. A German Baron & Baroness of the most unadaptable type were economising at P'hurst much to Beau Watson's annoyance.  |
|   | 3 Aug, Mon  | Terrible thunder showers. But at this time of year mud consolidates quickly, so we had a rustic cricket match & lawn tennis during the day & I felt greatly refreshed.   |
|   | 4 Aug, Tue  | Spent the day with officials – Ld. Lothian in the Scotch Office, Browning in the Irish Office &c. Tuke came up & I consulted over CDB affairs with him.  |
|   | 5 Aug, Wed  | Left London by morning mail & owing to the 5.30 train being changed to 5.50 I managed to get through to Dunsany in the day. Found Johnny, his 2 boys and a borrowed boy from Cheam all having arrived in the morning. They were all asleep so I went to dine at Killeen & work up Fingall to coming with me to the West of Ireland, Canada & the U.S.  |
| [The "Glorious Twelfth" of August – opening of grouse season] | 6 Aug, Thu  | Busy all day on the arrears of correspondence which a few days' absence entail. Wanted to stay at Dunsany but Rutledge Fair had wired me to go at once to the West (Westport) if I wanted to go round with him on my next trip as he had to leave us on the 12th. Stupid of me but I never thought of the reason of that magic date!   |
|   | 7 Aug, Fri  | Started at cock crow for Enfield – Fingall, Dunning & self & took mail for Westport. Met Gaskell in train (he going to Galway). He had offered to come with me to America. I rather discountenanced it as I was to have Fingall along. At Westport saw both Livingston & looked in vain for Lord John Browne, a brother of the marquis of Sligo who is said to know Mayo well. He lives in a cottage in the back of Westport house where I believe he vegetates but does not mould. Rutledge Fair did not come in till night so that we almost lost a day. |

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|                                   | 8 Aug, Sat  | Left Westport in Fair's wagonette & pair, a car following with our luggage – drove through Westport, Carrig & Bangor to Belmullet where we got an unpretentious but clean hotel. Wretched wet day. But saw a good deal of country in a drive of some 50 miles. Mostly dreary brown bog.  |
|                                   | 9 Aug, Sun  | Cars, ponies & boats took us round some very congested districts north of Belmullet. The car I was on was upset but at any rate we were precipitated out of it by the horse falling, Fair falling on top of me. Fine day though of course some rain. I learnt a bit about the people of the district. Returned at night to Belmullet.  |
|                                   | 10 Aug, Mon | Drove from Belmullet to Doohooma Coast Guard station where we were put across the Bay to Bullmouth on Achill. Thence we walked to Dugort, a village built by the proselytisers of the Achill Mission. We drove then to two villages, Keel and Duagh, the most wretched conglomeration of hovels we had seen, jammed in between the mountains & the sea. Returned to a poorish hotel in Dugort for the night.   |
| [query in original;<br>Rosturk]   | 11 Aug, Tue | Drove by Achill Sound, Mulrany & Newport to Westport where we put up for the night. At Ross Turk? on Clew Bay (near Mulrany) we lunched with R.V. Stoney, who had erected a castle overlooking the bay. He had had bad times with his tenants & was incapable of belief in them. He had been an Indian civil servant & could not bear to treat the Irish like white men. Withal he had been just and meant well. We all except Dunning dined with W H Livingston, a heavy corn dealer – a good man – who gave expression to the shopkeeper's view of emigration. |
|                                   | 12 Aug, Wed | Had an interview with Lord John Browne, brother of Marquis of Sligo, who lived in a cottage on Ld. S's estate. Knew the country well & discussed all the various congested district problems with clearness & conciseness. He was very pessimistic. Fingall, Dunning & I left Westport for the mail & arrived for dinner at Dunsany where I found Johnny, his boys & the "Loan" all playing together.  |
|                                   | 13 Aug, Thu | Spent a half lazy day at Dunsany, of course a good deal of correspondence. I am unhappily feeling brain weary & see no chance of getting rest.   |
|                                   | 14 Aug, Fri | Busy all day in Dublin, saw Wrench, Macdonald, Dunbar Barton (in consultation with whom I decided not to put myself forward for South Dublin but to let the leaders know that I might stand if asked later on) & many others. Attended meeting of "Irish Home Industries Assoc'n" Daisy Fingall, "good" Mrs. Browne, a Miss Tottenham & 3 men being present. The ladies cackled – not much done.   |
|                                   | 15 Aug, Sat | Letters all day. Then out of many guests I had asked only Macdonald & Tuke had accepted & Tuke missed his train. Had however an interesting evening with Macdonald.  |
|                                   | 16 Aug, Sun | Spent the whole day I may say talking to Macdonald & Tuke (who arrived by morning train). Introduced the F's to the latter and they seemed both to be favorably impressed.   |
|                                   | 17 Aug, Mon | Spent the morning with Tuke. In afternoon he had to go to Dublin. Daisy had been left alone by Fingall & I went & fetched her to dine in true neighborly fashion at Dunsany.   |

