

1906 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, 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/ 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 (usu. Lord Lieutenant)	TD	Teachtai Delai (representatives in lower 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^x 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^d"). If the same usage occurs in close proximity, the expanded version is generally not repeated.

1906

Events:

Jan – General election – conclusive Liberal party victory
 Apr – Digby Commission to enquire into DATI
 5 May – First issue of *Sinn Féin*, edited by Griffith
 2 Jun – Fry Commission to enquire into Trinity College Dublin

20 Jun – Honorary DCL (Doctor of Civil Law), Oxford

20 Jul – Dudley Commission to enquire into congestion in Ireland

Kilteragh completed

Publications:

- *The Problem of Rural Life in the United States* (Dublin) 20 pp.
- *Memorandum on Agricultural Organisation* (DATI, Dublin) 27 pp.
- *Address to the Members of the Agricultural Board* (Dublin) 5 pp.
- “Some Aspects of the Irish Question”, *International Quarterly*, v.12, pp. 227-39
- Foreword to G. Boni, *Hibernica: Notes on Some Burial Places and Customs of Ancient Ireland*: translated from the Nuova Antologica (Dublin)
- *IAOS Annual Report*, pp. 133-6
- Attributed articles in
 - Irish Homestead*:
 - Text of addresses to 9th Council of Agriculture, XII:20 (19 May 1906), pp. 410-3, 415-7
 - Text of address to 10th Council of Agriculture, XII:48 (8 Dec 1906), pp. 974-7
 - Text of address to IAOS, XII:48 (8 Dec 1906), pp. 983-5
 - DATI Journal*:
 - Text of addresses to 8th Council of Agriculture, VI:2 (Jan 1906), pp. 216-26
 - Text of address to 9th Council of Agriculture, VI:4 (Jul 1906), pp. 613-26

Government:

Prime Minister: Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman (Liberal)
Chief Secretary: James Bryce
Lord Lieutenant: Earl of Aberdeen

Approximate monetary equivalents (2010): £1= £100; \$1 = \$19


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	1 Jan, Mon	In train West. Passing through Chicago called at Club on my old friend Henry Blair. The New Year’s lunch had been enjoyed & the Club was loud with songs convivial & patriotic. I fled.
	2 Jan, Tue	Omaha early & put up at Club. Windsor came early to office, a shaken man but not having seen any one above the local general practitioner I hope that he may recover. The chances are clearly against his being even a strong & vigorous business man again. But he may be able to use his experience in a consultative capacity. Interview nuisance.
[aet – age]	3 Jan, Wed	Plunged deep into my business affairs. Lunched with Real Estate Exchange, some 35 or 40 present. Spoke extempore on local patriotism. Dined with Col. Pratt aet 80 & in full vigor. Mrs. Pratt, say, 35 will take it all. But he is a grand old man.
	4 Jan, Thu	Business all day.

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	5 Jan, Fri	As yesterday.
	6 Jan, Sat	Bosler turned up & I tried to sell him all that was saleable of my Omaha property. General Manderson had a dinner for me at his house. Rather interesting old time talk.
	7 Jan, Sun	Business talk with Windsor most of day. In evening – tell it not in ?Rathmines – went to a melodrama with Bosler.
	8 Jan, Mon	Business of course all day except interview with Dentist. Bill \$3.00! It might have been \$20.00 without extortion. Bosler offered to do his best to exercise an option on my Omaha estate which would give me for Monteagle, Blacker, Alston's & my own interest \$300,000 4% good but unsaleable bonds, \$21000 cash & \$50,000 common stock of uncertain value. Not good enough! But still it is something that a shrewd Yankee is prepared to undertake a mortgage liability of over \$170,000, which he would, on name.
	9 Jan, Tue	Left Omaha. Left H.J.W. still my agent at \$1800.00 a year. Conrad Young wants the agency for himself claiming that he has done all the work. I don't know whether to trust him. I fear he is a schemer.
[CB&Q – Chicago, Burlington & Quincy]	10 Jan, Wed	Passing through Chicago saw C.B.&Q. R'y people about their "seed & soil trains" – a train stocked with professors, seeds, manures, soil &c & complete equipment for educating farmers.
	11 Jan, Thu	Arrived Washington at noon. Day with Dr. Frissell of Hampton. Met Dr. Hays & Dr. Knapp of Agric'l Dept & learned a good deal of the work of that excellent body of men. Their chiefs are as keen for their work as my Department's are. D.A. McCabe now political economy teacher at Cath[olic] University, Washington, called & told me a good deal about the atmosphere there.
<i>[mens sana in corpore sano – healthy mind in a healthy body; par excellence – of the highest order]</i>	12 Jan, Fri	Spent 3 hours at Dept of Ag learning many things. Lunched with Maurice Egan – a much broader man than I had realised. Called on a Mrs. Herbert Parsons who invited me to dinner because she had been introduced to me some time. She was an interesting society lady & her husband is a political personage in New York. Had over an hour with Roosevelt in evening when I discussed with him the problem of rural life & what he could do to aid in its solution. He was deeply interested & asked me to write him my views which I shall do. My former impressions of this remarkable man are confirmed. He is a fine politician, not an intellectual but yet a great moral force. He is the mens sana in corpore sano par excellence. I delight in his frankness & indiscretion. But I suppose he knows his man. I cannot enter here the most interesting things he said to me.
	13 Jan, Sat	Left Washington 12.30 AM & so had full day in N.Y. Stuart Wortley's & B Cockran's office (latter away) were visited. Otherwise spent day with Frissell who took me to a number of his philanthropists mostly wealthy. My host & hostess were away for week end but left me their house & insisted on my giving a little dinner party (Frissell & Graham Brooks) in their house. The servants would like it!
[Schieffelin]	14 Jan, Sun	Lunched with a wholesale Druggist (5 E[ast] 66[th] St.) Schiffelin [<i>sic</i>] who married a Vanderbilt & lives en prince. Called on Seth

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[<i>en prince</i> – as a prince]		Low, T Sturgis, J. Sinclair & others.
	15 Jan, Mon	Meeting of Wyoming Development Company. Carey told me the Cheyenne news which is little. I gathered that if I went out & looked after that Irrigation scheme I might do something with it. Preparing a talk to Rich New Yorkers tomorrow on Ireland's problems & their own!
	16 Jan, Tue	A disappointment. The meeting to hear me at Schiffelin's [<i>sic</i>] (5 E. 66) proved very impotent. Carl Schurz, Choate, Booker Washington, Frissell, Buttrick, Fairbairns, Crimmins, Keogh, Columbia professors &c were there in force & I was too tired & failed badly. I should have been very short & provoked discussion. But I tried to deal comprehensively with the problems of rural life in Ireland & America!! Well, spilt milk. Byrne had District Attorney Jerome to dinner. He had recently been elected independently & is a clean forceful man of the Roosevelt type but I think more genuine. No posing. I should not wonder if he goes to the Whitehouse [<i>sic</i>] in his day.
[Capt. Edward John Smith, later of <i>Titanic</i>] [<i>vis-à-vis</i> – literally "face-to-face" (person opposite)]	17 Jan, Wed	Came on board the Baltic 'sailing' at 10.30 AM. Frissell & Buttrick came to see me off, also F.C. Barton, son of old Barton at Dunsany, who came out to seek his fortune & has made it – in ribbons! He has built him a house in New Jersey & is raising a family. An immensely nice looking lot of passengers. At captain's table my vis a vis the American ambassador Whitelaw Reid & next me Principal Fairbairn. Rowland Leigh, brother of my old friend Gillie also on board.
	18 Jan, Thu	370
	19 Jan, Fri	390. Very painful abscess in ear.
	20 Jan, Sat	390
	21 Jan, Sun	370
	22 Jan, Mon	378
	23 Jan, Tue	376. The Captain showed me a Marconigram he had had about the Elections up to yesterday. 216 Liberals, 45 Labour & 72 Nationalists against 96 Unionists. London which in 1900 returned 54 Un[ionist]s & 8 Lib & Lab members now reverses the process & sends 42 Lib & Lab against 20 Un[ionist] members. Arthur & Gerald Balfour, Long, Fellowes & Brodrick in the cabinet & outside it, Stanley, Crossley, Pretyman, Bonar Law, Sir R Finlay, B Davenport have all lost their seats. A veritable "Landslide".
	24 Jan, Wed	398 – 263 to Queenstown. Distance Sandy Hook to Daunt Rock Light Ship 2935. The most restful voyage I ever had. I almost think the annual visit to America has been a blessing in disguise.
	25 Jan, Thu	I decided not to go ashore at 4 AM as I could get to Dublin Friday morning via L[iver]pool. Could only take hand baggage ashore at night as the huge ship, 23,000 tons, could not get over the bar in time for Customs House. The week's news is briefly the wiping out of the Unionist party – a Liberal-cum-labour triumph unequalled in political history of Eng'd. Complete independence of the Nationalists' vote. Indeed the Liberals will have a majority over all other sectors! SH

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		Butcher in for Cambridge. J.G. [Butcher] out for York. Wrote both. Percy Bernard has returned in form of Long from S. Dublin.
	26 Jan, Fri	Arrived early, voted at Cabinteely for Long who got in by 4-figure majority. This will do great harm in many ways. But I suppose the truth will come out some day. Found situation as regards my retention of office very difficult. Russell has got in for S. Tyrone & will make it more so. Gill very clearly for my retirement – other officers for my staying on. Anderson also wants me out of office to help I.A.O.S. in whose break down he foresees, he fears, his own stranding.
	27 Jan, Sat	Saw Antony MacDonnell & Bryce but no business as neither they nor I had time. Then down by 3 PM train (road being under repair!) to Killeen with Filson Young.
	28 Jan, Sun	Walked over to Dunsany & found Eddie & Beatrice. I suspect there is a prospect there. Eddie is improved by the fight he made at West Wilts. But he is still terribly selfish. He talks of nothing but himself & expects every body to take the same interest in his career as he does himself.
	29 Jan, Mon	Official. Dinner to Percy Bernard & Walter Long at Kildare St. Club. Speeches few & short. Cloncurry (in chair) made so tactful a speech that no word was said which could possibly make any pos[ition] difficult. Had talk with Antony MacDonnell & Bryce. I am still in suspense pending enquiry. This will enable me to do many useful things at the Dept.
	30 Jan, Tue	Official.
	31 Jan, Wed	Official.
[RHA – Royal Hibernian Academy]	1 Feb, Thu	Official. Two short speeches – one at Automobile Club & one as Chairman at ‘A.E.’s’ lecture on Art & Literature at the Watts Exhib’n in the R.H.A.
	2 Feb, Fri	Official & dentist
[enceinte – pregnant]	3 Feb, Sat	Interesting interview with Sir Antony MacDonnell who adumbrated a great policy which was to unite all moderates (at least) in Ireland. After a rushed ½ day came down to Dunsany where Eddie & Beatrice (enceinte I think) have set up for the spring & summer. Eddie did well in his canvass in West Wilts. But there is no work in him unless it is on some very congenial task. He likes speaking to & influencing people. How long will this last? His egotism is awful.
	4 Feb, Sun	Fairly restful.
	5 Feb, Mon	Back to Dublin & very heavy work. Long talk with Lady Aberdeen & finally home with Adams (not at Killiney) where I was too tired to discuss what I wanted to consult him on, my letter to Roosevelt.
	6 Feb, Tue	Levée. Well attended. Met Their Exs at a Watts Exhib’n visit. Crowd in streets very cordial to <u>Her</u> . Dined at Castle. Much simpler (& nicer) than in the days of the predecessors I have

