



## DISEASE (IRELAND).

ABSTRACTS of the most serious REPRESENTATIONS made by the several MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENTS of PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS (Fever Hospitals, Infirmaries, Dispensaries, &c.) in the Provinces of ULSTER, MUNSTER, LEINSTER and CONNAUGHT.

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Castle, Dublin, 7 March 1846.

Sir,

THE Commission having given their deep and serious consideration to the last Reports from Medical Dispensaries, &c. in confirmation of the increase of Fever and Dysentery throughout the country, respectfully lay before his Excellency the accompanying Abstracts taken from those Statements, and solicit his Excellency's attention to this alarming exigency.

The Commission do not venture to propose any distinct measure, but merely to urge the general necessity that his Excellency should have the means of directing medical inspection or attendance immediately as the localities require it, so as to avert the progress of disease; and adopt such other sanitary regulations as may secure the public health.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(signed) *J. P. Kennedy*, Secretary.

Richard Pennefather, Esq., Under Secretary,  
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### ULSTER.

COUNTY, and DATE OF REPORT.	DISTRICT.	NATURE OF REPORTS.
<b>ANTRIM:</b> February 18, 1846	Randalstown - - - H. Veelson, Medical Officer.	-- Jaundice and diarrhœa exist from unsoundness and insufficiency of food. Breaking out of disease apprehended where destitution exists.
<b>ARMAGH:</b> February 14, 1846	Verner's Bridge - - - Arthur Ardagh, Medical Officer.	-- Diarrhœa to a considerable extent exists in district, produced from constant use of diseased potatoes. If provisions keep high, fever and other diseases are feared to break out.
February 16, 1846	Poyntz Pass - - - Wm. Moorhead, M. D.	-- Fever and influenza have increased in the proportion of four to one within last two months; but not entirely attributable to insufficiency and unsoundness of food.
February 16, 1846	Markethill - - - Josh. M. Lynn, M. D.	-- Fever, diarrhœa and dyspepsia have increased considerably, and are in many cases traceable to the use of unsound potatoes. It is very probable that fever will break out and spread, especially among the lower orders. Would be of the utmost importance for every dispensary to have a small fever hospital attached. District is six miles from the hospital of Union workhouse.
<b>CAVAN:</b> February 23, 1846	Belturbet - - - W. M. Wade, M. D.	-- Dyspepsia, diseases of alimentary canal, dysentery and diarrhœa are caused by unsound food. Cottiers are without even tainted potatoes for food. Many unemployed poor of district are in a starving condition. Breaking out of disease apprehended with certainty from destitution arising from scarcity of food; "it cannot be otherwise." Suggests employment and the erection of a fever hospital to diminish the probability of disease. District is seven Irish miles from Cavan Hospital.
February 14, 1846	Arvagh - - - Wm. Myles, Medical Officer.	-- Apprehends breaking out of disease from destitution, arising from want of food. Bowel complaints, painful and violent griping, with other violent symptoms, continuing eight to twelve hours; caused by the use of unsound potatoes. Suggests employment of the poor, and formation of storehouses for oatmeal to be sold at reasonable prices.
	Ballyjamesduff - - - Geo. Nixon, M. D.	-- Apprehends fever in district; strongly recommends establishment of a fever hospital, and the placing of funds in the hands of the clergy and district medical officers for relief of the poor, who cannot obtain admission into the poor-house.
February 18, 1846	Mullagh - - - Edwd. Kellett, M. D.	-- Five hundred able-bodied men and an equal number of women, besides many small farmers, are seeking employment. Apprehends breaking out of disease where scarcity exists; the people being unemployed are unable to purchase food. Outbreak of fever frequent in summer months, and spreads rapidly for want of an hospital, the want of which is keenly felt by labouring population. Suggests employment for the poor.
February 17, 1846	Kingscourt - - - R. Malcomson, M. D. and Surgeon.	-- Three thousand and sixty persons relieved at dispensary within five months past. Five or six thousand poor unemployed. Breaking out of disease apprehended in the spring and summer. Suggests the erection of a fever hospital in district where destitution is heavily felt, and is the only available means of preventing the spread of contagion. Medical district of officer embraces a diameter of twelve miles from his residence.
February 18, 1846	Shercock - - - Jas. Adams, Medical Officer.	-- Inflammation of stomach and diarrhœa are frequent, and attributable to the use of bad potatoes. Influenza now epidemic, but will not say it is so from insufficiency of food. Increase of fever expected in April, or sooner. Suggests that fever hospitals be erected on every three square miles of district.
February 16, 1846	Swanlinbar - - - Winslow Finlay, Medical Officer.	-- Several cases of typhus fever have recently appeared; insufficiency of food the cause in some instances. Fever will break out to a frightful extent in the event of scarcity of food. Suggests local fever hospitals to be established for the removal of cases as they occur.
<b>DONEGAL:</b> February 17, 1846	Donaghmore - - - R. M. Tagard, M. D.	-- Influenza, scarlatina, small-pox, and, much above all, stomach and bowel disease exist, varying to fatal inflammation. Diseased potatoes may be the existing cause. Apprehends the spread of disease, particularly fever; provisions being likely to be dear and scarce, and the supply of fuel scanty. Suggests temporary hospital relief, and that non-contagious medical and surgical cases be admitted to workhouse hospital without the "workhouse test."
February 19, 1846	Moville - - - Jno. Irvine, Surgeon, R. N.	-- Typhus fever prevails, but not as an epidemic. Apprehends the breaking out of fever from destitution, arising from failure of potato crops.