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|                                   | 18 Aug, Tue | To Dublin to spend the day mostly with Tuke. In afternoon I went out to Ballybrack (?1 Marine Terrace) to call on John Dillon on an introduction from Mr. Tuke. I wanted to get his support for the creamery movement & get his views about the Congested Districts Board & their work. An earnest man, but not a man of either breadth of view or moral depth I should say.<br><br>Ion Hamilton talked to me about standing for South Dublin. I consented subject to Balfour's approval.  |
|                                   | 19 Aug, Wed | By morning train to Dunsany to write my letters with Dunning's help & back to Dublin to sleep. W.L. Micks, the secretary elect of the C.D.B. dined at the Club with me. I thought very highly of him.  |
|                                   | 20 Aug, Thu | Left Dublin by 7.40 mail for Limerick where I spent most of the day working at Co-operative Dairy matters with Gibson. Had a delightful interval with Bishop O'Dwyer a man who always interests me with his rugged independence of thought. He told me he had become tired of the agitation & sick of Home Rule & many of the clergy were the same. He thought that if the next Election did not return Gladstone with a working majority, good bye to Home Rule for many years. I dined & slept at Mount Trenchard with the Monteagles. |
|                                   | 21 Aug, Fri | Left Mount Trenchard early & met Anderson & Gibson in Limerick & had a good cooperative talk. Then went to Dublin & had Coleridge to dine with me. Got a wire from Goschen promising to have me accredited by the Treasury to the British Columbian Treasury.  |
|                                   | 22 Aug, Sat | Returned morning train. I rode to Summerhill to transact Trustee business with Langford.   |
|                                   | 23 Aug, Sun | W. Watson arrived. Spent the day doing Kilmessan, visiting & being visited by the Fingalls, G Murphy &c making arrangements for trip to America &c &c.   |
|                                   | 24 Aug, Mon | Drove over to Bective to see John Watson. It rained all day & I spent the rest of it doing business.   |
|                                   | 25 Aug, Tue | Came to Dublin to do the Horse Show. But it poured all day & I was fully occupied with business – so did not go to the Show. Attended opening of Irish Home Industries shop in Suffolk St. by Lady Zetland.  |
|                                   | 26 Aug, Wed | Back to Dublin by morning train. Put up with Daisy Fingall & her sister at 24 Molesworth St. Did the Show. Terrible crush. No chance of meeting one's friends. Dined with Mrs. Browne (----- good) at Monkstown & met Lady Aberdeen. A good woman, I think, but rather scattering. Still she is rich & attracts wealth into the sphere of usefulness. Arranged to meet her in Canada.  |
|                                   | 27 Aug, Thu | Breakfasted with Fingall at the United Service Club to meet Jim Power who was to give us some information about Canada through which country he had recently travelled. Blank draw. Dunning came up & helped me write off parting letters. Did the Show with Daisy Fingall & took her & Florence Burke to a ball at the Viceregal.   |
|                                   | 28 Aug, Fri | To bed 3 AM up 5.30 AM. Went to Londonderry by 6.45 AM mail train & went on board Allan S.S. Circassian. W.L. Micks came out on the tender & talked Congested Districts during the   |

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|  |             | 1½ hour journey to the Liner. On board we found old Hugh Cullen having come from Liverpool to arrange for our comfort. He really is the kindest of men. We had good deck cabin. But the ship was old, out of date, dirty & slow, about 12 knots being outside speed! I badly want rest & we are in for a 9 day voyage. So I am content. F[ingall] is inclined to be sick & doesn't like the prospect.   |
|  | 29 Aug, Sat | 254 from Merville.  |
|  | 30 Aug, Sun | 277   |
|  | 31 Aug, Mon | 296   |
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|  | 1 Sep, Tue  | 248 Rough weather up to this & Fingall wretchedly ill. Today he got up and got about & began to mend. I am over my giddy feeling & am gaining nerve strength for the heavy work of the next 3 months. I am doing almost nothing & mean to keep on doing nothing during the voyage.  |
|  | 2 Sep, Wed  | 250   |
|  | 3 Sep, Thu  | 280. Through Straits of Belleisle by night. Fog outside which lifted just in time to let us through. We saw a beautiful iceberg in afternoon.   |
| [Samuel Johnson compared crossing the Atlantic with "going to prison with the chance of being drowned".] | 4 Sep, Fri  | 273. A concert on board at which F[ingall]. took the chair. He made a speech in which he said "Dr. Johnson defined a steam ship (sic) as a prison with a chance of being drowned".  |
|  | 5 Sep, Sat  | 260. 304 to Quebec.   |
|  | 6 Sep, Sun  | Arrived Quebec 4 P.M. A quaint & very unAmerican looking town. Having little enquiry to make we sent our letters to Ld. Stanley of Preston, Governor General to the Citadel and had to wait at the ship for a reply. So we saw little of the town with its narrow streets & Frenchified appearance. Ld. S. asked us to dinner & we saw how vice royalty is done in Canada. A crowd of Aides de Camp with the blue facings, the assembly of the guests & the announcement of "Their Excellencies"! On the American continent somehow these little formalities appear exotic. Ld. S. was very kind indeed & gave lots of useful information, promising to send letters of introd[uctio]n after us. After dinner we walked out on the Terrace of the Citadel, which stands on a commanding encircular above the town & harbour. The view is grand by day & so also by night. The Circassian lay almost perpendicularly below us & looked like a large yacht.<br><br>Ld. & Lady Lathom were of the party. The former & I had a great talk over Alberta. He is Staveley Hill's partner in new Oxley Ranch. |
|  | 7 Sep, Mon  | Left Quebec 3 AM. A glorious day up the St. Lawrence. Landed at 6 P.M. and got to Windsor Hotel, Montreal 7. An Electrical Exhib'n was going on – utterly spoiled by the absence of all consideration by exhibitors beyond sale of electric lights, bells &c.<br><br>The town of Montreal is evidently getting thoroughly   |

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|                           |             | Americanised. It reminded me of St. Paul though of course not as “go ahead”.  |
|                           | 8 Sep, Tue  | Spent the morning enquiring into Irish population’s condition &c. F. found J.A. Stratley who once hunted in Meath at the St. James Club and he lunched, dined & generally looked after us in the usual American hospitable way. In afternoon we went by train to Lachine & came back to Montreal in the steamer through the Lachine Rapids. It is a feat of pilotage. We then dined at the Montreal Hunt Club with some 8 or 9 sportsmen who showed us after dinner the horses & hounds which were to cub hunt at 5 AM on the morrow. It is an old club I believe & is conducted in a very fairly simple & sportsmanlike way.                 |
|                           | 9 Sep, Wed  | After an interview with an old Priest who knew the Irish population and a walk up to the top of Mount Royal from which one gets a really fine view of the city we came to Ottawa where we began to hunt up the people we had introductions to. We found two cabinet ministers (Tupper & Dewdney) who took us over the houses of Parliament, regaled us with cocktails & gave us some information. The Parliament & gov’t buildings are very fine – and when they are old will have a very dignified appearance. May the members be worthy of it!  |
|                           | 10 Sep, Thu | My report diary gives most of the day’s doings. We found the politicians, Cabinet ministers & Senators with whom we conversed (& they were legion) most accessible and willing to impart information. Abbott the Premier dined us & had some Cabinet ministers & others to meet us. F. kept fairly awake. He is undergoing excellent schooling. We dined in the house of Sir John Macdonald, which Abbott had taken from Lady Macdonald directly after the latter’s death. We had an interesting night.   |
|                           | 11 Sep, Fri | More ministers & senators, more drinks, more blue books added to our luggage. In the evening Cecil Spring Rice, 2nd Secretary of Legation, Washington turned up & we got a little information out of him. Left by night train for Toronto after a successful visit to the centre of Canada’s political wisdom.  |
|                           | 12 Sep, Sat | A monster 2 weeks “Fair” a combination of an industrial show & a circus was going on. Our introductions got us in with the wrong people, the municipal lot, and we were so deluged with civility that it was impossible for us to make any quiet investigations. Indeed we must leave on Monday though it is quite tempting to stay till next boat (Thursday) & do Buffalo from Toronto. But there is no choice. We simply can’t escape the officials of the show who waste all our time. Dined with Sir Alexander Campbell, Lieut. Gov[erno]r. More of a figure than a head. Toronto a really thriving city, quite American enterprise.      |
|                           | 13 Sep, Sun | Reading & writing in the morning. Then called on Sir Daniel Wilson, Pres’t. of the Toronto University, the buildings of which he showed us. He took us to see Professor Goldwin Smith with whom we had a most interesting talk on the Irish question, home politics & the opportunities for colonisation &c. The Professor is one of the most pessimistic people I ever talked to. But he expresses himself with great charisma and fluency which is charming to listen to. We also called on a delightful old gentleman, Sir Casimir Gzowski, a Pole 77 years of age who started life in Canada as a penniless exile & is now a millionaire. |