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		known. Wire from SH Butcher congratulating me on Election to Athenaeum. They have made me one of the 3 members who can be introduced annually under Rule II for distinguished eminence in literature or the Arts (that's not it!) or great public service. This last is rather a misconception but I can use the honour to the advantage of others surely.
	7 Feb, Wed	Official very strenuous!
	8 Feb, Thu	Took Shan Bullock to lunch at The Castle, which gave him what the Americans would call "quite an experience[?]. Otherwise work.
	9 Feb, Fri	Official & dentist.
	10 Feb, Sat	A pathetic interview with Antony MacDonnell. He begins to see his impending fate as an Irish Reformer. Ingratitude from friends & of course sheer hatred from the foes of all reform, suspicion from friend & foe alike. He talks of giving up the fight. To Killeen for week end rest.
	11 Feb, sun	Rest complete.
	12 Feb, Mon	Back to Dublin. Caroe spent day over my house. This illustrated the impossibility of my present pos[ition]. The work of the Department had to come first & the total sacrifice of my private interests & questions involving hundreds of pounds had to be left to Jim Power (the extravagant) & Caroe (the liberal) to settle in my behalf with contractors various. But tomorrow is the Agric'l Bd!
	13 Feb, Tue	Meeting of Agricultural Board. All attended & they sat for 6 hours. Long debate on my position (as V.P.). Unanimous approval of my actions since change of Gov't. Strong feeling against Antony MacDonnellism, i.e. Castle Control of Department. Night mail to London.
	14 Feb, Wed	Spent morning writing address to be delivered at Oxford Saturday. Then long talk with Bryce at lunch at Athenaeum & subsequently at Irish office. 5.30 train to Newcastle with Walsh, G. Western & Farebrother.
	15 Feb, Thu	Presided over Bowes, Pelton & Framwellgate Board meetings. On return journey impressed on Walsh desirability of his giving some attention to the Colliery affairs. He is absolutely an idle man & has no excuse for neglecting his business. Dined with SH Butcher meeting Starkie & J.G.B.
	16 Feb, Fri	Saw Elliott about undertaking inquiry for Bryce into D.A.T.I. He will act if asked. To Oxford & dine & put up with Rev. A Fairbairn D.D. at Mansfield College. Very nice homely people. Most comfortable.
	17 Feb, Sat	Golf – 36 holes with Fairbairn & his son in law Russell Scott (admiralty C[ivil].S[ervice]. clerk. 1st in Greats, Oxford. Very nice young fellow). Cold wet day – stiff clay. But enjoyed the exercise. Then my lecture on Social Economy in Rural Ireland at All Souls.

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		Crowded audience. Some very able economists & historians &c, all the young Irish students. Very attentive. Then dinner at Mansfield Coll, A V Dicey & Fisher most interesting guests.
[Master of Balliol – Edward Caird]	18 Feb, Sun	Called on Stopford Brooke staying with his son-in-law Jacks. Also on Master of Balliol & S.H. Butcher staying with president of Trinity, Pelham. Dined at All Souls with Edgeworth & met several fairly interesting people. Sat next the Warden Sir Wm. Anson M.P. & was disappointed with him. Unsympathetic.
[<i>Nous verrons</i> – we shall see]	19 Feb, Mon	Back to London. Parl opened by King. K's speech promises the Government of Ireland in accordance with Irish ideas. How to do it not explained. <i>Nous verrons</i> . Long talk with Emily Lawless.
	20 Feb, Tue	At Irish office & House of Commons. Called on Atkinson at Kensington Palace Mansions. Who should I find there as Managing Director of that "Apartment House" but my old friend & neighbour in the Big Horn Basin GW Dyson of the  Brand ("shimmy" it was called for its likeness to a chemise!) I owed him £22, an old cattle a/c, & had never known where to send the money. I now pay it. Atkinson very gloomy about future of Ireland.
	21 Feb, Wed	An Irish Debate. Bryce made a strong Home Rule speech & Long a stupid reply. I took George Wyndham to dine at the St. James Club & he greatly entertained me on Ireland & his rule there! I was the subject of some questions in the House, the M.P.s showing the nastiest spirit towards me.
	22 Feb, Thu	More talk with Bryce about the Committee which is to enquire into the Department. He has not much pluck but means well. He has rather a clever & immensely 'superior' private secretary who I think dries him up a bit.
	23 Feb, Fri	Bryce so loaded with business almost impossible to get at him & much of my time wasted. However saw Elliott & Ld. Carrington and got them to agree that the former would serve on C'tee of enquiry. Had to write to Swift MacNeill & call on him to substantiate or withdraw his statement in the House that at the Galway election I had promised all the patronage of the Dept to my supporters. Lunched with Florence Burke & met her fiancé Sir Wm. Geary. Liked him.
	24 Feb, Sat	An interview with Sir Antony at Bryce's house. He repeated that he had nearly formulated the new Irish policy – that he found the Treasury much more amenable than heretofore & he hoped to get a common agreement among all moderate Irishmen (a contemptible minority!) for his proposals. Down to Fisher's Hill. An afternoon's golf with Gerald Balfour. Only the family there.
	25 Feb, Sun	Golf & rest.
	26 Feb, Mon	Back early. Interview with G. Murray of Treasury on various matters. Also with Bryce but I fear he is hopelessly incapable of shouldering his burden. Met Arthur Balfour in street & had a talk with him on Ireland. He looked wretchedly fagged & appears to me to be thoroughly worn out. We had a good deal of talk about

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		Ireland & my relations with the new Gov't. He said I could not have done otherwise than hold on.
	27 Feb, Tue	Waiting on Bryce.
	28 Feb, Wed	Lunched Lytton at Club & talked over an article he was to write for the Quarterly Review on Ireland. Still waiting to get an interview with Bryce.
	1 Mar, Thu	Writing most of day. Filson Young lunched with me.
	2 Mar, Fri	Sent a long & I think strong letter to Bryce about the enquiry into the D.A.T.I. Dined with John Sinclair, another Cabinet minister whose job I could do, easily, if he can!
	3 Mar, Sat	Good talk with Bryce at last. Made him understand many things. I gathered that he had not wanted the enquiry but was forced either to hold it or to dismiss me. Had I known that at the time I should, out of regard to the susceptibilities of the chief officers of the D.A.T.I., have elected the former alternative. I daresay I shall make it turn out for the best that I did stay on.
	4 Mar, Sun	½ day in bed! Then calls on family & Mrs. Arnold Forster & Charles Booth. From the former much interesting information upon labor situation. She had canvassed for her husband. From the latter much useful suggestion re <u>town</u> life but no light on my own hobby – rural life.
	5 Mar, Mon	Morning mail to Dublin. On arrival found the relations betw'n IAOS & DATI seething again! Campbell's liver & Anderson's nerves the cause!
To Roosevelt, Theodore	6 Mar, Tue	6 AM to 7 P.M. minus lunch hard at it. During day I heard of personnel of Committee to enquire into Department. I think it a fairly good one. Gill writes from London that I ought to resign rather than submit to it. He has wanted me to get out ever since the Gov't resigned. Composed differences betw'n D.A.T.I. & I.A.O.S.
	7 Mar, Wed	Official
	8 Mar, Thu	Official. Lunched at The Castle. The dullest Vice Regal house party – all Scotch – I ever saw.
	9 Mar, Fri	Ditto. Took Sir Allan Mackenzie out to see the Albert Institute which the Department has developed into the best institution of the kind in Great Britain – if not anywhere!
	10 Mar, Sat	½ official & to Killeen for week end.
	11 Mar, Sun	Rested. Walked to Dunsany where Eddie & Beatrice alone & happy. The first born is on its way.
[prob. Sir Francis Mowatt]	12 Mar, Mon	Official & dined at Castle to meet Sir H. [sic] Mowatt who is over to discuss the Government's scheme of Home Rule (disguised) with Sir Antony MacDonnell.
	13 Mar, Tue	To Limerick with Campbell, Clune & Anderson to discuss Winter Dairying with Creamery Managers, Farmers & others. The Limerick people (county & city) are the worst in Ireland. Met some better sorts at a meeting of a Munster Connacht Exhibition Committee & suggested specialisation in Domestic Economy.

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[KCB – Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath]	14 Mar, Wed	Meeting of Tech Inst Board. They have less to do & (therefore I suppose) don't attend so well. But they were business like enough & very friendly to me. The personnel & reference to the Committee to enquire into the D.A.T.I. was announced in today's papers. Sir Kenelm Digby KCB, Chairman (a formal stiff strong honest official. Home Office retired), Ogilvie (Tech Inst inspector, Bd of Edn), Dryden (Minister of Ag, Ontario!) Micks L[ocal].G[overnment]. Bd, & Stephen Brown, Chairman Kildare Co Council.
	15 Mar, Thu	Official
	16 Mar, Fri	A Horse breeding Committee & a long office day.
	17 Mar, Sat	St. Paddy. And I was the only official snake which St. Paddy did not abolish from my office. I worked ½ day there & then moted Shan Bullock down to Dunsany.
	18 Mar, Sun	Shan Bullock & I walked to Tara in the morning & about Dunsany in the afternoon. Eddie & Beatrice liked him. Day saddened by Barton's approaching end. He was dying fast when I called.
	19 Mar, Mon	Moted Bullock to Dublin where an awful accumulation, caused only by St. Patrick's Day & a Sunday coming one after the other.
<i>Fr Roosevelt, Theodore</i>	20 Mar, Tue	Agric'l Board sat all day. I got them to support the IAOS for a year leaving subsequent support to be decided by the Council. Left with Fletcher & Bowers for London by night.
	21 Mar, Wed	C.D.B. The more I see of that institution the more farcical it appears as an administrative machine. The Bishop & P.P. absolutely dominate it. Geoghegan, Shaftesbury, Green & Old Kennedy are ciphers and I purposely leave the CDB alone in hopes that they will leave the Dept alone & not urge the Gov't to interfere with it. Saw a good deal of Fletcher who is a fine fellow every way & a delightful contrast to the ordinary run of official.
	22 Mar, Thu	C.D.B. and evening with Kenelm Digby whom I met for first time. I think he will be a very fair chairman for the C'tee of Enquiry on the Dept.
	23 Mar, Fri	CDB morning. In afternoon had a conference of Lady Monteagle & her Lord, Mary S[pring]-R[ice], Miss O'Conor Eccles (with her sister Mary) & Fletcher over the Limerick Exhib'n. Domestic Econ: object lesson. In the evening dined with S[han] Bullock at Whitefriars Club & spoke on Literature & Life.
	24 Mar, Sat	Busy with Fletcher & general D.A.T.I. work during morning. In ev[enin]g dined Sir Wm. Geary, Daisy & Miss Burke hoping to expedite the Yes or No, too long in doubt betw'n Geary & F.B. I can't understand him. He gives her presents, talks settlements but won't fix a day or even a month for the event.
	25 Mar, Sun	Filson Young moted Daisy & me to The Gerald Balfours where Lionel Earle & 'Aunt T'. A delightful party.
	26 Mar, Mon	Business all day & dined with Monteagles which was business also. Met a Miss Fletcher (George Fleming in literature. Novels plays &c) very interesting type of forcible English anti Irish