## MUNSTER.

COUNTY, and DATE of REPORT.	DISPENSARY, &c.	NATURE OF REPORT.
<b>CLARE:</b>		
February 13, 1846	Newmarket-on-Fergus Dispensary. J. P. Evans, Esq., M.D.	-- A large proportion of poor attacked with colic, purging and vomiting, after eating bad potatoes; the entire population of village living on unsound potatoes.
February 14, 1846	Tulla Dispensary - - J. Fraser, M.D.	-- Fever patients have increased nearly two-thirds, compared with last year. Many of the poor unemployed; potatoes daily getting worse.
February 14, 1846	Scariff Dispensary - - B. D. Egan, M.D.	-- Four-fifths of poor unemployed. The disease of potato crop daily progressing. No potatoes in market for sale.
February 22, 1846	Kelkee Dispensary - - John Griffin, M.D.	-- A peculiar form of low fever prevalent for the last three or four months, to be attributed, in some degree, to the use of unsound potatoes. Fully three-fourths of the labourers unemployed for the last three months. An outbreak of disease apprehended, if measures to avert the threatened famine be not adopted.
February 14, 1846	Ennis Gaol and Fever Hospital. G. W. O'Brien.	-- Diarrhœa has slightly appeared from the use of unsound potatoes. A great number of poor unemployed in district. No doubt but pestilence will manifest itself in the absence of prompt relief measures.
<b>CORK:</b>		
February 20, 1846	Boherboe Kanturk - -	-- Fever and diarrhœa doubled, and attributed to the use of unsound potatoes. Gastric fever much increased. An outbreak of disease apprehended from scarcity of food.
February 20, 1846	Ballinspittle - - -	-- An increase of disease, attributed to the use of unsound potatoes. Fever and diarrhœa increased during the last month. An increase of fever much dreaded, from its passing through the whole family, if once admitted.
February 17, 1846	Crookhaven - - - James M'Cormick.	-- An immense number unemployed, without food, clothing or fuel. Typhus fever and dysentery will become extensive, if relief be not afforded.
February 19, 1846	Fermoy Fever Hospital - Charles Murphy.	-- The increase of fever so alarming here, that a special meeting of the subscribers is to be called for its consideration. A great many unemployed, and the distress consequent is alarming. The spread of contagious fever apprehended.
February 17, 1846	Ballyhooly Dispensary - J. P. Edgar, M. D.	-- Patients at Dispensary increasing in number. Typhus fever and other diseases increased, in consequence of the use of bad potatoes. Daily application for relief at Dispensary, formerly eight or ten, has latterly increased to fifty or sixty, in consequence of the use of unsound food. Visiting calls, eight or ten daily. An outbreak of fever apprehended, in consequence of the unsoundness and scarcity of food. Suggests immediate employment, and the erection of a Fever Hospital at Ballyhooly.
February 15, 1846	Mitchelstown Fever Hospital and Dispensary. E. O'Neil.	-- Typhus and other fevers prevalent, and relapses frequent. Bowel complaints more prevalent within the last month. Patients at Fever Hospital have increased one-third, compared with other years. Numbers unemployed.
February 14, 1846	Glownton - - - U. W. Purcell.	-- Dysentery latterly prevalent, from the use of unsound potatoes. The number of patients in district have increased forty per cent., attributed to the same cause. Fears in a few months there will not be a sound potato in half the district.
February 15, 1846	Watergrass Hill - - David Barry.	-- Gastric affections more prevalent than for the last ten years. Bilious affections alarmingly prevalent, from the use of unsound potatoes. Numbers unemployed. Cholera or low fever must be the result of the existing necessity of those dependent on unsound potatoes.
February 21, 1846	Kinsale Fever Hospital - E. Bishop. M. D.	-- Fever has been prevalent for the last eight months, from the unsoundness and insufficiency of food. Many in want of employment. An outbreak of disease generally apprehended.