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|                                   |             | He has a charming house in charming grounds.  |
|                                   | 14 Sep, Mon | Left by 11.45 AM train on C[anadian] P[acific] R[ailroad] for Owen Sound where about 4 PM we got off in SS Athabasca for Port Arthur. I had caught a heavy cold which went to my stomach & I had a wretched afternoon & evening.  |
|                                   | 15 Sep, Tue | A violent attack of mucous diarrhoea. I adopted the only remedy I know – viz a little bismuth which I happened to have with me and abandonment of all solid food for milk & barley water.   |
|                                   | 16 Sep, Wed | Landed mighty sick at Port Arthur, a regular backwoods post & found a doctor, a wild looking devil who gave me opium & a tonic – chiefly sulphuric acid – to take with my milk, the only diet I was to have. This conversion of my stomach into a stupefied cheese factory gave me a wretched night in a hot “sleeper”. Fingall was really kind to me in my plight.   |
|                                   | 17 Sep, Thu | Arrived Winnipeg & had to consult another doctor at once. This time it was a real healer and he put me on my bed & starvation. Felt wretched of course at being stopped in my work. We stayed at the Queens Hotel which had been “run down” since I was here in /80 & was now quite second or third class & altogether unfit for an invalid.  |
| [CPR – Canadian Pacific Railway]  | 18 Sep, Fri | Still very sick. But saw Van Horne, Pres’t. of C.P.R., a delightful old French Archbishop Taché and several others whom I had letters to. In course of day we learnt a lot about the immigrants’ lot in Manitoba. I overworked & felt very ill at night.  |
|                                   | 19 Sep, Sat | Wretchedly seedy, ordered to abstain from all work & lie up for two days. Nothing for it but obey.  |
|                                   | 20 Sep, Sun | Drove out to Sir Donald Smith’s farm. Sir D.S. is one of the (if not the[]) richest man in Canada. He has a simple wood house 5 miles out of Winnipeg which he visits once every two years or so in his special car which runs up to his door on a special track. He has a small herd of buffalo which look like dying out in a paddock by his house. He is chairman of Hudson Bay Co, a great C.P.R. man & a charming old fellow every way. Most kind & offered all sorts of hospitality which I was too ill to avail myself of. |
|                                   | 21 Sep, Mon | Back more or less to business. But too weak in body & mind to do much.  |
|                                   | 22 Sep, Tue | Busy all day with interviews of various kinds. I begin to feel stronger but am still bleeding internally. In the evening took the Martins (he having been kind to us here) to dinner at a restaurant & opera house.   |
|                                   | 23 Sep, Wed | Laying out trip & collecting information all day. Dined with W.B. Scarth & met some immigration experts.<br><br>Very annoying report cabled from England to Winnipeg newspaper that I was getting up a huge scheme of Irish emigration on behalf of the Gov’t. Did all I could to undo the harm.  |
|                                   | 24 Sep, Thu | At last got away from Winnipeg feeling much better than when I arrived but not strong. Took train on S.W. track of CPR to Glenboro which trip took the whole day. Put up at the Hotel &   |



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|                           |             | met a guide sent by Scarth to show us around.  |
|                           | 25 Sep, Fri | Up early & drove with F. Burnett, local Ag[en]t of Canada & N[orth-]W[est] Land Co. round the Killarney Crofters. Interviewed 7 and found they were all doing well & beyond all yea & nay were greatly improved by their change of life in every way. Came back from Belmont on the N[orthern]. P[acific].R'y freight train 5 hours late & then took 4 hours to get us to Brandon. F. getting interested & will be useful later in the trip.   |
|                           | 26 Sep, Sat | Drove from Brandon via Rapid City to Minnedosa where a Pay car was on the train for us to sleep in. Most comfortable. Gen'l Manager apologised for not giving us his car which was engaged.<br><br>An old English parson 6 years out from England met us at Minnedosa & told us how much better he was doing farming than he could do at home. He invited us to visit him which we could not do.   |
|                           | 27 Sep, Sun | A sharp frost made our house on wheels rather cold. However the day got warmer & we drove among the Saltcoats Crofters comfortably enough. They were not in quite such clover as the Killarney ones we saw. But most of them will do well & none worse than at home. They have been too much nursed & visited by politicians to be easy for purposes of investigation.   |
|                           | 28 Sep, Mon | Our house on wheels deposited us at breakfast hour at Birtle whence we drove via Fort Ellis on the Assiniboine (the only redeeming feature in an otherwise bleak monstrous country) to Moosomin. Here we put up at a comfortable but very short-commons hotel & interviewed various people – among them some East Londoners who had come out to farm in /84.<br><br>Fingall is getting bored & sleeps nearly all day in the buggy.   |
|                           | 29 Sep, Tue | A bitter cold day & I was feeling seedy enough. However I dressed warmly and drove 40 miles through the Moosomin crofters. We called at a Capt'n. Price's of Hampshire. He had joined his sons & made himself comfortable on the prairie in a good stone house. He had gone into farming heart & soul and had a fine crop of wheat & was in the best of spirits. Spent a long evening writing up my report diary and went west by the night train which did not get into Moosomin till the wee small hours.                  |
|                           | 30 Sep, Wed | Stomach troubles again. Spent a wretched day in the train. Passed through the wild belt where Johnny Lister Kaye planted his farms with such a flourish of trumpets in /88. They had had a wet year & were doing well – i.e. making more than their expenses. Of course the capital will never return. It snowed off & on through the day & being rather sick I feared the camping expedition arranged for the morrow. I heartily wished it might fall feet thick on the ground & make the trip impossible until I was well. |
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|                           | 1 Oct, Thu  | Left at Calgary 3 AM in a bitter north wind. Found a budget of letters at the Hotel and among them a cable from Tuke saying board meets Oct. 29 to Nov. 11 & I must be back. Went to bed not to sleep but to think what on earth to do. Up at 6.30 for train going north at 8. Lady Aberdeen got up to talk to us at breakfast. Only a few minutes talk for I had to make all sorts of arrangements & cable Tuke. Decided to look at Red Deer Country  |