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		variety. Sent her my book!
	27 Mar, Tue	Saw Bryce & Elliott & dined with Digby. Most of day at Munster-Connacht Exhibition which is a big job almost entirely on my shoulders so far as Dept is concerned.
	28 Mar, Wed	Ditto. Called on & had very interesting talk with Sidney Webbs – especially her.
	29 Mar, Thu	Busy morning 6–11 AM. Then by motor (Filson Young chauffeur) to Biggleswade to see the Ivel motor ploughing, scuffling, tractioning! Chaff cutting &c. It looks like business. I could plough with it which is a good testimonial! Saw Lady Aberdeen about Limerick Exhib'n & left by night for Dublin.
	30 Mar, Fri	Day in office. Gill away & I think I get on rather better when the chief officers come direct to me.
	31 Mar, Sat	Official. 6 AM to 5 PM & then motored to Killeen with Adams.
	1 Apr, Sun	Restful day with Adams, F[ingall] & Daisy.
	2 Apr, Mon	Back & hard office day.
	3 Apr, Tue	6 A.M to 7 P.M again. And the telegrams show that Swift MacNeill is telling the Imperial Parliament that it is a matter of public urgency that “this man should be weeded out”.
[ob – abbreviation for <i>obit</i> , died]	4 Apr, Wed	Gill had to tea two daughters of Thomas Drummond (ob 1840) Mrs. Kay & Miss D. Very lively old ladies & immensely interesting. Of course they had been captured by the Nat's in the Irish Question days. The Unionists were too stupid to enlist them. I moved out to house at Foxrock. Beastly place compared with Barn.
	5 Apr, Thu	Usual 6 AM to 7 P.M.
	6 Apr, Fri	Official
	7 Apr, Sat	½ official & then moted GW Russell to Dunsany where Eddie & B[eatrice], Mary, Reggie & Lady Margaret Rice. The poet had no evening or very clean day clothes. But he was not made awkward.
	8 Apr, Sun	Took Russell to Tara. Otherwise rest & peace.
	9 Apr, Mon	Back to Dublin & to hard work. Lane came out to stay at Blamont while he is looking for a house. A nice restful fellow.
[<i>Ergo</i> – therefore]	10 Apr, Tue	Suffering from abscess in left ear. Ergo busy day. Miss O'Conor Eccles came over to take charge of Munster Connacht Exhib'n Home Life section. Conf[eren]ce on Dromore & Menlough. Conf[eren]ce of I.A.O.S. & D.A.T.I. re joint work. Reggie to be put into St. Vincent's Home for a bent knee. A run out for an inspection of our work at Clongowes with Fletcher & much correspondence in the office. The whole preceded with literary work 5.45 AM to 9.30 AM!
	11 Apr, Wed	Official. Bad ear ache.
	12 Apr, Thu	More busy still. Thank heavens Easter Holidays will stop some of the work.

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	13 Apr, Fri	Worked at home just going into the office to get letters & prevent accumulation.
	14 Apr, Sat	Bowers slept last night & we worked at the Roosevelt memorandum I promised to send soon. Then ½ day in office, & then dinner at Vice Regal to meet the John Sinclairs & Bryces. Brought Reggie to Blamont in my motor. He is in a “Thomas Splint” which I wore for many weeks after my femur fracture. He is very unhappy but not very much to be pitied. It is only an infliction of a few days more.
	15 Apr, Sun	Worked early & rested most of day. Golf with Callan.
	16 Apr, Mon	Lady Aberdeen & The Sinclairs moted to Blamont for tea. Otherwise quiet.
	17 Apr, Tue	Very heavy official. Tobin came to see Reggie & reported favorably.
	18 Apr, Wed	Official
	19 Apr, Thu	Worked at home at Evidence to C'tee of Inquiry. Caroe came & spent day at the House which will I hope advance matters.
	20 Apr, Fri	Official
	21 Apr, Sat	Official
	22 Apr, Sun	Had a good talk with Bryce & MacDonnell about the proposal to hold the Inquiry into D.A.T.I. in public. Alas it is a purely political business & they will be hard to move from this insane proposal.
	23 Apr, Mon	Official. Hannay came to stay the night. Robert Donald editor of Chronicle, Katherine Tynan & her dreadful husband dined.
	24 Apr, Tue	Preparing evidence for the Inquiry.
	25 Apr, Wed	Rose 5 AM & dictated my memorandum of evidence. Then to England by day mail & hard work at same task in train.
	26 Apr, Thu	Bowes Board. Attended meeting (preliminary) of C'tee of Inquiry at Irish office. Arranged to give evidence Monday & Tuesday & generally for after evidence of Dept & showing work. Attended meeting of Industrial Education C'tee where much talk & little done.
	27 Apr, Fri	Heard Gerald Balfour give evidence as first witness before C'tee of Inquiry. He did well. Micks showed his hand. He is playing for popularity by advocating a department to foster industries by the most extravagant bounty feeding.
	28 Apr, Sat	A day of hard & constant Departmental work added to task of preparing evidence, and in middle of it cables came from C. Young & Bosler that poor Harry Windsor had died. If I were not tied to Irish work I should go out at once. As it is I am in a regular quandary what to do. Adams came over to help me.
	29 Apr, Sun	Adams & I went to see Gerald Balfour at Fisher's Hill to pick his brains about Promotion of Industries by D.A.T.I.
	30 Apr, Mon	Gave my evidence all the sitting 11.30 to 4 less ¾ hour for lunch. Was tired & weak & did badly. Micks very hostile though very

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		polite. He is playing the demagogue outrageously in advocating bonussing of manufacturers.
	1 May, Tue	Again was the only witness & went through the entire sitting. Did worse than yesterday, was not equal to the physical strain. How fortunate I did not get into <u>active</u> political life, as I might have done if I had worked as hard at politics as I did at economic & social work. I should have broken down badly.
	2 May, Wed	SH Butcher to lunch, oceans of correspondence, Treasury, H of C to see Bryce. Hugh Law & F Verney & back to Dublin by 10.15 train. Very tired & not quite fit. Naturally Sir Antony was with Bryce. I drew him on his views about the promotion of Industry. He said "I am not in favor of subsidising industries but only of giving them help in starting". I said "That is subsidising". No he said. We didn't subsidise industries in India but we started many – e.g. indigo. Bryce said you can do things there which you cannot in self governing countries.
	3 May, Thu	A week's arrears at office. Dept[menta]l conference on evidence to be given at Inquiry & attitude of Dept at Council of Ag meeting. Conny & Violet came out to Foxrock.
	4 May, Fri	Official
	5 May, Sat	Official till 5.
	6 May, Sun	J. Clibborn Hill came out to discuss going to Omaha to look after my affairs.
	7 May, Mon	Official
	8 May, Tue	Official
	9 May, Wed	Official
	10 May, Thu	Official. Had an interesting talk with Antony MacDonnell who asked me to help him to frame a scheme for bringing the Department into his scheme of devolution! He says that a purely elective council is impossible &c &c. Lecky's statue was unveiled at TCD. Rathmore made an excellent speech, Traill a grotesque one. Banquet at TCD at night. Fellows rather "offish[?]" to me.
	11 May, Fri	Official. Very hard.
	12 May, Sat	Official ¾. Daisy came to Blamont for week end.
	13 May, Sun	Called on Antony MacDonnells & Aberdeens. Worked 4 hours in morning & golfed 2.
	14 May, Mon	Gill came back after a week away & was not helpful. I am terribly over worked & fear a break down – unless all goes well at the council meeting & that relieves the strain.
[Text of address to 9th Council of Agriculture in <i>IH</i> , XII:20 (19 May 1906), pp. 410-3; and <i>DATI Journal</i> , VI:4 (Jul 1906), pp. 613-21]	15 May, Tue	The Council of Agriculture met. The air was electric. I plunged into the constitutional question to be submitted to the Committee of Inquiry & laid down propositions which if accepted would have secured the <u>status quo</u> for the Department. If rejected would have produced the worst kind of Devolution – that is, delegation of business to politicians. The Council did neither. Its sense was on my side, its fears were against me! Moral cowardice illustrated

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		& emphasised. I was well but timidly received. The Council was invited in the evening to Glasnevin & enjoyed the visit. Moore & Prof'r. Campbell did well.
[Text of address to 9th Council of Agriculture in <i>IH</i> , XII:20 (19 May 1906), pp. 415-7; and <i>DATI Journal</i> , VI:4 (Jul 1906), pp. 621-6] [DCL – Doctor of Civil Law]	16 May, Wed	Today did the I.A.O.S. business at the Council. Got Cooperation recognised as a Departmental duty. Had awkward discussion on relations of D.A.T.I. & I.A.O.S. The meeting passed off well and I feel that my policy has gained strength. Oxford is going to give me an Hon[orary] D.C.L. This might utterly damn me in the Neo-Celtic Mind being that I am anathema at T.C.D.
	17 May, Thu	Writched [<i>sic</i>] sick head ache after the strain of last two days. Had long office day. But shall get all right in day or two.
	18 May, Fri	C.D.B. & Departmental business.
	19 May, Sat	6 AM to 9 attended to my American affairs. The office & CDB meeting at Castle till 3.30 when I took A.E. to Dunsany for week end. Very tired after such a week. At Dunsany found a cricket match, Dunsany CC vs Royal Irish Rifles just breaking up in heavy rain. History repeating itself muchly.
	20 May, Sun	Left A.E. at Dunsany & returned to Dublin to see Reggie still in hospital & to Foxrock.
	21 May, Mon	Official. Anderson out to Foxrock & hard talk to bring him to reason.
	22 May, Tue	Long agric'l Board meeting – all present except Lough & Monteagle. Good spirit. 2 new members. Both good men. Very hard work.
	23 May, Wed	Tech: Inst: Board – also first meeting – nearly ½ Board new men. Good meeting & excellent spirit. I think both boards will stand up for Dept's Constitution. Dined with Antony MacDonnells.
	24 May, Thu	9 A.M to Belfast. Spring Show of Royal Ulster Assoc'n. Department's Flax Committee. Came up with Anderson & had useful talk. Tom Sinclair being away Andrews had one of my symposiums out at Ardara Comber where we had a very useful political economic talk re devolution, Committee of Inquiry &c.
	25 May, Fri	Cattle Show & more talk with leading Belfast men. It will be necessary to give them some instruction as to the reference to the Committee of Inquiry. They will then give their views to the Committee which will be a very useful contribution. Went over Technical School with Forth, ?Dawson (Art master) & Sir James Henderson. It will be opened in September & is admirably conceived & economically carried out.
	26 May, Sat	½ official & then moted to Palmerston to talk to Lady Mayo about furniture, visited Carpet Factory at Naas & decided to order carpets. Daisy with me & came to Blamont for week-end.
	27 May, Sun	Restful except that Adams who spent afternoon with us talked deeply on Departmental questions.
	28 May, Mon	Official