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## MUNSTER—continued.

COUNTY, and DATE of REPORT.	DISPENSARY, &c.	NATURE OF REPORT.
<i>CORK—continued.</i>		
February 19, 1846	Macroon Dispensary - Warren Crook, M. D.	-- Disease has considerably increased during the last fortnight. The number of patients in district greatly increases of late. Fever certainly consequent on the use of unsound potatoes. A considerable number unemployed in the district.
February 19, 1846	Timoleague - - - Francis Ffolliot.	-- Bowel complaints much more prevalent than usual, attributable to the insufficiency and unsoundness of food. The number of patients much increases from same cause. An immense number of unemployed poor in district in the deepest poverty. If some decisive relief be not afforded, the amount of disease, consequent on the want of food, cannot be conjectured.
<b>KERRY:</b>		
February 15, 1846	Tralee Infirmary - - Francis Crumpe, Esq. M. D.	-- Fever and dysentery becoming more prevalent; also scarlatina, measles and whooping cough severely prevalent, but not attributed to unsoundness of food. A vast number unemployed in district, some poor in the country working for 4 d. a day, without diet.
February 18, 1846	Tralee Fever Hospital - Jeremiah Segrue, Esq. M. D.	-- The number of patients have much increased. The admissions in January 1845, 16. In January 1846, 141. The increase cannot be attributed to the quality of food. A considerable amount of poor unemployed. A great increase of fever apprehended as consequent on the use of unsound food.
February 21, 1846	Tarbert - - - - W. W. Kennedy, Esq.	-- Disease apprehended as consequent on the destitution arising from the insufficiency of food.
February 22, 1846	Sneem - - - - G. H. Doran, Esq.	-- The number of patients have increased as ten to one, attributed to the quality of food. An extension of fever apprehended. Suggests the erection of a fever hospital as a means of preventing the extension of contagion.
February 23, 1846	Ardfert - - - - Thomas Mahony, Esq.	-- From the increased disease in potatoes, scarcity and its consequent evils will prevail, if other food be not substituted.
February 17, 1846	Gunsboro' Dispensary - J. M. Crystal, M. D.	-- Fever and small-pox have increased, though not attributed to the use of unsound food.
February 17, 1846	Caherciveen Fever Hospital and Dispensary. James Barry, M. D.	-- Fever and diarrhœa more prevalent than usual, from the use of unsound potatoes. A very great number of unemployed poor in district; disease apprehended.
	Castle Gregory - - - J. W. Basteed, Esq.	-- A considerable number of labourers are unemployed. A great scarcity apprehended, and consequently a spread of typhus fever and dysentery.
February 16, 1846	Dingle - - - - Robert Hickson, M. D. George Williams.	-- A great increase of fever and small-pox. The number of patients at dispensary increased one-third. A thousand labourers unemployed in district. Fever very rife. No fever hospital within thirty miles. Suggests the giving of employment and the establishment of a fever hospital; the poor in district having generally but one bed, and therefore obliged to sleep together.
February 15, 1846	Tralee Gaol - - - Francis Crumpe, M. D.	-- Fever and dysentery increasing from the use of unsound potatoes. The number of patients at dispensary have increased. Great numbers unemployed in district. Fever and bowel complaint dreaded.
<b>LIMERICK:</b>		
February 24, 1846	Pallaskenny Dispensary -	-- States that bowel complaints have appeared, which he attributes to unsoundness of food. A great number of unemployed poor in district. Believes the potato crop to be getting worse.
February 22, 1846	Kilpeacon Dispensary -	-- States that fever and dysentery have appeared within the last month or six weeks. Increase of dysentery cases attributed to unsound potatoes. A considerable number of unemployed poor in this district. Apprehends disease to a considerable extent.
February 28, 1846	Murroe Dispensary -	-- States that fever of a fatal character is more prevalent than usual, which he attributes to use of unwholesome food, extreme wetness of the winter, together with bad night covering and confined air. Potatoes not fit food for man or beast. Two-tenths of labourers unemployed; dreads the breaking out of disease.