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|                           |            | <p>&amp; return Friday night to Winnipeg where I told Tuke to cable me if I really must spoil my excursion by returning early. At 8 AM we attended with an old Hudson Bay &amp; N[orth]W[est]M[ounted] Police man Major Walker &amp; a Geo. McGowin representative of the Land Co who owned the Calgary &amp; Edmonton land grant.</p> <p>We went by train to Olds where we found the station house under great excitement over the birth of a child. The neighbouring women had come to attend the poor woman &amp; asked F &amp; me if we were doctors. They expected one out &amp; now none could come for 48 hours! A couple of wagons were ready for us with ample camp outfit &amp; we went about 10 miles north &amp; camped in a fine country for settlement. Shot lots of chickens on the way &amp; saw but did not get hundreds of geese &amp; ducks. I never saw such game. 26° of frost at night rather punished me. But we had a good tent and got on all right.</p> |
|                           | 2 Oct, Fri | <p>Woke rather frozen. We had a stove in the tent &amp; while it kept alight we were in clover. But when it went out we had a hard frost e.g. my sponge was frozen into a solid block inside a waterproof bag which was inside Fingall's dressing bag. We drove over more country, interviewed settlers, shot chicken &amp; returned to Calgary where I missed everyone I wanted to see &amp; had to take the night train back to Winnipeg. It was a satisfactory trip for investigation purposes. But to go so near the mountains for a fourth time &amp; fail to see the grandest mountain scenery in this vast continent was galling indeed. I must go round the other way &amp; try to break the spell some day.</p>  |
|                           | 3 Oct, Sat | <p>At 3 A.M. dragged my weary &amp; rather rheumatic limbs into the train &amp; went fast asleep. Woke up in the desert which I have to cross again the promised land being forbidden. Fingall has behaved like an angel never complaining. His disposition is really charming. He is as nice a traveling companion as one could have &amp; he is really improving. He was delighted with his one night in camp.</p>  |
|                           | 4 Oct, Sun | <p>A long morning &amp; afternoon in "the cars". Arrived Winnipeg 5 PM &amp; found letters from Daisy, Anderson, Dunning &amp; others but no cable from Tuke. This leaves us in great perplexity as to plans.</p>   |
|                           | 5 Oct, Mon | <p>A busy day meeting people who wanted to hear our conclusions after our trip. Held a meeting of leading men interested in the <del>question</del> settlement of the Public lands of Manitoba &amp; the N[orth].W[est].T[erritory]. I was tired out &amp; could not address the meeting. Spoke long hesitatingly wearisomely. The result was discouraging but still I shall work the problem out practically I hope. Dined in a very nice house with Brydger, V.P. of Man[itoba] &amp; N[orth-]W[estern] R'y.</p>  |
|                           | 6 Oct, Tue | <p>Left Winnipeg without any reply from Tuke &amp; took train for St. Paul. My stomach is gradually recovering from the dysentery.</p>  |
|                           | 7 Oct, Wed | <p>Arrived for breakfast and had a long day's investigation. Saw Archbishop Ireland with whom we dined – an oily yet strong ecclesiastic who openly avowed his willingness to do anything he could to get in Irishmen simply to increase the numbers of his flock. He gloried in some success he had had in converting poor settlers to the Catholic religion.</p> <p>During the day the news of Parnell's, W H Smith's &amp; Sir John</p>  |

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|   |             | Pope Hennessy's deaths came & we were besieged by reporters who amply made up for our reticence in their reports of interviews: Parnell's death will I fear give Gladstonians a grand opening for their Home Rule bill.   |
| [Bishop John Ireland]                             | 8 Oct, Thu  | Bp. Ireland sent a clever priest, Fr. Conway to drive us about & finally to take us to the Minnesota University at Minneapolis where we met Professor Folwell (Pol[litical] Econ[onomics]) & other very unacademical looking big wigs. We saw few people who could give us much information. But the growth of Minneapolis, its buildings & parks, electric cars, &c &c greatly interested us. They are certainly <u>the</u> people of the world. Left by night for Omaha.  |
|   | 9 Oct, Fri  | Arrived at Paxton House, Omaha & at once plunged into Windsor, Kemp & Co's office & affairs. The interviewer sought us out & persecuted us. This time the absurdity of the system was carried to the highest point yet reached, for a morning paper gave an interview which the reporter had had with Fingall the day before his arrival in greatest detail.<br><br>Omaha was all agog with a legal hanging – the first for 28 years. The mob took a morbid delight in it. The murderer – a horribly brutal one too – had taken 2 years to convict & had cost the state thousands of dollars. But a worse episode was to come. A negro had been imprisoned for raping a girl of 5, having escaped twice for assaults on women by legal technicality. The citizens determined to lynch him & accordingly they assembled in their thousands at night, broke into the gaol, dragged out the unfortunate brute and hanged him to the electric wires. F. & I looked on at this horrid spectacle and studied this strange institution of a great people! I never want to see another such scene. But it was worth while to see it once. It was partly indignation, more cruelty. The institution must prevail until the administration of the law is pure & sure. |
|   | 10 Oct, Sat | Owing to my being called home 4 weeks earlier than I had hoped, I had to compress my year's American business into 2 days. I did it fairly successfully but the pressure was awful. Omaha was quiet – little money stirring – want of outside capital. But her progress is assured I think.   |
| [CM&StP – Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad] | 11 Oct, Sun | More business of course. Also had a meeting of prominent Irishmen to discuss immigration. It was too near Lincoln, the centre of the Land League in America for a calm discussion. But I successfully cooled my hearers & got some insight as to the prospects of getting more Irish into the west with local help. Left by C.M. & St. P. R.R. for Chicago.   |
|   | 12 Oct, Mon | Spent the 8 hours' stay in Chicago going round Irishmen. Of course could make no proper investigations in the time. Went on by "Pennsylvania Limited" train to Washington. This train has added to its former attractions a library & observation car, electric lights in the berths for reading at night &c, and a stenographer who comes on and takes correspondence & typewrites it.   |
|   | 13 Oct, Tue | Made use of the train stenographer & wrote many letters myself. Got to Washington for dinner & put up at the Arlington Hotel. Glad to get a night in a bed.   |
|   | 14 Oct, Wed | Called on Sir Julian Pauncefote & found him quite uninformed on   |