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	29 May, Tue	<p>The Digby Inquiry sat at the Department to hear the evidence of the Dept's officers. Gill took the day & did his part well barring a bit of egotism (political) & a not quite accurate account of his coming into the Dept's service.</p> <p>Felt very depressed & miserable. The old complaint "pruritis" is coming back. I have an abscess in the ear. I have almost made up my mind to abjure tea & coffee which I suspect are my undoing. In the heavy strain of the last few years those two stimulants (I have been very abstemious otherwise) have been almost my mental mainspring.</p>
	30 May, Wed	<p>Gill finished much better than he began & Campbell followed. I had a long talk with Ogilvie who dined with me at Kingstown. He is quite sound.</p> <p>Result of a tea-less & coffee-less breakfast & lunch a sick headache. So had to have a 5 o'clock cup which banished the headache. I hope gradually to shake myself free of the drug – for such it has become.</p>
[Chantilly – CDB's stud farm]	31 May, Thu	Campbell was examined & did splendidly. I had Dryden out to Blamont for dinner & took him to see Chantilly Farm. He was very frank about the Inquiry. He says evidently Micks will have a report of his own but the rest of them were amazed at the baselessness of the charges against the Dept.
	1 Jun, Fri	Campbell again the only witness & did very well.
	2 Jun, Sat	Committee sat till 2 P.M. Then golfed & Daisy came for night.
	3 Jun, Sun (Whitsun)	Golfed. Delivered up Daisy at Powerscourt & moted back to Vice Regal Lodge where Lady A wanted me to see a Baroness von Gripenberg who was sent by the Finnish gov't to study European countries (state aid to industries) Ireland included.
	4 Jun, Mon	Atkinson, Robinson & I golfed all day (glorious weather) at Dollymount. Fletchers dined with me. Real enjoyment of a Bank Holiday.
	5 Jun, Tue	<p>A change in office hours which I have decreed against Gill's judgment i.e. 9 to 4 instead of 10 to 5 began today. I think it will be greatly for the benefit of the junior members (the majority) of the staff.</p> <p>The inquiry went on dully. Fletcher in the chair all day. He did admirably.</p>
	6 Jun, Wed	<p>Fletcher finished & Adams began his evidence. Micks still very hostile, truculent & unfair. Fr. Finlay dined.</p> <p>The Irish Times and of course the Nationalist papers backed up the demagoguery of Micks on the Industrial question.</p>
	7 Jun, Thu	Dr. Kelly gave courageous evidence in favor of the Department.
	8 Jun, Fri	Montgomery, Dr. Clancy & Fr. Finlay gave evidence – all favourable. The Committee are beginning to wonder what the inquiry is all about!
	9 Jun, Sat	W S Green & C J Dunn gave evidence & the C'tee adjourned till 22nd. So far the evidence has been altogether favourable.

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	10 Jun, Sun	Moted to Killeen v Dunsany. Umpired a cricket match & found old Sheridan the blacksmith for Culmullin back at the game & playing like a boy! Moted Fingall back to Dublin at night. Called at Irish Times to try & explain to ?Locker the economics involved in the Inquiry. He is hopeless.
	11 Jun, Mon	Official.
	12 Jun, Tue	Official
	13 Jun, Wed	Finished up at office which took long hours & crossed to London to attend to many Departmental matters & get an hon[orary] D.C.L. conferred on me at Oxford 20th. Antony MacDonnell on boat. He did not look well & he talked poorly on Irish questions. He has a grand character but absolutely no political imagination & little insight. He will "peter out" & I am sorry.
	14 Jun, Thu	Cold night in train & only having one blanket, no rug or overcoat & was chilled out of my sleep. Spoke at meeting of A.O.S. at Grosvenor House. Zetland in chair, Carrington & Yerburch chief speakers. Movement going ahead. Wrote remainder of article for Roosevelt & sent it on.
	15 Jun, Fri	Worked till lunch. Then Assoc'n of Sec[ondary] & Tech Ed'n. Then Bryce at House. Called on Mary.
[handwriting wouldn't support 'Salisbury']	16 Jun, Sat	Got Bowers to work early and got off by 11.45 train to Woking for week end at Fisher's Hill. ?Sa-i-sbury & A C Cole the other two guests. Former very interesting, latter not.
	17 Jun, Sun	Golfed with Gerald, returned to London for a talk with Emily Lawless & dined with Conny.
	18 Jun, Mon	Irish office & House of Commons took up day.
	19 Jun, Tue	Bd of Ag & Treasury took up morning. Then to Sidney Ball senior tutor of [St.] John's Coll, Oxford for the Encaenia. A very well done Ball at night, began at 9 P.M. I went to bed early. I believe they were all photo'd 5 A.M.!
	20 Jun, Wed	Tailor came 10 AM & fitted me with a gown (red & pink) & a velvet hat. Then I went to the Vice Chancellor Dr. Merry of Lincoln & joined the real & honorary doctors as we solemnly proceshed [<i>sic</i>] to the Sheldonian where among the other function[arie]s the Chinese ambassador, Aberdeen, Milner, Haldane & the Chief Justice of Victoria (Madden) were made hon[orary] D.C.L. Milner was of course the Lion. Then a lunch at All Souls, tea at Johns, a Dinner at Ch[rist] Ch[urch]. Met many interesting people , was rather bewildered by their variety & number but generally enjoyed the experience on the whole.
	21 Jun, Thu	Bowers came to see Oxford & help me with letters. Lunched with Edgeworth at All Souls & discussed rural economics. He is purely theoretical. Balls drove me to Bagley Wood where we had tea in perfect weather. Gaudy at Univ[ersity College] where I answered for the guests. Met several contemporaries whom I had not seen for 30 years! Interesting but sad.
To Roosevelt, Theodore (2)	22 Jun, Fri	Abscess in ear. Back to London early say [<i>sic</i>] Dr. Harold. Did me little good. Wretched day doing very little. Left by 10.15 PM for Dublin.

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	23 Jun, Sat	Heavy official day
	24 Jun, Sun	Hon. Archer Martin, Chief Justice of B[ritish]C[olumbia], cousin of Fingall's, & wife came to lunch. Some forty Scotch farmers & persons interested in farming arrived in Ireland today to look over the agric'l situation. They asked me to dine with them. Not well enough. But went to them after dinner & harangued them on the problem of rural life. Easy as I had just sent off an essay to Roosevelt on that subject in its application to U.S.
	25 Jun, Mon	Live stock committees all day.
	26 Jun, Tue	Agricultural Board all day.
	27 Jun, Wed	Deputations & general official work.
<i>Fr Reid, Whitelaw</i>	28 Jun, Thu	Deputations &c. Emily Lawless came to Blamont, I having decided to put off my camping out in the white elephant – now to be called Kilterah [sic] – till July 14.
	29 Jun, Fri	Official holiday (King's birthday celeb?). But I had to have ½ day in office for a deputation & other things.
	30 Jun, Sat	½ day official & ¼ business (American). Fletcher dined. More 'shop'.
	1 Jul, Sun	Rained all day. Fortunately Emily Lawless has all the society she wants in her books & thoughts. But the Moores of Glasnevin lunched & then talked botany. The O'Connor Don died. A typical Irishman. A fine intellect but all marred by lack of moral courage.
	2 Jul, Mon	Long office day.
<i>Fr Roosevelt, Theodore</i> [in excelsis – in the highest]	3 Jul, Tue	Called 6.5 AM & had to leave Broadstone, 7½ miles by road away, 7 A.M. Got there 6.50 A.M. Automobilmism in excelsis [sic]. Went with Lady Aberdeen to a Bazaar at Lough Glynn where I had got her to go to encourage the Franciscan nuns who are doing really good domestic economy teaching for the poor. G White moted the party Castlereagh to Lough Glynn & back to Athlone where there was another Bazaar, Consumptive Hospital. Got back to Emily Lawless 8.15 P.M. as I had to mote Her Ex to the Vice Regal. There Lord Aberdeen told me Dudley was to be Chairman of Congested Districts Royal Commission & Callan Secretary.
	4 Jul, Wed	Very heavy office work – very tired.
	5 Jul, Thu	Ditto ditto
	6 Jul, Fri	Official. C.D.B. Antony MacDonnell told me that the Royal Com'n was to consist of 11 members, Dudley Chairman, Dr. O'Donnell & some others appointed not to get at the truth but to report as the Irish members wish. A.M. admitted this though not quite in these words.
	7 Jul, Sat	⅔rds day office ⅓ golf at Dollymount.
	8 Jul, Sun	Golf. Lunch & tea Brenanstown site with Jim Power, Fingall & Ross (architect). Callan to dinner. Pleasant change from office