## MUNSTER—continued.

COUNTY, and DATE of REPORT.	DISPENSARY, &c.	NATURE OF REPORT.
February 28, 1846	Kilfinnan Fever Hospital -	-- States that fever has increased; stomach complaints are very prevalent, which he attributes to badness and insufficiency of food. A great many unemployed poor in district. Apprehends the breaking out of disease to some extent.
February 21, 1846	Kilmallock Dispensary -	-- States that fever and small-pox have lately appeared, which seem to have been generated by the use of diseased potatoes. A considerable number of persons unemployed. Apprehends the breaking out of disease. States that no effectual medical relief can be afforded from Dispensary unless it be supported out of Consolidated Fund, or by a rate on property.
February 20, 1846	Clarina Dispensary -	-- States that a few cases of bowel affection have appeared, which has been attributed to the use of unsound potatoes. A considerable number of unemployed poor in district. Apprehends a scarcity of food about the middle of May.
February 18, 1846	Patrick's Well Dispensary	-- States that there is more sickness this year than usual; that unless public works are provided, the poor will be destitute. Apprehends the breaking out of disease consequent on scarcity of food.
February 18, 1846	Newcastle Fever Hospital	-- States that there are nearly double the number of fever cases in district. Apprehends disease consequent on scarcity of food.
TIPPERARY -	Clonmel Dispensary -	-- Typhus fever, the principal epidemic, is increasing, and attributed principally to the cold and moisture of the season.
	J.M. Doutley, M.D., Surgeon.	
February 26, 1846	Bonmahon Dispensary - George Walker.	-- A great increase of fever in district. From 150 to 200 unemployed in the village of Bonmahon. A considerable increase of fever apprehended from the scarcity and high price of food.
February 20, 1846	Lismore Fever Hospital - M. Quinland, Esq., M.D.	-- The disease in potato crop extending. The poor will be in a deplorable state for want of food, or means of purchasing it, during the months of April, May, June and July.
February 21, 1846	Tramore - - - G. Waters, Esq., M.D.	-- An increase of bowel complaint, attributed to the use of unsound food. A great number of poor unemployed; fever apprehended as the concomitant of poverty.
February 19, 1846	Port Law - - - James Martin, Esq.	-- A great prevalence of gastric fever, with a tendency to relapses. An increase of fever dreaded as consequent on the daily increase of disease in the potato crop.
TIPPERARY:		
February 21, 1846	Carrick-on-Suir Dispensary and Fever Hospital - John Purcell, Esq.	-- Fever very much on the increase. Fever and dysentery prevalent in district, and attributed to the use of white potatoes, and uncleanly habits of the lower order of the population. A very great number of unemployed in district. Fever certainly anticipated.
February 22, 1846	Thomastown Dispensary - John Ryan, M.D.	-- Fever, dysentery and diarrhoea increased, and attributed to unsoundness of food. The number of patients considerably increased. Typhus fever apprehended as consequent on famine.
February 20, 1846	Thurles Fever Hospital - M. J. Quinlan.	-- Fever more prevalent in district for last few months than usual. Number of patients in district much increased from constant rain, insufficiency of food, and bad covering. Labouring classes wretchedly off for want of employment. Fever of a malignant type apprehended as consequent on the approaching famine.
February 18, 1846	Borrisoleigh Dispensary - E. W. Pinchin, Esq., Surgeon.	-- Diarrhoea appearing during last fortnight from the use of bad potatoes, a great increase of fever apprehended.
WATERFORD:		
February 24, 1846	Dungarvan Dispensary - Arthur Quin.	-- Bowel complaint very prevalent, from the use of unsound potatoes. Diarrhoea and dysentery prevalent, from the same causes. The number of patients at dispensary have considerably increased.
	Dungarvan Fever Hospital	-- Fever more prevalent than usual, attributed to unsoundness of food. The number of patients in fever hospital have increased 20 per cent. from the use of unsound food.
February 18, 1846	Waterford Gaol - - - Wm. Carroll, M. D., F. R. C. S.	-- Fever more prevalent than usual for the last six months, but not from the quality of food. Fears the present epidemic of fever will be greatly aggravated by the scarcity of food.