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|   |             | the immigration question. He offered us introd[uction]s to anyone we wanted to see & gave us a very good dinner. But we made our own way round the Gov't offices & picked up a good deal of information. Many men I wanted to see were absent. Blaine, Morton (Vice Pres't.) & others. Those I did see were a very inferior lot with 2 exceptions. From these we got some information but were not induced to stay longer in Washington as we had only a week left.  |
|   | 15 Oct, Thu | Left Washington for Philadelphia. En route interviewed Cardinal Gibbons at Baltimore who as head of the Catholic Church in America was worth consulting. He was a charming man to talk to, mild conciliatory but keen – just the man for the place. He was “offish” at first but finally promised his hearty cooperation.  |
|   | 16 Oct, Fri | The great difficulty in doing investigative work quick i.e. seeing all the people you want to see is that some one always insists in “showing you round” & with the best intention in the world wastes all your time. Then the cursed habit of drinking every hour of the day – at every street corner, & the discomfort of refusing pressing appeals to conform to the habit – is a great annoyance. Still we managed to see many Press men & others who gave us a good deal of useful information. Left at night for New York where we slept at Brunswick Hotel. |
| [Castle Garden – immigrant processing centre]                 | 17 Oct, Sat | Barge office & Castle Garden in the morning. Then in afternoon Paulist Fathers and in evening Hon. Miles O'Brien all introd[uction]s from T.P. Gill M.P. The Irish feeling in N.Y. is very bitter & very ignorant. It is unfortunate that it should be so strong at the Irish gate of America: Left N.Y. (leaving F. behind) for Boston by night train.  |
|   | 18 Oct, Sun | Woke up in the Hub of the Universe, the home of Culture, the city of the more English than dwellers in Gt. Britain. General Collins at 11 o'clock turned up at the Parker House with a few prominent Irishmen & the great statistician Edward Atkinson. What I told them & they told me is written in my trip diary. The whole day was taken up and I left by a 7 o'clock train for Fall River whence I went by one of the floating palaces to N.Y. by night.  |
| [boodle – bribery; machine-style politics based on patronage] | 19 Oct, Mon | Hurry, rush & bustle. Met Ralph Wortley & got him to dine & talk over old times. Spent most of the day calling on people & finding them out. Called on Mayor Grant & saw a crowd of Mr. Commissioners, Comptrollers, Generals, Colonels &c all Irish, with the Boodle stamped on their faces.  |
|   | 20 Oct, Tue | Last day in N.Y. & in the U.S. Business diary took in all I did.   |
|   | 21 Oct, Wed | 8.30 AM sailed in Teutonic. Sir Lyon Playfair & his wife were first faces I saw on board. Then J. Barclay M.P., some ranchmen & a few others. Glorious start & F. happy.   |
|   | 22 Oct, Thu | 483  |
|   | 23 Oct, Fri | 468  |
|   | 24 Oct, Sat | 460  |
|   | 25 Oct, Sun | 460 Sir Lyon Playfair is certainly full of strange information. He told me today that when a man is drunk on whiskey he falls on his face, lime & beer brings him on his side, cider on his face.<br><br>Criminal statistics show that the prisoners in Ireland are from   |

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|   |             | educated, in England from uneducated classes.<br><br>Under Balfourian regime greater decrease in petty crimes than decrease in serious. Same true in Northumberland & Durham. Is it prosperity & drink which bring about this strange result?   |
| [odyllic; odic – hypothetical natural force said to account for animal magnetism and mesmerism] | 26 Oct, Mon | 448. [“]The Little Georgia Magnet” was the name of Mrs. Abbott, a fellow passenger who en route to the London Music Halls volunteered (for charity) to give an exhib’n of her marvellous magnetic odyllic, odic or other incomprehensible powers. She astonished some 200 people in the big saloon by lifting 6 people in a chair, making herself so heavy that the strongest men – aye 4 of them could not lift her &c &c. Trickery I thought cleverly shifting the “purchase” & so annulling the force exerted.   |
|   | 27 Oct, Tue | 466 With this run at noon ended the fastest passage from America to Ireland on record. Fingall & I went ashore at Queenstown got to Dublin for Dinner (we breakfasted in N.Y on Wednesday last!) and drove home in his brougham.  |
|   | 28 Oct, Wed | Woke up much depressed as I always do first day at Dunsany. It certainly is a melancholy climate. Of course I had to work pretty hard all day & only cheered myself for a couple of hours by a visit to Daisy. The most depressing circumstance is the aimless life Johnny is leading – eating, drugging and drinking himself to death at Dunsany while his wife is fretting herself to death at Dunstall. Work he simply cannot do. John Preston & Gussy B. came to dinner.  |
|   | 29 Oct, Thu | Business all day. Dined at Grange to talk over Dunsany farming & cattle problems.   |
|   | 30 Oct, Fri | Had my first hunt at Summerhill. Rode two good horses & made myself sore & stiff. Still this change from constant mental work is beneficial. Dined at Killeen to talk over F’s financial crisis with Col. Dease & his son William.  |
|   | 31 Oct, Sat | Up to Dublin to see Balfour & have a preliminary meeting of some members of the C.D. Board. Balfour annoyed me by saying I ought not to have come home so soon & he never expected me! He blamed Tuke & Micks greatly. The two latter I think can show that the mistake arose out of B’s refusal to answer their letters. B. also refused to advise me about South Dublin. He would not have appointed me if I had been M.P. or candidate & so would have “lost the best member of the Board”! But things were diff[erent] now & he must leave it to my judgement.<br><br>Tuke & wife came to Dunsany by evening train. |
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|   | 1 Nov, Sun  | A Sunday spent discussing the C.D. problem. Walked to Killeen & the F’s dined at Dunsany. Could not find time for church but his Rev[erence] came to Dunsany at 4 o’c. We partook of his feast of reason.   |
|   | 2 Nov, Mon  | Came up to Dublin with ½ “suite” i.e. Dunning, who treated at Buswell’s where we shared a business room with old Tuke. Held first formal meeting of Congested Districts Board Balfour in the chair. Alas this great intellect is not practical. He did all he could to hurry us through & after 3 hours left us in a state of wild confusion, not to meet again till Friday! When B. has to attend to   |