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		work.
	9 Jul, Mon	Fortunately I like early starts. Had to catch 6.40 AM for Kingsbridge from Limerick where I attended the opening of the Munster-Connacht Exhibition. It was rather well done considering the people & the place. The Aberdeens performed the function well. Met Dunraven & had a talk about Devolution. There is nothing in him but the political game.
	10 Jul, Tue	Summer courses for teachers opened & I addressed the chief body of them. Very cordially received. Feeling improved by Committee of Inquiry. Went on a deputation to Darley of Royal Exchange re site for R.C. church on Foxrock estate! Saul among the prophets. Saw Loreto Convent, Rathfarnham. An impressive sight. Spoke at length to the General Superioress of the order. Deaf but most capable. But oh the pity of it all. Such fine human material sterilised.
	11 Jul, Wed	Hard day's work prior to holiday with Carøe tomorrow.
	12 Jul, Thu	¾ day with Carøe at site, ¼ in office.
	13 Jul, Fri	Long day in office. Took no stimulants (except a little fish for lunch!) having read an article on "Tea as a National Drink" in the current National Review by Dr. Haig. I never before knew the exact objection to the uric acid xanthin[e] & c foods. It seems that they drive the uric acid out of the blood and so stimulate all activity but it lodges in the tissues & unless kept back by constant increases of stimulant must return to the blood. So that the cup that cheers brings added sorrow unless you die quick! This may be all rot. But I am threatened with a return of the scourge of pruritis & must try the experiment. Meanwhile I am dull, depressed, lazy & altogether uncomfortable. I daresay the mere fact of the release from this condition is proof positive of the folly of my procedure.
	14 Jul, Sat	After ½ official day went to Howth to see Emily Lawless & moted her to Howth Castle & round the Hill. Glorious day & scenery magnificent.
	15 Jul, Sun	Very poorly without stimulants. Today had no meat of any kind. The uric acid is all pouring out of the tissues into the blood. If I can stand the depression the accumulated u.a. will get out through the kidneys & I shall resurrect. But at present I am unfit for work – only fit to fuddle and yawn.
	16 Jul, Mon	A little better. But still deeply depressed.
	17 Jul, Tue	Technical Instruction Board. I was in bad form & did badly. Fr. Finlay was very ugly about a scheme for giving technical funds for University scholarships.
	18 Jul, Wed	Depression continues but is I think getting less severe. If the improvement continues I shall probably become a no stimulant & very little meat feeder & possibly drift into absolute vegetarianism excepting milk products & white of egg! But I may find that I shall not get back into work for a long time & then the devil will whisper, Put off the cure till you can take a holiday. Heavy office day & then a golf foursome match at Foxrock 5.30 to 8.

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	19 Jul, Thu	Agricultural Board. Downes, Montgomery & Gore Booth absent. Arthur Lough as usual very vicious, the rest very friendly. The case against the Department is fizzling out badly. In Belfast of course the majority favour us. But the hostile minority make a poor show.
	20 Jul, Fri	2nd day Agric'l Board. In the two days got through budget of £135000! Had a very useful meeting and educated the Board – many problems.
[GSRW – Great Southern and Western Railway]	21 Jul, Sat	Went on GSRW special to Rosslare & back – a tiring & altogether wasted day. It was the opening of the new route to England. Big crowd of guests. Rather hot outside & intolerable inside train.
	22 Jul, Sun	Golfed with Barton. Had Fr. Finlay & O'Toole to Lunch. Called with Daisy on Fletchers & Lady Aberdeen.
	23 Jul, Mon	Very heavy official day. Had an interesting talk with Antony MacDonnell who would abolish the Congested Districts Board, dividing its functions betw'n the Estates Com'n & the Dept.
	24 Jul, Tue	Official
	25 Jul, Wed	Spent part of morning buying crockery, pots & pans, sweeping brushes &c &c for Kilterah [<i>sic</i>]. Dreary uninteresting work. Miss Minnie Fitzgerald came along or I should have been guilty of absurd commissions & omissions.
[Her mother's (Elizabeth Fingall's) finishing school]	26 Jul, Thu	I.A.O.S. committee meeting. Departmental heavy. Mamie Plunkett back from School (St. Leonards Convent). Looking very much the Miss.
	27 Jul, Fri	Decided to go to London for few official jobs & to see Tom Ponsonby who is threatened with blindness, one eye's being gone. Very busy day to get off.
[American orator and politician William Jennings Bryan]	28 Jul, Sat	Went first to Elliott to see whether there was any fear of his taking Gordon for the post vacated by Somerville. There is none. Lunched with Sidney Webbs to meet WJ Bryan & I was greatly disappointed in him. He has great force & power of expos[iti]o[n] but no depth of thought. An altogether common mind. Found Tommy in his nursing home very unhappy but not I think discouraged as regards his life. I am in great hopes I shall be able to wean him from hunting & shooting & get him deeply interested in other things.
	29 Jul, Sun	The James Byrnes dined with me. They were quite charming. Spent some of the day with Tommy trying to give him a new philosophy of life which would provide a stronger interest than even foxhunting.
	30 Jul, Mon	Irish office, Treasury, J[oh]n Sinclair, Tommy, Caroe, & Conny & Raymond took the whole day. Consulted Haig the Vegetarian. Chief points were, Reduce tea gradually. Morning worst time for tea. His patients got the early morning brightness without it. Breads better not brown – Hovis anathema. Nuts a complete food, walnuts, hazel, pine kernel. Best almonds but less digestible – roast them but don't use salt – provokes cancer. Cheeses Caerphilly, Gruyere. Cheaper sorts best because less fat. 3 lemons in quart of milk in 2 hours produces 6

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		oz curd. Eat like Devonshire cream. Fish whiting or haddock boiled the best. Pruritis will certainly disappear with vegetarian diet & certainly not without. Avoid acids with starchy foods.
	31 Jul, Tue	Office work aggravated by a request from Government to take energetic steps to spray the potatoes of those who insisted on leaving them to providence. Had to call the Board together by wire for Friday to discuss question with them.
	1 Aug, Wed	Spent whole day at routine work especially on potato blight belated operations. Had to dine with Master Builders Assoc'n & think made rather a good speech – not reported – to a wooden audience. Sat next Antony MacDonnell & got further into his mind.
	2 Aug, Thu	Much the worse for last night's dinner. Heavy cold inter alia. Quinine to stop cold & further upset stomach. Decided to go west with Gordon for 4 days & do as little harm as possible with Dept's operations.
	3 Aug, Fri	Agricultural Board met. Downes, Healy, Montgomery & Monteagle absent. These except Montgomery (abroad) wrote their views & were against spending money in foolish efforts to stay potato blight now. Board was very emphatic as to folly of Government's proposals. Left by 4.40 train for Castlerea with Gordon & Gallagher, met Doran there and talked over the problem with him. Department's motor car came by road.
	4 Aug, Sat	Left very early via Loughglynn, Ballaghaderreen, Charlestown, Ballina, Killala, Ballycastle, Pulathomas for Belmullet. We were to go on to Mallaranny but the car broke down hopelessly at Pulathomas where happily our good friend Fr. Hegarty lives in his thatched 3 room cottage. We had to go on to Belmullet by dray car (15 miles 2½ hours.) At Ballaghaderin called on John Dillon who in private talked sense & agreed that nothing could be done this year but that active steps should be taken to enforce spraying by precept, example &c next year. The disease is prevalent & has been diagnosed early. But fine weather would stop it.
	5 Aug, Sun	Spent morning at Belmullet collecting information. The Head Constable (Toole) a very intelligent man told me a lot about the people, their habits & methods. He also gave me some useful hints about the utilisation of the police. We then drove via ?Jenorla (ferry) to Portacloy & on to Mallaranny having lunch & discussing many problems en route. Luxurious Hotel. Slept well last night & feeling better for trip.
	6 Aug, Mon	Drove with Gordon & Gallagher (Doran leaving by train & rather a relief as I was quite tired of him) via Newport to Castlebar. Learned a lot more & think I see how to arrest potato blight. The blight is on the people all the time & must be removed before potatoes can be immune! Did real good by my work on Gordon & Gallagher. Set the latter thinking on quite new lines! Back by train to Dublin & by motor to Blamont where I found the Hannays waiting for me.
	7 Aug, Tue	Terrible rush after 3 days' absence. Felt rather sick at night. <u>Must</u>

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		get a rest – But how!
	8 Aug, Wed	Had to leave Amiens St. 6.5 AM (Foxrock ½ hour earlier) for Belfast & got back to my guests at night. On return got letter from Sir Antony showing clearly that a member of the Agric'l Bd had betrayed my confidence. I wrote a letter re Potato Blight in [confidence] to them before they met on Friday last in order that they might write if they could not attend at such very short notice. The letter was hurriedly & indiscreetly worded & put the Gov't in the wrong (as they were) in the whole matter. I am in the greatest difficulty as Dr. Daly has <u>I think</u> shown the letter to Dillon at Ballaghaderin & the latter has written to Bryce.
	9 Aug, Thu	Saw Antony MacDonnell & found that he was under a complete misunderstanding about the Blight business. Some traitor did tell him of my confidential letter. But I showed him that the circumstances were such as to justify it & the incident has I hope passed without trouble. Father Maguire of Dromore dined with me. His Gaelic enthusiasm is very refreshing.
	10 Aug, Fri	C.D.B. meeting. A.E. dined & was more brilliant than ever.
	11 Aug, Sat	½ day official & down to Killeen, the Hannays leaving me.
[Cissie – their sister, 'Henrietta']	12 Aug, Sun	Oliver & Mamie. Very interesting after first schooling. Poor Cissie still at Convent St. Leonards with chicken pox! Drove back in motor in a tropical downpour which did not make much difference to our time – perhaps 65 instead of 50 or 55 minutes. Took Scovell of Cameronians I think – a really nice soldier with me.
	13 Aug, Mon	Office routineish.
	14 Aug, Tue	The James Byrnes turned up (in tow of Fr. O'Donovan) & they & the Martin Keoghs dined at Blamont.
[Bart – Baronet; DSO – Distinguished Service Order]	15 Aug, Wed	After heavy ½ day at office came to Athy by motor (41 miles in 2 hours against strong wind & with roads wet) for an Agric'l Show. Stayed with Sir Ant[h]ony Weldon, Bart. D.S.O. at Kilmoroney a rather out at elbows place in the evening light. He is a very nice fellow & she has yet to be known but looks bright. They are landlords who will stay in the country & so I have a mission with them!
	16 Aug, Thu	Back to Dublin & office work.
	17 Aug, Fri	Daisy en route to England helped to get things arranged for going into the new house, a not simple undertaking.
	18 Aug, Sat	½ official.
[Sydney]	19 Aug, Sun	Dr. Holland F.R.S. Head of geological survey of India, Sidney [sic] Brooks (journalist) & Fletcher with wives & Major MacMahon, General Sec of British Assoc'n lunched. Very interesting little party.
	20 Aug, Mon	Official
	21 Aug, Tue	Lunched at Vice Regal to meet Liberal M.P.s politically touring Ireland with their female belongings. The I[rish] Q[uestion] will now be mastered! Mrs. J R Green was invited to convert them & she worked hard.
	22 Aug, Wed	Official. Fr. Hegarty called & spent evening with me at Blamont.