## LEINSTER.

COUNTY.	FEVER HOSPITAL, GAOL, &c.	NATURE OF REPORT.
CARLOW -	- - - - -	- - - Nil.
DUBLIN -	Saggart and Rathcool Dispensary. M. T. O'Kelly, Surgeon.	- - Number of stomach and bowel complaints nearly double that of former years, caused by unsoundness of potatoes. Not many persons unemployed. Suggests the providing some seed potatoes, and refers to Dr. Corrigan's work as suggesting best means of preventing spread of disease.
	Rathdown Fever Hospital. Wm. Plant, M.D.	- - An increase in number of fever patients, the average number being double that of previous years, owing to keeping patients in their own cabins. States this from positive knowledge. Suggests the immediate increase of accommodation for fever patients in the Rathdown Hospital, District Half-barony of Rathdown. (Same Return from Rathdown Dispensary.)
KILDARE -	Kilcock Dispensary - Thos. Wade, M.D.	- - Average number of patients double that of former years, attributable to unsoundness of food. District parishes of Cloncurry, Kilcock, and parts of Clane, Moyglan and Kilcloon parishes.
	Monasterevan Dispensary. Thos. Carroll, M.D.	- - That last season principal disease was influenza; but since January last 117 patients have been treated for bowel complaints, being an increase from one to five, attributed by patients to use of diseased potatoes; and that if sound food, even in small quantities, be not supplied, disease must eventually spread. Suggests a commission store for sale of meal at moderate prices.
KILKENNY -	Freshford Fever Hospital. Freshford Dispensary. James Cullenan, M.D.	- - Some few cases of diarrhœa have made their appearance within the last few weeks; may be attributed to unsound food. If immediate measures be not taken to supply food at moderate prices, we shall have fever, &c. Suggests the establishment of provision stores.
	Graigie Dispensary - R. Whelan, M.D.	- - Bowel complaints have been frequent, and are attributable to unsoundness of food; the healthy being unusually wet and unnutritious this season. Fears prevalence of disease in summer months, from scarcity and dearness of provisions; the lumper potato being now nearly double its usual price. Suggests collecting stores of Indian corn, and carrying out public works.
	Castlecomer Fever Hospital. C. E. Ross, M.D.	- - That hospital book shows a great increase of mortality this year. Food at all times bad. The hospital has been overcrowded for last three years. Apprehends breaking out of disease. Suggests necessity of putting Fever Hospital in efficient state, and under proper control; also to supply some food and employment.
KING'S -	Tullamore Gaol - - Geo. Pierce, M.D.	- - Potatoes fit for food will soon be run out. Has had to exclude use of potatoes from County Infirmary, from the impossibility of obtaining them sound.
	Clara Dispensary - - R. E. Walsh, M.D.	- - For the last five or six weeks a bowel disease, with bloody flux, has been on the increase, which very likely is produced by unsound food. Fears that disease will spread as provisions become scarce. Suggests giving of employment.
	Rhode Dispensary - - John Read, M.D.	- - Fears that disease may occur after a short period; numbers being now very destitute.
LOUTH -	Carlingford - - - R. S. Strong, M.D.	- - Some cases of diarrhœa and dysentery have arisen, caused by eating of potatoes partly diseased. Fears very much breaking out of fevers, dysentery and diarrhœa in spring and summer, as food is now nearly exhausted, and people have no means of procuring it.
MEATH -	Slane Dispensary - - Thos. M'Gusty.	- - Fever and dysentery more prevalent; may be attributed to use of unsound food. Average number of patients increased one-fourth. Suggests giving of employment.
	Skreen Dispensary - - H. B. Webb.	- - Number of patients nearly same as last year, but dysentery, with low typhus fever, has appeared, produced by unsoundness of potato crop. Apprehends breaking out of disease. Present wages too low to support people.