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|                           |             | English affairs we shall get on better.  |
|                           | 3 Nov, Tue  | Completely invalided again with mucous diarrhoea. Could do nothing & yet had to keep at my C.D.B. work as best I could. Doctor put me on chicken broth which seems better than the milk.   |
|                           | 4 Nov, Wed  | Ditto of yesterday.  |
|                           | 5 Nov, Thu  | Seedy but managed to attend the C.D.B. meeting. Got through some work. Mary passed through Dublin & I had a long talk with her about poor Ernle. Some settlement must be come to.  |
|                           | 6 Nov, Fri  | Very much better but by no means well. I seem to have no recuperative power & it is evident that prevention must be my constant care. It is horrible to contemplate being a ?valeted ?insomniac. But it can't be helped.<br><br>The CDB met again & we began to get things into shape.<br><br>The excitement of the day was Fingall's appearance, before I had got up, in my bedroom with a dislocated shoulder! He had fallen out of his trap. My old Dr. (W. Moore, 67 Fitzwilliam Sq. was coming to see me. He sent for Sir George Porter who with a pull and a twist put in the shoulder. Wrench, Browning (Balfour's sec'y) Major Gaskell, Daisy, the Tukes & I dined together at Buswells. |
|                           | 7 Nov, Sat  | Returned to Dunsany with Dunning. I was taken sick again with mucous diarrhoea again & went over to Killeen where I could lie up without being bored to death. The F's were most kind to me.   |
|                           | 8 Nov, Sun  | Stayed in all day doing nothing & eating "pap".  |
|                           | 9 Nov, Mon  | The same. Perfect physiological rest, liquid food, warmth. I am getting cured but am awfully weak.   |
|                           | 10 Nov, Tue | Still unfit to hunt. Daisy & I went for a ride, I trying a new horse by "Reveller" dam by "Hercules". Liked & shall buy him from Coleridge. Felt much better after ride.   |
|                           | 11 Nov, Wed | Left Killeen after the kindest possible treatment & nursing. In afternoon Daisy & I rode in a gale of wind over to Bective to see the Watsons, she on a duty call, I about Rock Lodge.   |
|                           | 12 Nov, Thu | Day in Dublin. Congested Districts Board meeting. Things are going better. We are defining our work.   |
|                           | 13 Nov, Fri | A wild storm last night and a glorious lull today. Went out for a day with the Meaths at Batterstown on my best horse. Thoroughly enjoyed myself but had not much sport. Still very weak but getting rapidly better.   |
|                           | 14 Nov, Sat | Went to Dublin to attend a CDB Com'tee meeting, returned by midday train with the Tukes. Major Gaskell came in the evening.  |
|                           | 15 Nov, Sun | A quiet Sunday with the Tukes and Major Gaskell at Dunsany. Went to Church at Kilmessan which I ought to do more often.  |
|                           | 16 Nov, Mon | Went to Dublin in afternoon with Gaskells & the Tukes after a morning spent riding over Skryne & Tara with the Major. Attended Primrose League meeting to make local acquaintances in event of standing for South Dublin.  |
|                           | 17 Nov, Tue | Hunted Chesnut at Bective by train. Good run from Churchtown to Ardbraccan which I did not see well. Returned to Dublin &  |

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|   |   | went out to dinner with “good” Mrs. Browne where I wanted to meet some South Dublin magnates. But unhappily I had to leave the table & fly into the street before dinner was half over. I am wretchedly upset in my stomach – the effects of dysentery & over work.  |
|   | 18 Nov, Wed                               | Came home with a bilious attack. Have a large hunting party coming tomorrow & must try & get well. I fear it will be difficult enough. Daisy Fingall came over and arranged the library which made the day pass less gloomily than it would otherwise have done.   |
|   | 19 Nov, Thu                               | To Dublin by morning train for C.D.B. (agric’l com’ttee) meeting. Saw my doctor and got some more medicine to stop the ever recurring diarrhoea. Came back to Dunsany with Eddy Stuart Wortley & wife, Col. Foster, Coleridge & Sir West Ridgeway. Daisy Fingall & her sister dined & we had a fairly pleasant evening. I felt very sick all the time.   |
|   | 20 Nov, Fri                               | Hounds met at Dunsany. Great lunch prepared but no partakers! I mounted Eddy Wortley & hunted myself which I ought not to have done. All guests left except the S. Wortleys.   |
| [poss. Osbert Lumley<br>(brother of Lady<br>Zetland)] | 21 Nov, Sat                               | Went to Dublin for Industries Com’ttee of CDB & in evening entertained Oswald [ <i>sic</i> ] Lumley, Daisy & her sister at Shelburne [ <i>sic</i> ] Table d’Hôte & Patti concert. The Diva was in great form & spoiled forever amateur rendering of Kathleen Mavourneen, Home Sweet Home, Tara’s Hills, & the Last Rose of Summer. I am getting on to solid food – gradually mending.  |
|   | 22 Nov, Sun                               | Back to Dunsany – arrears of correspondence & other work spoiled the peaceful Sunday. Was to walk over with Dunning to dine at Killeen but began to feel seedy again.  |
|   | 23 Nov, Mon                               | Had to spend the day in bed.   |
|   | 24 Nov, Tue                               | Sent for Laffan who gave me very sensible advice which it will be hard to take with present pressure of work. However I weighed myself & find I have gone down some 10 lbs since the summer & must entirely give in to my complaint before it is too late. Atrophy widely threatened.  |
|   | 25 Nov, Wed                               | Stokes & Anderson played “Mahomet” to my “mountain” & came to Dunsany as I could not go to Limerick. I was much better but a struggle with the cooperative problems did not improve my health.   |
|   | 26 Nov, Thu                               | Was to have gone to Dublin today for CDB Com’ttee, Industries Assoc’n & other work. Had to give it up and send Dunning with apologies. Went over to Killeen to stay quiet for a few days away from work.   |
|   | 27 Nov, Fri<br>28 Nov, Sat<br>29 Nov, Sun | [written across three days] Lying up at Killeen with the kindest people in the world. It is now quite evident that my stomach is dangerously deranged & unless I can get it into a healthy state I shall be subject to chronic dysentery and complete loss of health & usefulness. I am overworked and have lost my recuperative power. Rest, light wholesome food, lots of milk & warm clothes are the remedies to rely upon. I have fully determined if I get well enough to travel safely to go abroad with the Fingalls & Mary Murphy. |