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		An interesting talk with a priest who had a real mission, who studied & knew his people & had no illusions (secular) about them. He is pessimistic about the existing generation, rather hopeful about the next. Educ'n of course being the basis of hope. Adams & Fletcher left for a congested districts tour.
	23 Aug, Thu	All officers nearly away. Routine work takes the whole day.
	24 Aug, Fri	Mrs. Rossiter & 'Thomas' came from Killeen to cook & wait for my Horse Show party. The contractor was more than usually obstructive & I could not get into the House. I had to keep on Blamont for another week rather than burn my bridges!
	25 Aug, Sat	Official till lunch then I took the Byrnes to Foxrock, Daisy & the children Mamie & Oliver going by train. It <u>was</u> a picnic. In afternoon we motored to Powerscourt for garden party, the Wickershams, Cravath & Moore, Byrne's friends, of the party.
	26 Aug, Sun	The Byrnes' friends & Fr. O'Donovan lunched and we motored to Brenanstown & Leopardstown in afternoon. The House will be charming I think. Daisy has been invaluable in making it so.
<i>Fr Smith, Goldwin</i>	27 Aug, Mon	½ official. Lunched with Byrnes at Vice Regal. Tea party at Foxrock. Good talk during day with Sir Antony MacDonnell.
	28 Aug, Tue	Horse Show & brilliant weather. My guests were happy. I had ½ official day & then Motor Gymkhana & concert (Lady Dudley's nurses).
	29 Aug, Wed	Meeting of Co Itinerant Instructors in Agriculture, Horse Show & official calling all day. Then farewell dinner party to (2) Byrnes, (3) Wickershams, F. Moore, Cravath, Fr. O'Donovan, Anderson & Emily Lawless. The Americans left near midnight & leave Queenstown tomorrow morning!!
	30 Aug, Thu	Meeting of Co Secretaries. Deputation from Co Wexford Co C'tee & Limerick Conservators (introd[uce]d by Dunraven).
	31 Aug, Fri	Daisy & her Children left Kilteragh. The Children were getting bored.
	1 Sep, Sat	To Cork by morning mail for meeting of County C'tee of Agriculture. 8 hours train, 1 hour motor & ¾ hours meeting plus 1 hour waiting for train (1 hour late) at Kingsbridge. Heat greatest for year. Dust awful. Still I think I did good by going.
	2 Sep, Sun	Thomas Adams of the Garden Cities arrived for lunch with Fletcher. Subsequently Adams of Dept brought Gooch M.P. T.A. & Gooch were on the C.D.B. Liberals M.P.s tour and had been thoroughly primed by John Dillon & co. Moritz Bonn & wife arrived. She is a good sort of English (not as intelligent as I should have expected in Bonn's wife) young? lady.
	3 Sep, Mon	Office
	4 Sep, Tue	To Waterford where Sir Wm. Goff gave Fletcher & me a motor car. We went to Owing near Piltown where we met Dr. Brownrigg (the Bishop of Ossory R.C.), Canon Purcell the P.P. & two curates – one intelligent – indeed the only man of the lot. We shall probably start a school of domestic economy (rural) there. We moted to Kilkenny where we saw the woollen mill, a quite

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		modern plant under a real live manager from Yorkshire. I think it will succeed brilliantly. The Bonns went to Killeen.
	5 Sep, Wed	Very heavy office day. Bonns returned, Abbott Lawrence Lowell of Harvard (Prof'r pol[itica] science) looked in & I dined him & had Fletcher to meet him. He will be a great help to me in seeing educ'n in America.
	6 Sep, Thu	Office long day.
	7 Sep, Fri	Bacon Curers Conference took afternoon & big lot of work the morning. The Gills dined.
	8 Sep, Sat	Short office morning & moted Bonns to Rolleston (in lovely spot at Glenealy, Co Wicklow) for lunch & on to Glendalough. Perfect day & country looked glorious. Callan & Sir Rowland Blennerhasset[t] to dine.
	9 Sep, Sun	The Bonns left me after a week in which I did not get much out of his brains but in which he & his wife really enjoyed themselves.
	10 Sep, Mon	After day's work Dudley & Callan came out to Foxrock & I got at his mind on the Congestion problem. He has not thought out any details but advocates a big bold policy!
	11 Sep, Tue	Very long & heavy office day.
	12 Sep, Wed	Morning mail to Athenry with Adams, Fletcher & Bowers. Sent Bowers to Recess to wait for us & picked up Gallagher. Studied S. Connemara. Met Abbott Lawrence Lowells & Mr. & Mrs. Roper their friends, also from Boston, & very interesting.
[Nafooeey] [Townsend] [Sydney] [Poss . ref. to 3rd Earl of Lucan at Castlebar (1800-1888), called the 'exterminator' for the ruthless evictions on his estates.]	13 Sep, Thu	Left Recess after dictating letters to Bowers & went via Lough Lafooeey [<i>sic</i>] & Lough Mask (on our right) to Castlebar. F. Townshend [<i>sic</i>] Gahan met us on the road & showed us much CDB work. He was a very interesting informant. Sidney [<i>sic</i>] Brooks & wife turned up at the Castlebar Hotel. We slew the Lucans & on whole got a good deal of information of diff[eren]t sorts.
[Mother Bernard died at 90 in 1932 (the same year as Plunkett). The Foxford Woollen Mill remains a going concern.]	14 Sep, Fri	Gahan came with us as far as Foxford where M[othe]r Morrogh Bernard was fortunately resting after her life's work, still fresh & vigorous in mind. The Factory seems to be self supporting now. But of course it is too early to say whether it will be able to get on now that the Capitation Grants (£9000 in all) have ceased. We visited Loughglynn & the White nuns gave us tea & interesting talk. In evening at Castlerea John Fitzgibbon told us a lot about the people, the most interesting points being that the Irish girls returning from America were excellent wives. Indeed they emigrated to qualify financially for matrimony in Ireland & incidentally they qualified otherwise.
	15 Sep, Sat	Moted back as far as Knockcroghery where Adams & I took train to Dublin & Fletcher via Athlone to Killarney. Thus finished 3 very helpful problem days with two very able thinkers on Irish problems.
[Dominick]	16 Sep, Sun	Mrs. Stephen Spring Rice & her boy Dominic [<i>sic</i>], Callan & Adams to lunch. Lazy day & off to Belfast 8.20 train.

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		Departmental work. No rest.
	17 Sep, Mon	Cold feet kept me awake last night. I was on early to Omagh where I attended (usefully I think) a meeting of the Tyrone Co Council C'tee of Agriculture. Montgomery took me on to Fivemiletown for the night & we had an interesting talk.
	18 Sep, Tue	Back to Dublin & office. Dined with Bryce to meet Provost Shadwell of Oriel the dry-as-dustest don I ever had the pain of trying to converse with after dinner, when the liveliest & most mischievous debutante hardly keeps me awake. Bryce strikes me more & more as out of touch with practical life. He sees interesting sides of it – that's all.
	19 Sep, Wed	After busy morning golfed with Bryce at Dollymount. I ought to have let him beat me but it was impossible! He is very nice but I am quite sure he cannot possibly survive the time when he will have to do something. He told me that none of the rumours about the Gov't's policy for Ireland are approximately true, that their proposals were not very ?dreadful. He talked about the embarrassment whoever was in his place in 3 years would find himself in with the reports of all his Commissions of inquiry to deal with. And on Irish Qn. generally he said, with all these inquiries & policies, we are leaving aside the really important & urgent matter – the reform of primary & secondary educ'n. "I am told it is impossible to deal with these!["]
	20 Sep, Thu	[No entry]
	21 Sep, Fri	Office routine
To Balfour, Lady Betty	22 Sep, Sat	Half holiday after a very arduous week. Adams, O'Toole & Anderson dined with me & I listened to their talk half asleep.
[John Jamesons]	23 Sep, Sun	A restful day. Daisy & Fingall lunched, also Mrs. Pim – a nice kind but not very interesting neighbour. We moted to St. Marnocks but the J.J.s were out.
[OHMS – On His Majesty's Service]	24 Sep, Mon	Gill is roaring about the Country on holiday but visiting Dept work enough to be O.H.M.S. He is leaving me all the routine work which is not quite fair.
[Hubert E. Teschemacher]	25 Sep, Tue	My old friend Tesche turned up with two American friends & I golfed & dined them in afternoon. This meant 5 AM to 1PM hard work. But not a bad plan.
	26 Sep, Wed	Heavy office day. But Tesche stayed with me which gave me a delightful evening.
	27 Sep, Thu	Beginning to get away in the afternoons which I must stick to. I am getting up betw'n 5 & 6 & keeping at the office to 6 to 7 is bad. Lady Mayo & Lady Fingall came to discuss gardens furniture & Tesche left & years may elapse before I see him again. But I may use him as an agent for arranging my approaching visit to Roosevelt.
	28 Sep, Fri	[No entry]
	29 Sep, Sat	½ official ½ golf.
	30 Sep, Sun	Staffords, C D La Touche & "Minnie Fitz" to lunch. Sad letter from Lionel Earle. Engagement with charming girl off, "heartbroken". Time! Time?

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	1 Oct, Mon	Antony MacDonnell (who looked very ill & who I fear will break up if he won't rest) told me the Gov't of Ireland Bill next year probably won't disemploy me & I need not fear eviction before it is introduced anyway.
	2 Oct, Tue	[No entry]
	3 Oct, Wed	Carøe came over & I tried to attend to my own affairs for once. But the office took nearly the whole of my day. Angus Sutherland of Royal Com'n on Congestion lunched with me. He agreed to help me to see the Scotch Congested Districts & took endless trouble to arrange a trip for me by wire to Scotch Fisheries Bd, for steamer &c &c. Adams & Gordon to accompany me.
	4 Oct, Thu	Heavy official day preparing to give evidence before Royal Com'n on Canals. Sinclair wired from Scotland that Campbell Bannerman would give me a welcome at Belmont Castle over Sunday. Inconvenient but interesting.
	5 Oct, Fri	5 A.M. up & at work by candle light. Adams came early & I managed to get up a sort of case about Canals. I was examined for over two hours & it was a poor business. But it did not much matter what I said. Nothing will be done by this Commission. Adams, Gordon & I took boat for Glasgow.
[Lady Charlotte Campbell-Bannerman died 30 Aug. 1906]	6 Oct, Sat	Landed at Gourock after a delightful sleep on a glorious morning. On to Glasgow where I parted from Adams & Gordon who went to Oban & thence to South Uist in Fisheries Bd steamer, with Reg[inald] Macleod. The steamer is to meet me at Oban & be mine from Monday to Friday of next week. I went to Edinburgh & had a good talk with McGregor of the Scotch Congested Districts Board. Then to Belmont Castle near Perth where I found the bereaved widower Premier with a very small family party plus the Sinclairs & Vaughan Nash private secretary.
	7 Oct, Sun	Rested most lazily though Sinclair offered to take me on long drive through a very interesting Scotch farming district. I preferred to do my office correspondence & have talks with C.B. I think I got him to understand some aspects of the Irish Question a little better than before. He listened very attentively but naturally was very reserved himself. The position of a Prime Minister with Bryce & MacDonnell to be both consulted & reckoned with is, to say the least, embarrassing. C.B. is a perfect host. The castle is not specially interesting – not old & only bought by present owner.
	8 Oct, Mon	Left Belmont before Sir Henry appeared. Made the journey to Oban via Perth, Dunblane & Callander, beautiful scenery from Callander (and splendid farming up to Callander) the chief impressions. Then delayed 1½ hours by King's train being on the main line. At Oban Fishery Cruiser Minna at my disposal. Adams & Gordon on board & also R Macleod with daughter & girl friend! Steamed away at once for Uig in Skye where investig[at]ions to commence on the morrow.
	9 Oct, Tue	Went, in beautiful weather, to Uig where we landed & studied C.D.B. operations with their officer Angus McIntosh a quite