LEINSTER—*continued.*

COUNTY.	FEVER HOSPITAL, GAOL, &c.	NATURE OF REPORT.
MEATH— <i>continued.</i>	Navan Fever Hospital - A. Hudson, M.D.	-- Diarrhœa and dysentery are more frequent than usual; may be attributed to unsoundness or insufficiency of food; average number of patients not increased. Suggests providing food, fuel, bedding, &c. District immediately around Navan.
	Castletown and Wilkins- town Dispensary. C. Hamerton.	-- Dysentery affections and diarrhœa are more prevalent than in former years; attributable to unwholesomeness and insufficiency of food. In January 1845, number of cases, 18; in January 1846, 63. Suggests giving employment and wholesome food. District embraces five miles.
WEXFORD	Fethard Dispensary - R. Biggs, M.D.	-- Has serious fears that disease will break out with much severity, from scarceness of food. Suggests the building of a fever hospital, which is much required, he having three cases of fever lying in one bed.
	Oulart Fever Hospital - R. Harvey, Surgeon.	-- Irish cholera now prevalent; attributable to unsoundness of food. Fears further spread of disease, from bad state of potatoes. Suggests giving employment.
	Clonroche Dispensary - R. H. Courtenay, Surgeon.	-- Cutaneous disease increased by one hundred of that of last year; attributable to insufficiency of food, and its bad quality. Fears epidemic breaking out. Suggests proper attention to cleanliness.
QUEEN'S	Mount Mellick Dispensary H. Croley, M.D., F. R. C. S. I.	-- A bad fever now prevalent; not attributable to nature of food. Much of bowel complaints now prevailing, owing to bad potatoes. Apprehends, very seriously, an extensive spread of fever. Suggests supplying people with wholesome food.
	Mount Rath Dispensary -	-- In district in which potatoes are much diseased, diarrhœa, diseased stomachs and great prostration of strength prevail. Fears further spread, if means be not taken to supply sound food and enforce cleanliness.
	Fever Hospital - - H. C. Smith, Surgeon.	-- Typhus fever of a malignant character alarmingly prevalent; not altogether attributable to unsoundness of food; owing, in some degree, to scarcity of food. Suggests providing good and sufficient food, and strict attention to cleanliness. Considers present an unhealthy season.
	Clonaslee Dispensary - G. H. Allowy.	-- Fever attended with diarrhœa more prevalent this year than usual; attributed to use of diseased potatoes.
	Maryboro' County Infirmary, Gaol of Maryboro' Fever Hospital, Abbey-leix and Maryboro' Durrow Dispensary. J. W. Swan, M.D.	-- Derangement of stomach and bowels attend each case of fever; attributable to unsoundness of food. A good number unemployed. Unless employment and a supply of good food be secured, famine, with its attendant disease, is to be feared.
	Castletown-Delvin Dispensary. J. W. Williams, M.D.	-- Some cases of diarrhœa have lately appeared; attributable to unsoundness of food.
	Rahcen Dispensary - - J. N. Walsh.	-- Disease has broken out already to a very considerable extent. Fears it will be dreadfully aggravated when actual scarcity arrives, unless wholesome food be provided, instead of what is now fast failing both in quantity and quality; as also employment to enable it being purchased.
WESTMEATH	Kilbeggan Dispensary - S. Dingan.	-- Average number of patients increased one-sixth since commencement of year; disease of stomach and intestines now prevalent; attributable in many instances to scarcity of food; animals fed on potatoes alone will not fatten. High price of oatmeal has also led to disease. A number of unemployed persons in district. Suggests local employment.
	County Infirmary, Mullingar; Gaol, Mullingar; Fever Hospital, Mullingar; Dispensary of Kinnegad. J. Lightburne.	-- Several cases of bowel complaints; attributable to bad food. A great number of persons unemployed. Apprehends that typhus fever and bowel complaints will be very prevalent. Suggests that employment be given to enable poor to procure food.