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|   | 30 Nov, Mon | Quiet all day but had to send a letter to the Freeman's Journal which took some trouble to write. Sent it via T.P. Gill M.P.  |
|   | 1 Dec, Tue  | Meath Hounds at Dunshaughlin & I have 3 really nice horses eating their heads off! Of course I can't hunt for the present as I can't eat strong food.   |
|   | 2 Dec, Wed  | Left my kindest host & hostess & came to Dunsany where Mary arrived by midday train looking well.   |
| ['The Congested Districts Board and Emigration', <i>The Freeman's Journal</i> , 3 Dec., p. 5] | 3 Dec, Thu  | Spent a quiet day. My letter to the "Freeman" about Congested Districts came out & I think did good for they practically apologised though of course with a bad grace.<br><br>The Leonards, Donaldson & Miss Burke from Killeen dined.  |
| [8 stone, 11 lb = 123 lb]   | 4 Dec, Fri  | Weighed 8 st 11 lb naked. Dined at Killeen, dining out being made possible by supply of invalid food.   |
|   | 5 Dec, Sat  | Spent day in Dublin, but too weak to get through much work. Had a big confab with Micks on CDB business. Drove out with Daisy to see the Mother Sup[er]ior. of Convent of Sisters of Mercy at Golden Bridge who had expressed a wish to see me. Found the old lady past her work, very seedy & rather scattered in her ideas.<br><br>I learned in Dublin that I am likely to be asked to stand for S. Dublin County.  |
|   | 6 Dec, Sun  | Coleridge came down for the day & we lunched at Killeen. I was seedy enough. I took it easy and hope to get better in the night. If I don't progress rapidly now I don't know how I shall be for travelling.  |
|   | 7 Dec, Mon  | Felt a good deal better than yesterday. But had to go to Dublin on C.D.B. business & it did me no good. The sooner I get a change the sooner I shall be of some use to somebody.  |
|   | 8 Dec, Tue  | Hounds met at Killeen but no hunt for me. The fox ran past the castle & I could not help getting up on a horse & riding for 20 minutes. Then the hunt came in to lunch & I had no food! Got through a host of letters and dined at Killeen to perfect arrangements for the trip to the sunny south.   |
|   | 9 Dec, Wed  | Packing up all morning for Dublin, Manchester, London, Paddockhurst & Monte Carlo. Went by afternoon train to Dublin & after seeing Daisy – the advance guard – off by the mail, dined with the Tukes.  |
|   | 10 Dec, Thu | A busy day. Anderson came up from Doneraile. Dunning from Dunsany. I had to talk C.D. agriculture with Micks, to see the dairy show (R.D.S.), attend C.D.B. monthly meeting and get off with Anderson by the mail for Manchester.<br><br>Ion Hamilton told me the Council of the South Dublin Loyalist registration assoc'n had adopted me as candidate. It has to come before the whole body on 22nd.<br><br>Violent weather. But I was not sick & got to Chester 2 A.M. in fair condition considering |
|   | 11 Dec, Fri | Arrived Manchester after a "cold feet" night. Spent the day at Coop work with Anderson. The Wholesale heard us about our  |



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|                           |             | Irish Agency and were not at all friendly. The United Board are relapsing into politics & socialism. I left by night train for London not as much the worse as I might have expected. Indeed I was in some ways better for change of air.   |
|                           | 12 Dec, Sat | Arrived early in town after a night in the train. Saw Sir Charles Tupper & J C [ <i>sic</i> G] Colmer, Sec'y of Colonisation Board. Then Daisy Fingall & I went to Paddockhurst for the Sunday. We found nearly the whole family & some uninteresting guests. They want me to marry the Countess Maggie and the poor girl is forced to join in a scheme for my capture! She is a really good girl and won't pretend to love me. She likes me too much. She has no health, is quite unfit for this climate or my life. It would be a sacrifice & a cruel one.  |
|                           | 13 Dec, Sun | Restful Sunday. Walked out twice and read the lessons at family prayers. By the way I also looked over and presented to Mr. Whitehead Watson's annual balance sheet accounts.   |
|                           | 14 Dec, Mon | Back to London. We shot in the morning but when we had been shooting about an hour word came that Taverner the house steward had died & so the sport was stopped. The family were much attached to him. Fingall & Mary Murphy went to Paris before I could see them so Daisy put up at "Mrs. Willie's" flat & I came to 15 Park Lane. Met Alston & talked Omaha business. Dined with Mrs. Willie & went to Criterion Theatre. I only went to the door & went back to bed.   |
|                           | 15 Dec, Tue | Final business with Dunning, many letters, a meeting of the B.B. Co., a business lunch with Johnny & many other farewell arrangements & then a dinner to Alston, Daisy, her host "Mrs Willie", her brother G. Haig, a Miss Winslow and T.P. Gill M.P. at the Wellington & on to the Empire & then to bed – alone.   |
|                           | 16 Dec, Wed | Daisy & I with Wass & Mrs. Jones went to Paris by the 11 AM express L[ondon].C[hatham]. & D[over].R[ailway]. Smooth passage & comfortable journey. Found Fingall & Mary Murphy (rather sick) at the Hotel du Deux Mondes, Avenue de l'Opera where we all put up for the night.  |
|                           | 17 Dec, Thu | Almost my first sight of Paris by daylight, a bright, happy, clean, well built, well paved & well lit city. F. & I walked most of the day. He insisted on doing the morgue as an appetiser before breakfast, but we also saw Notre Dame Cathedral & the outsides of many buildings. In the afternoon we walked through Champs Elysées and the Bois de Boulogne & in the evening we went to a very poor circus at the "Nouveau Cirque". We left by midnight train for Monte Carlo. We were all four packed into one compartment in the wagon-lit and to my surprise there was no curtain over the berths! However the ladies were well selected & it did not matter. |
|                           | 18 Dec, Fri | A long day in the train for we only arrived at Monte Carlo (where we put [up] at Grand Hotel) at 8.15 P.M. However we were all in excellent tempers and passed the day pleasantly enough. I was a bit knocked up by the journey from London. But by confining myself to hot milk for supper & going to bed I got on all right. Mary Murphy seemed the better already for the change.  |
|                           | 19 Dec, Sat | Monte Carlo by daylight was a glorious sight. The contractor can never shut out the blue sky, blue sea, rugged coast line &   |