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		admirable young Scotchman who was as good as the best of Doran's staff. I learned more from him in the drive through the island that [<i>sic</i>] I should have learned from Regional Man seen in a year.
[Harrel] [From 1903 a CDB policy supported migration from unsustainable holdings and occupations.]	10 Oct, Wed	To Stornoway by 9 A.M. where we talked to Provost Anderson whom I had seen in 1898 when round with Sir D Harrell [<i>sic</i>], Green, Geoffrey Drage & Moritz Bonn. Also with Major Matheson who practically owns The Lews. We saw a fishing village where the C.D.B. had built 22 houses or 22 crofts at £100 a house & also a village they had built on small plots in Battery Park for fishermen pure & simple. Then on to Scalpay Island which presented a population living in the worst class of Celtic hut but with a resourceful migrating to labour population. Happy, well fed & wonderfully well clothed for such a filthily housed people. No mail or wires these days. Joy!
	11 Oct, Thu	Landed 9 AM at Loch Maddy & was met by Sir Arthur Orde who owns most of the island of N Uist. He accompanied us in a 36 mile drive which showed us all we wanted to know about the system of the C.D.B. in managing crofts with the help of the landlord. Sir Arthur seems to be a very good sort of Laird & his relations with his tenantry excellent. We left Lochmaddy at 5 PM & went to Lochboisdale where we left Macleod & his two ladies & went through the night towards Oban.
	12 Oct, Fri	Oban at daylight & left 12.35 train for Glasgow. Took ?Dublin Line steamer from Glasgow. Got 4 days' letters. No special news but arrears of work considerable. The trip was I think a great success in one way. Adams, Gordon & I cleared our minds on many aspects of the Congested Districts problem.
[Berrillstown] [Naboth's vineyard – Old Testament, 1 Kings, 21-2; highly desired property]	13 Oct, Sat	Back early, ran out to Foxrock, 2/3rds day in office & down to Killeen for a dine & sleep. Fingall had just had his auction (grass lands 11 months system) but was keeping out Berrelstown [<i>sic</i>] (£600 a year about) for sale if possible. I strongly urged him to take any reasonable price. As I augured signs of times it would be madness to keep such a Naboth's Vineyard.
	14 Oct, Sun	Back to Kilteragh by motor. Restful.
	15 Oct, Mon	Very heavy office day & then had to go to Rathmines Tech School function & make a bad speech, after a very fine one by Bryce however which did good.
[Bp. – Denis Kelly; Archbp. – John Healy]	16 Oct, Tue	Meeting of Agric'l Board. Bishop & Archbishop both absent which was regrettable as Maynooth has just fulminated against our schools of mixed residence. SH Butcher came to stay at Kilteragh. Still very uncomfortable.
	17 Oct, Wed	Agric'l Board a second day.
	18 Oct, Thu	A bad ear ache. Called on Lady MacDonnell & had a talk with Antony. Both very sad about Irish ingratitude & cussedness.
[P/N – promissory note]	19 Oct, Fri	Technical Instruction Board, inspecting institutions in morning & meeting in afternoon took most of day. W. H Persse let me in for £1375 P/N which I endorsed for him on usual promises. Prof'r. Campbell came out to dine at Kilteragh.
	20 Oct, Sat	The gloomy time is coming on us. The office even on a Saturday

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		takes all one's daylight. Had a talk with the D.A.T.I. inquiry C'tee (excepting Micks) upon future procedure. They were friendly & admitted that Micks was extremely hostile. A Lough gave bitter evidence against the I.A.O.S.
	21 Oct, Sun	Dr. ?Renten of Finland, Campbell & Fletcher came to lunch & I lost the complete physiological rest I surely needed. Col. Saunderson died. A charming Irishman & in many ways a useful one in a negative way. But he had absolutely no constructive mind.
	22 Oct, Mon	Official hard.
	23 Oct, Tue	General C'tee I.A.O.S. & very long difficult day. Wrote at length to Gerald Balfour trying to get him & AJB to give evidence before Royal Com'n on Congestion.
	24 Oct, Wed	Official & to London by night for a Bowes meeting & some official work.
	25 Oct, Thu	A busy day in London betw'n two nights in the train. Bowes meeting in morning. Saw Reggie, now quite cheery, Sir William Bennett specialist in joints having said all the other surgeons were wrong & he will put him right quick. Bd of Ag, Treasury, Sidney Webbs, J Sinclair took up day. 10.15 train from Euston. Aberdeens fellow-travellers.
	26 Oct, Fri	Got back rather tired after a rough crossing & found usual arrears. Mary came to Kilteragh in the evening.
	27 Oct, Sat	Afternoon with Mary whom I took to the Abbey Theatre in ev[enin]g & saw 3 excellent plays.
	28 Oct, Sun	Mary lunched with Lord O'Brien & I at KSC with Digby. He told me there was no case against the Department but that Micks was determined to make one. In the afternoon had a conference re evidence to be given before Royal Commission on Congestion at which Campbell, Gordon, Wood, Fletcher, Adams & Callan attended. Poor Mary had to stand it from 5 P.M. to 11P.M. But it was useful & interesting.
	29 Oct, Mon	Official very busy.
	30 Oct, Tue	Mary left for London.
	31 Oct, Wed	[No entry]
	1 Nov, Thu	Tom Ponsonby came to me & I was glad to talk over his career with him.
	2 Nov, Fri	Official
	3 Nov, Sat	½ official. Called on some neighbours. Wives do more than sons or brothers for a man.
	4 Nov, Sun	Doran, Fletcher & Anderson lunched & we talked Congested Districts.
	5 Nov, Mon	Anderson, Campbell & Adams tea'd & dined to talk relations betw'n I.A.O.S. & D.A.T.I., a very heated Controversy. Farmer vs trader.

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	6 Nov, Tue	Heavy official day.
	7 Nov, Wed	Brought Adams to Kilteragh & we mapped out the evidence to be given before the Royal Com'n on Congestion by the D.A.T.I.
	8 Nov, Thu	[No entry]
	9 Nov, Fri	A deputation about a Railway, IAOS Exec C'tee and appalling rush of office work prior to absence of nearly 2 weeks.
	10 Nov, Sat	Spent day in Irish Mail. Did some work but I never can usefully employ the hours in a train. My attention is not at my command.
	11 Nov, Sun	Went with Daisy (after lunching Shan Bullock, Callan & Rolleston at Club) to Oxon Hoath, Tonbridge to see Lady Geary. A nice old place in a satisfactory part of England. 'Sister Ann' of my chaff has done well for herself. He is not attractive – nor repulsive.
	12 Nov, Mon	Back early & long day with Fletcher & Adams working hard upon evidence to be given before Royal Commission on Congestion and circular letter to Council of Agriculture which will I think make a bit of a storm. It is advocating subsidising of I.A.O.S. with public funds to enable it vigorously to organise the farmers against their foreign rivals & home oppressors (the middlemen).
	13 Nov, Tue	The same. Lunched with Mrs. Willie & saw Douglas Haig (now a general) after several years, not much changed.
[President Theodore Roosevelt]	14 Nov, Wed	Had a good talk with Sinclair at the House. "By George" as 'Teddy' says, what an illustration of chance versus ability in politics. If I could not do his job better than he can, I would go & end my days at Cheltenham with retired Indian civilians & army Captains – & he is in the Cabinet!
	15 Nov, Thu	Worked all day.
[Colomb] [Ld. Mayor – Sir William Purdie Treloar]	16 Nov, Fri	Evidence before Royal Com'n on Congestion. Five hours in witness chair. Mowatt in chair, Antony MacDonnell, Dr. O'Donnell Conor O'Kelly, Sutherland. Colomy [<i>sic</i>], Annan Bryce & Kavanagh, Dudley away ill. Did fairly. Had to make a speech on The National Health at Plumbers Company. Sat next Lord Mayor of London – typical Mediocrity. Poor speech too tired – long Again!
	17 Nov, Sat	Worked all day. Dined with the Annan Bryces & met Hugh Law. Good Home Rule talk.
	18 Nov, Sun	Down with Daisy to St. Leonards to see Mamie & Cissie at Convent. Charming nuns & the children as happy as the day's long.
	19 Nov, Mon	Examined all day before Royal Com'n on Congestion. Did badly in morning. Cup of coffee for lunch & bucked up & held my ground.
	20 Nov, Tue	Examined ½ day & did better. Stuck to my guns re Dept doing CDB work in Congested Districts.
	21 Nov, Wed	Attended Digby Committee of Inquiry. Dined with Sidney Webbs & met several very clever people – a bit uncouth some of them. Hostess very brilliant.