LEINSTER—*continued.*

COUNTY.	FEVER HOSPITAL, GAOL, &c.	NATURE OF REPORT.
WESTMEATH— <i>continued.</i>	Collinstown Dispensary - G. M. Davidge, M.D.	-- Number of patients have increased one-sixth. Disease which has appeared is attributable to nature of diet now used by poor. Many persons now unemployed. Apprehends breaking out of disease. Suggests supplying sound food.
WICKLOW	Redcross and Dunganstown Dispensary. A. M. Sherwood.	-- Fever now prevalent: considers diseases attributable to bad potatoes, being used by bakers in their bread; suggests, to stay spread of diseases, adding beds for reception of fever patients to the Dispensary Districts, as fever hospitals at Arklow and Wicklow are not able to contain the cases occurring.
	Blessington Dispensary - G. Robinson, M. D.	-- Apprehends that amongst small farmers there will be much destitution, and consequently disease. They generally inhabit a district at foot of mountains where there is no employment. Suggests that in parishes of Blackditches and Hollywood a committee be formed to give relief by employment, or gratuitously.
	Annamore Dispensary - E. H. Harding, M. D.	-- A good deal of low fever prevalent. Latterly a species of dysentery becoming prevalent, in some instances caused by use of diseased potatoes. Diseases of skin and stomach are much more prevalent; also attributable to kind of food used. Suggests giving such out-door relief as may be suggested by medical attendant.
	Wicklow Fever Hospital and Wicklow Gaol. A. Nolan, M. D.	-- Fever latterly on the increase; may be fairly attributed to unsoundness of food. Many persons in district but casually supplied with employment. Much fears progress of disease. Suggests giving of employment, and such measures as will keep down price of provisions.