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|                           |             | beautiful mountains. The palms and geraniums will continue to grow around & between his monster hotels. It will always be a lovely spot in spite of him. The interesting people have not yet arrived. The gaming tables are surrounded by gamblers pure and simple, the most regular being apparently the women. Only the advanced guard of the demi monde are here. The weather is bitterly cold and I fear I shan't get fat as quick as I would like. Mary Murphy is better, poor woman. Daisy is not happy as F. is supremely bored. |
|                           | 20 Dec, Sun | Got seedy again. Drove out to Cap Martin where a large Hotel was nearly finished and decided to take rooms. Fingall & I walked back to Monte Carlo, taking the Cornice road for part of our route – and enjoyed several birdseyes' views of the glorious coast scenery. In the evening the tables & the concert! We lost nothing between us I think. But the Fs were ahead at one time considerably.  |
|                           | 21 Dec, Mon | Moved out to Cap Martin Hotel where we were apparently to be done "tout compris", cheaper than we were lodged at the Grand Hotel M.C. I am quite seedy again, my whole inside being inflamed & ulcerated. Rest & milk diet will probably make me right. But I fear I shall not get strong before it is time to go back to work. I have now got a room looking south which makes all the difference in comfort. My room at M.C. was like an ice house.   |
|                           | 22 Dec, Tue | Very seedy. Ulcerated sore throat again. Had to consult a doctor in Mentone. Saw Mrs. Lynch after 10 years without getting a look at this earliest acquaintance. She looked poorly enough & seemed sobered down & kindlier. She had had a carriage accident 5 years ago which had shaken her badly & she showed the effects of the shock. Daisy & I were bound home before dark & so we could not stop more than a ¼ hour. Promised to see her again.   |
|                           | 23 Dec, Wed | Loafed about in the sun feeling wretchedly weak & out of sorts. The doctor yesterday told me it was folly going back in less than 2 months! I suppose it is. But if I don't I break off everything & have to begin my life again.   |
|                           | 24 Dec, Thu | Did nothing but moon about at Cap Martin & Monte Carlo trying the rest cure & taking medicines, gargles &c.   |
|                           | 25 Dec, Fri | Drove to Mentone with Mary M. & Daisy F. walking to Monte Carlo for mass. I had to go in again in afternoon to see the doctor who told me I must get my tonsils operated on or should have chronic sore throat. This took the whole day.<br><br>I saw in the Times of 23rd that I had been finally selected by the Unionists of South Dublin (County) to fight their battle at the next general election.   |
|                           | 26 Dec, Sat | Went into Monte Carlo with Fingall by train & returned on foot. Lost all the money we took with us – he 420 & I 370 francs!   |
|                           | 27 Dec, Sun | Went to Mentone to have a long talk with Mrs. Lynch. She is certainly clever but quite incapable of seeing another side to a question. She puts her own well.   |
|                           | 28 Dec, Mon | We all went to Cannes to see the Riddells and Herberts. I saw Bertie Oakley who was staying with cousins of his wife & in bed. He is a chronic invalid poor chap.<br><br>Stupidly walked to Monte Carlo or rather ran 4½ miles about to   |

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|                           |                     | catch the train & upset my health which was getting on first rate. This folly has put me back I fear a week at least.  |
|                           | 29 Dec, Tue         | Went with Mrs. Lynch to see a cooperative Bank in Mentone. Talked to the manager through Mrs. Lynch as interpreter. It was a bourgeois affair but still there was much that was cooperative about it & I was interested.   |
|                           | 30 Dec, Wed         | Felt sick again. Made all my plans for the next three weeks, wrote letters accordingly when I get notice that the meeting of the C.D.B. is changed from 14th Jan. to 11th!<br><br>We all went to the Tables & lost our money. Fingall was out of temper at this & we had a very unpleasant evening.  |
|                           | 31 Dec, Thu         | A really fine warm day and I sat out in the sun nearly all day as I hate an invalid life. But if I don't endure it occasionally I shall be in danger of having to endure it permanently. Daisy & I had a long talk which put me in a happier frame of mind. I had been made quite sad by the relations betw'n her & F. which were those of incompatibles. But she is a real little philosopher & can get honey from wild flowers when the tame ones are closed.  |
|                           | Year-end<br>Summary | So ends /91 & I suppose a paragraph of egoism must close the book.<br><br>To me the year has been a very satisfactory one. Financial prosperity has enabled me to push my Irish industrial work. Balfour appreciating this made me a member of the Congested Districts Board, & the Scotch Gov't of the Colonisation Board. I have worked hard making the trip to America for the C.D. Board & have somewhat impaired my health.<br><br>[Page torn out]<br><br>An attack of Dysentery in America proved so pertinacious that I had to do invalid for the last 2½ weeks of the year in the sunny South. I was at the end of the year selected to fight for the Unionists in South Dublin County at the gen'l election expected in /92. They say I have a chance of getting in. At any rate it is a new departure this entering upon political life. I adopted this course in order to strengthen my influence in Ireland & so facilitate my economic & industrial work. It would take a prophet to say what chance there is of such a result being realised. So far I am better known than I was in former years & have made no great mistake. I hope if I only have health to do much good in /92.<br><br>I am still unmarried & a state of feeling (which I need not particularise) has grown up in me which seems for the present at any rate to preclude the possibility of matrimony. Meanwhile my nephews & nieces grow apace. Conny's & Mary's children cause no anxiety. But Johnny's boys will be launched on the world with no guide to keep them straight. Poor Ernle is in bad health and as impossible as ever. Johnny has relapsed into the life of a self made invalid & is incapable of active good. Indeed I fear that he is rapidly ruining his wonderful constitution. With good instincts & powerful brain it is sad to see him so weak & self-indulgent that he can at best be a warning to his heirs. |