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	22 Nov, Thu	Routine work most of day.
	23 Nov, Fri	3½ hours before the DATI Inquiry C'tee & came to close quarters with Micks. I think I worsted him. Went back by night to Ireland after a very tiring week or rather 2 weeks.
	24 Nov, Sat	Heavy day in office. Fr. O'Donovan invited himself to stay at Kilteragh which was very inconvenient.
	25 Nov, Sun	A Quiet day & some rest.
	26 Nov, Mon	Office & desk at Kilteragh.
[Text of address to 10th Council of Agriculture in <i>IH</i> , XII:48, pp. 974-7; and in <i>DATI Journal</i> , VII:2 (1907), pp. 221-30]	27 Nov, Tue	The first day of the Council of Agriculture. Rose & got Bowers up long before light & worked at a speech. Was actually writing it up to 5 minutes before I had to deliver it. Strongly advocated subsidising I.A.O.S. & left decision to Council. Whole day's debate with doubtful issue to the last. Vote taken with names and I won by 52 to 25. This was a victory for economics over politics. Dillon in parliament, the Freeman & on the platform had been demonising the very proposal I carried.
	28 Nov, Wed	Agric'l Council again all day. A good discussion on tillage. For the rest rather a dull reaction after yesterday. The Irish Times & Northern Whig were very congratulatory on yesterday's victory, the Nationalist papers very angry.
	29 Nov, Thu	Agricultural Board met. Arthur Lough unable to attend. I was tired after last two days but got through a long day fairly well.
[Text of address in <i>IH</i> , XII:48 (8 Dec 1906), pp. 983-5]	30 Nov, Fri	Meeting (annual) of I.A.O.S. & another speech which I dictated to Bowers & read. Hope it may do good. Dined with Lady Aberdeen. Long tiresome tête à tête. She cannot give up political scheming. I fear I spoke rather strongly about it!
	1 Dec, Sat	Finished up a very hard week & a successful one with some important office work. Daisy came to Kilteragh to help me to pack up the house.
	2 Dec, Sun	Anderson & Nugent Harris lunched and I found that the latter was anxious to come & work in Ireland. I must get him.
	3 Dec, Mon	Hard work at office trying to get away.
	4 Dec, Tue	Ditto
	5 Dec, Wed	Ditto. And also had to close up Kilteragh – or rather leave it to Curtain to close up. When I get back all will be finished with the house – I hope. Went by 3 PM train to Queenstown with Fletcher & Bowers to whom I dictated various letters. En route stayed in Cork & saw Dr. Windle at the Queen's College.
	6 Dec, Thu	The Baltic could not leave the dock till 2 AM today. So we did not leave Queenstown till 7 P.M. Found Rowland Leigh & wife at Captain's table with me. Also Ld. Dunmore. Nice looking lot of passengers. But have still to get to know them.
	7 Dec, Fri	282
	8 Dec, Sat	380
	9 Dec, Sun	394. Got to know Esmé Howard going out as 1st Sec'y to Embassy at Washington. Clever & nice fellow. I should say he

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		will get on.
	10 Dec, Mon	267! Keeping up the evil reputation of The White Star Sunday. But in The Baltic the motion is trivial in a sea which brings her down from 17 to 8 knots.
	11 Dec, Tue	323 Weather still such as would make one miserable (quite apart from mal de mer in any other class of boat[]). I have read Filson Young's Columbus on the voyage & that story makes one appreciate the marvels of modern travel.
	12 Dec, Wed	406
	13 Dec, Thu	425 – 303 to Sandy Hook.
[Secretary – William Loeb, Jr.]	14 Dec, Fri	Landed about 10.30 AM. 'Tesche' met me on dock & I went to the Byrnes with him. Host & hostess being out I lunched at University Club with Tesche & talked over American affairs in which he is well posted. Got letter from Roosevelt's p[ri]vate sec asking me to dine 18th at White House. This will be interesting. Fletcher went off to stay with Louis Rouillion the educ'l enthusiast I brought over to the Dept & who had to give up the work for which he seemed to be unfitted. Spent evening with Byrnes & letter writing.
	15 Dec, Sat	Not very well & did next to nothing. Fletcher came early & I visited the Mechanics Institute with him. Saw Rouillion at work. Method elaborate, equipment luxurious, aims high. But the solid drudgery work – well I must inquire further. Saw Stuart Wortley, read some back newspapers at University Club, came out in ev[en]ing to Planting Fields, Oyster Bay, the Byrnes' Long Island newly acquired farm & newly built house.
	16 Dec, Sun	Paul Cravath called early & lent Mrs. Byrne & me his motor for a couple of hours. Saw Roosevelt's house near Oyster Bay – an ugly, ill kept house & place. Republican simplicity with a vengeance. In the rest a quiet day. The Byrnes' house is very nice & the grounds will be charming as she has taste. But the grayness of the country repels me. I have, however, still to see it in spring & autumn. The house is exceedingly comfortable & convenient.
	17 Dec, Mon	In New York visited Dr. Buttrick with Fletcher & the Mechanics Institute at night. Called on John D Crimmins who shows at his best after a serious illness which nearly carried him off & has greatly shaken him. Then to Washington with Fletcher by night.
[Storer correspondence – leaked letters from Roosevelt to wife of US ambassador to Italy urging her to encourage the Pope to make	18 Dec, Tue	Arrived early & did the Dept of Agriculture. Very interesting talk with Secretary Wilson, Drs. True & Langworthy, especially the last. Met Dr. Egan at Cosmos Club. He is a delightful Irish (Amer'n born) personality. Unstable but very sympathetic & kindly. A dilettante literateur. Dined at White House. Male party. Gifford Pinchot (Forestry), James Garfield Sec of Interior (after March 4-07), Oscar Strauss Sec Commerce & Labour the party. Roosevelt greeted me with effusive apology for incorporating passages of my essay on Rural Life in U.S. in his annual message to Congress & told my fellow guests that it was the "best thing he had seen" on the subject. We had much talk in which we were all ultra indiscreet! I discussed the Storer correspondence with him & criticised his acceptance of principle of distributing patronage geographically & by religion. Strauss didn't like it as he was obviously appointed to please the

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Archbishop John Ireland a cardinal.]		Jews! – I liked Pinchot & Garfield & shall collaborate with them on the rural problem.
[Librarian of Congress – Herbert Putnam]	19 Dec, Wed	Early to Baltimore where D A McCabe had persuaded Fletcher & me to meet the ‘Seminary’ of economists at Johns Hopkins University. This institution is mostly for research work. It has a good medical school which we did not see. The buildings are old & humble in glaring contrast with the millionaires’ universities of more recent date. Back to lunch with Librarian of Congressional Library. Dinner at night with Egan & At Home at his house to meet his friends. Small house crowded with ladies. --t.
	20 Dec, Thu	Had to get on West in ev[en]ing but had busy interesting day. Had long interview with Pinchot, Garfield & Neill (Labor Com[missioner]). Two former greatly interested in my Rural life scheme & will probably ask me to return to Washington to help them to formulate proposals to put before President. Lunched with Maurice Low. Met Esmé Howard of Embassy. Told me Bryce was to be the new ambassador. Dr. Frissell of Hampton turned up & urged me to go to Hampton & Richmond to give some hints to State authorities of Virginia on Agric’l Education &c.
	21 Dec, Fri	Comatose in train all day. Reaction from mental excitement of Washington. In train Speaker Cannon – a man of the best Middle West type. Much of the Abe Lincoln pattern. He talked about that great Republican whom he knew in his Illinois days.
	22 Dec, Sat	Arrived early but baggage containing all my business papers did not arrive till night. Got general idea of business situation which appeared to be satisfactory. Omaha is growing steadily. The worst discovery is that Bosler is ‘tricky’. Windsor was worse. Had he been honest I should have been a millionaire (dollars not £s) by now. As it is I have more than I want but not enough to make me free from business & able to devote myself to public life.
	23 Dec, Sun	Cannon my auditor came (his only available day) and gave me his annual explanations of his audit & report. He is first rate. Kimball the architect took me round Omaha in his motor & I got a very good idea of the growth & progress of the City. Its future is assure[d]. All I want is grandchildren. Called on General Manderson, one of Omaha’s best citizens. He has had a serious illness & is visibly on the downward path.
	24 Dec, Mon	Got a Court Stenographer & dictated many letters nearly all relating to my inquiries with Fletcher. Got through a good deal of my own business. The remnant of my property is in good shape – all except the Missouri farm which I fear Windsor tied up with a man in charge (Van Ormer) with some personal end in view. The interviewer pest annoyed me.
	25 Dec, Tue	Xmas dinner with Rev. FJ Mackay. Born in Westport he drifted early in life to America in sailing ship. Before I first came out he was converting the miners of Leadville! Now he has a small but comfortable body of Episcopalians in Omaha & is building a good church. Bosler came to Omaha & we went West together in the afternoon to see the Ranch.
	26 Dec, Wed	Two hours between trains at Cheyenne. Saw Carey & John Chaplin (a physical wreck over work & whiskey combined) & left

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		with Bosler for Rock River. Drove to the Diamond Ranch in cold but not severe weather. Hope to have a day in the open air tomorrow. But snow is threatening.
	27 Dec, Thu	<p>A fair day for the time of year. But it was below freezing & blew hard. Drove over the range for 3 hours and in afternoon took a walk over the nearer irrigation works. I find that this high air affects my nerves more than it used and I don't sleep so well in it. But perhaps a longer stay would remedy that. It is a great change from Co. Dublin.</p> <p>Life out in this Western country has its troubles & hardships (the latter in a very minor degree compared with even 10 years ago) but it is assuredly happier than life in the old world.</p>
	28 Dec, Fri	<p>Walked from Ranch ½ way to Station with cold freezing wind at my back under bright sun. Very invigorating. Train to Cheyenne where I put up with the Careys. Met Billy Irvine & had a good talk. His daughter Edna had just shot a cowboy for "giving her back talk"! Cowboy recovered & sympathy so strong for Edna that though committed for trial the case will probably fall through.</p> <p>Had long talk with John Chaplin who is on verge of delirium tremens. Hope to get him to go into an inebriate home.</p>
	29 Dec, Sat	6.15 AM train to Wheatland with Carey & Bosler. I did not go last year & so saw 2 years' growth which was very satisfactory. Carey made me address the farmers in meeting assembled on my rural life hobby. If I could only come more often I could organise that Colony easier than an Irish Parish, and not get abused.
	30 Dec, Sun	<p>More talk with Chaplin. Have I think practically arranged for him to go to an inebriate home.</p> <p>A busy morning with Chaplin & Judge Carey over Wyo Dev Co & other things. Left by 2.40 PM train for Omaha.</p>
	31 Dec, Mon	Back to Omaha & finished most of my business.
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	Year-end Summary	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>1906</u></p> <p>The year was one of steady work for the Department & the I.A.O.S. against an increasing opposition from the politicians. Fortunately they are not quite harmonious. The solemn inquiry into my Department was a farce. The evidence brought against us broked [<i>sic</i>] down simply for lack of facts. During the year I wrote an essay at Roosevelt's request upon "The Problem of Rural Life in the U.S." which greatly pleased him, so much so that he adopted the ideas (& some of the sentences) in his annual address. He will I think help me in exchange for the help I gave him in formulating a policy for the solution of the problem. I got into touch with two young men (Pinchot & Garfield) in his inner government circle with whom I hope to work out a scheme in the New world if I fail in the Old!</p> <p>Just before The Horse Show I got into my new House at Foxrock but the year ended before the workmen were out of the House. It was a blunder building so big a house. I was rushed into it by Caroe & Jim Power (whose help in overseeing the work I could hardly dispense with because I devoted my whole time &</p>

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		<p>attention to public affairs) & must try to prevent a corresponding extravagance in operating the costly edifice. It will be healthy & pleasant & can be used to bring Irishmen together to discuss Irish problems.</p> <p>In April Windsor my American agent died & it turned out that he had been a very unfaithful steward. He had robbed me badly. He died owing me about £10,000 & his estate will pay me little over £1000. I put Conrad Young in his place.</p> <p>My health has not improved or much disimproved. The trouble for which an operation was required in Nov 05 did not reappear though it threatened to. With care I may have some useful years still in hand. But I shall always be very subject to collapse from over work.</p> <p>On the whole I am satisfied that I have during the year helped a good many people by my work & that is all I care about now.</p>