## CONNAUGHT.

COUNTY.	RETURN FROM MEDICAL OFFICER.	NATURE OF REPORT.
<b>GALWAY:</b>		
February 23, 1846	Annadown Dispensary - E. Donnellean, M. D.	-- States that diarrhœa and fever are on the increase, which he attributes to unsoundness of potatoes. Number of patients increased (about fifty a week); a great number of labourers unemployed. Fears that disease will increase.
February 16, 1846	Clifden Dispensary - W. H. Salfield, Esq., M. D.	-- States that when only partial want prevailed in 1842, fever and dysentery were prevalent, and caused many deaths, and the evil was increased by the want of a fever hospital.
February 19, 1846	Monevia Dispensary - D. French, Esq.	-- States that Monevia Dispensary is the only one in the barony of Tiaquirn, and that he attends on the property of subscribers when called on, although nine miles from the institution.
February 19, 1846	Donamore Dispensary - C. Dwyer, Esq., M. D.	-- States that he has had a great many cases of diarrhœa latterly, which he attributes to the use of diseased potatoes.
February 18, 1846	Ardahan Dispensary - M. D. Nolan, Esq., M. D.	-- States that bowel complaints have for the last four months been very prevalent, and attributes it to unsoundness of potatoes. Apprehends great scarcity in May next, followed by fever, which is at present on the increase. A fever hospital greatly wanted in district.
February 20, 1846	Ballinasloe Dispensary - T. Harrison, M.D.	-- States that fever has been more prevalent within last three months than in former years. Bowel complaints have lately appeared, which he attributes to the use of unsound potatoes.
February 17, 1846	Miltown Dispensary - Jas. Blake, Esq.	-- States that bowel complaints are more prevalent, which he cannot account for otherwise than from the unsoundness or insufficiency of food. All the population unemployed.
February 17, 1846	Loughrea Dispensary - H. Clovan, M.D.	-- States that between 1st January and 17th February 1846 there was an increase of 308 patients in the Dispensary, compared with corresponding period of 1845, which he attributes to heavy rains, want of food, and bad clothing. Suggests the erection of a general hospital to be attached to the dispensary.
February 17, 1846	Glenamadda and Williamstown Dispensary. W. E. Donnellan, Esq.	-- States that dyspepsia complaints are far more numerous than usual, and attributes this increase to the bad food. Number of patients increased. Nearly all the labourers unemployed. Apprehends scarcity of food, followed by fever. No fever hospital nearer to district than Galway, 28 miles distant.
February 22, 1846	Killian Dispensary - J. T. Butler, Esq.	-- States that there is a slight increase of bowel complaints, which appear to be attributed to the use of unsound potatoes. Many of the population unemployed. Apprehends the breaking out of the disease as the food gets scarce, which is now commencing.
<b>LEITRIM:</b>		
February 22, 1846	Carrick-on-Shannon (Gaol) T. Backhouse, Esq.	-- States that fever has manifested itself rather in a greater rate than usual since November last, which he attributes to unsound and scanty supply of food. A great many labourers unemployed. Apprehends the breaking out of disease.
<b>MAYO:</b>		
February 25, 1846	Castlebar Dispensary - G. Acton, Esq., M.D.	-- States that typhus fever of a low character is beginning to manifest itself more generally than in former years. Apprehends serious consequences, and a vast increase of disease in summer and autumn, in consequence of unsoundness and insufficiency of food.
February 22, 1846	Ballagh Dispensary - A. Dillon, Esq.	-- States that dysentery and chronic diseases can only be attributed to unsound potatoes. Apprehends that dysenteric affections will prevail to a considerable extent.
February 20, 1846	Islandeady Dispensary - P. Romaine, Esq., M.D.	-- Suggests the formation of district fever hospitals in connexion with union workhouses.
February 19, 1846	Crossmoline Dispensary - Jas. McNeil, Esq. M.D.	-- States that fever is much more general than in former years, but differs in its symptoms, mode of attack and termination, and attributes it to bad food. Anticipates a fearful increase of disease. Three-fourths of labourers unemployed.
<b>ROSCOMMON:</b>		
February 22, 1846	Loughlin Dispensary - N. Tucker, Esq., M. D.	-- States that fever is beginning to prevail. Numbers unemployed. Apprehends the breaking out of fever in a short time from scarcity of food. Suggests the establishment of district hospitals, and the giving out of meal.
<b>SLIGO</b> - -	Tubbercorry Dispensary - J. F. Meeking, Esq., M.D.	-- Suggests the erection of a fever hospital to meet the emergency, when it arrives. No fever hospital nearer than Sligo, Boyle or Ballina, which are each 21 miles distant.