

2nd. February, 1914.

A Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon.

The members present were:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- George Hadden, Robert Hanton, Walter Walsh, Joseph Kelly.

Councillors:- John O'Connor, Richard Corish, James McMahon, Joseph Doyle, John Walsh, James Browne, Robert Coffey, Philip Cowman, John Kirwan, William H. McGuire, Frank Carty, Richard Gibson, Nicholas Byrne, Richard Doyle, Michael Browne, Thomas O'Brien.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to ££258. 12. 8 were submitted, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 18 to 38 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of January, 1914, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	£	373.	9.	0
Total sums received to close of last month.		538.	8.	3
	TOTAL	911.	17.	3
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.		-.	-.	-
Payments ordered at this meeting.		258.	12.	8
	TOTAL	258.	12.	8
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)		653.	4.	7

R E C O N C I L E M E N T .

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	911.	17.	3
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	258.	12.	8
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer	653.	4.	7

The following is a copy of a letter which was ordered to be inserted on the minutes.

Wexford, 28th January, 1914

Dear Mr. Browne,

Your kind letter of 27th Instant conveying the vote of condolence with me and my family in our bereavement through the death of my son, Howard C., passed at the General Meeting of the Wexford Corporation duly reached me. I thank you very much and I thank the Corporation very much for this expression of sympathy passed with us in our severe affliction. I have always known the Corporation very sympathetic when any trouble came upon one of their members.

I remain,

Faithfully Yours,

W. A. Browne, Esq.,
Town Clerk.

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A letter No. 340, and dated 29th January, 1914, from the Local Government Board was read. It contained a Sealed Order remitting a Surcharge of £40. 3. 10 which was made at the Audit of the Accounts of the Corporation for year ended 31st March last. The Local Government Board found that the surcharge was lawfully made, but that the circumstances under which the expenditure was incurred in advertising the Wexford Fairs were such as to render the remission equitable. The Board, however, cautioned the Corporation against making any payments of a like illegal nature again. Satisfaction was expressed by the meeting at the great consideration which was shown by the Local Government Board in the matter.

Four tenders received in respect of printing five sets of specifications of the building work to be done in erecting the proposed dwellings for the working classes were opened and read.

They were from the following.

"The People" Office,	who was prepared to do the printing mentioned and	
	supplying 30 copies of each specification for	£ 5. 5. 0
"The Free Press"	to do the same work for	3. 10. 0
John English & Co.	to do the same work for	3. 10. 0
W. Hanrahan	to do the same work for	2. 7. 6

The tender of Mr. Walter Hanrahan was accepted because of its being the lowest, provided he undertook to deliver the work completed in four days.

Attention was called to the necessity which existed for having the numbering of houses in the town done in a systematic way. At present there were many instances where houses were not provided with any numbers, and in others, where houses in streets were not numbered in consecutive order or with any approach to regularity, but the matter was deferred to allow of some scheme being formulated to obviate, as far as legally possible, the mistakes which were constantly arising in the delivery of letters.

The meeting then adjourned to Wednesday, 11th Instant, to examine plans and specifications of the proposed working class dwellings and approve of them if found to answer all requirements.

James Smith
Feb 11/14

11th February, 1914.

An adjourned Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, at half past seven o'clock p. m.

The members present were:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Walter Walsh, Joseph Kelly, George Hadden, Robert Hanton.

Councillors:- Richard Corish, James McMahon, Joseph Doyle, Nicholas Byrne,
Robert Coffey, Richard Doyle, Richard Gibson, James Browne,
John Kirwan, William H. McGuire, Frank Carty.

The minutes of meeting of 2nd. February, 1914 were read and signed.

There were produced for the consideration of the meeting by the Town Surveyor, plans, elevations, and sections together with draft specifications of the work of erecting 44 dwellings proposed to be provided under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts. The meeting went into the consideration of the draft designs, specifications &c., very fully with the result that the following amending orders and resolutions were adopted.

On the question whether Contractors for the work of building the houses should be permitted to sub let any portion of the work contracted for, it was

Ordered:- That a clause be inserted in the specification prohibiting sub letting, and requiring Contractors to undertake to pay wages direct to their Employes and to employ their workmen by the day or by the week.

To ensure that the Contractors will pay the recognized rate of wages prevailing in the District, it was

RESOLVED:- That the penalty of £10 for non-compliance with the condition on this matter be increased to £100.

Objection was taken by members to the providing of storage tanks in connection with the water colsets of the houses, and it was proposed by Alderman Kelly, and seconded by Councillor McGuire, that in order to cheapen the cost of the houses as much as possible, and as storage tanks were not an indispensable adjunct, that no provision be made for erecting them.

This motion was put and was lost on a division, six members being for but eight against it.

As to the four houses for Westgate, a motion proposed by Alderman Kelly, seconded by Alderman Walsh was adopted, viz.

That the designs be amended by adding provision for dormer windows and barge boards, and for enlarging the windows and ornamenting the fronts of the houses.

Regarding the thirteen houses for Hill Street, Alderman Kelly proposed a motion which was seconded by Councillor Corish, viz.

That provision be made for furnishing these houses with sculleries and covered coal houses.

But Alderman Hadden proposed an Amendment which was seconded by Alderman Hanton Viz

That the houses be provided with dormer windows as well as sculleries and covered coal houses.

The amendment was carried as ten members voted for and only six against it.

As to the six three-roomed houses at Windmills Hill, the plans of them were adopted on the motion of Alderman Hanton, seconded by Councillor McGuire, nem con.

As to ten four-roomed houses for Windmills Hill, it was proposed that these should also be provided with dormer windows, but the proposition did not meet with approbation. Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Kelly, the plans of these houses, as well as of eleven five-roomed houses to be built on Newtown Road were adopted.

George Hadden Chm
March 2. 1914

2nd. March, 1914.

A Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon.

The members present were:-

Aldermen:- George Hadden, Walter Walsh, Robert Hanton, Joseph Kelly.

Councillors:- Richard Corish, John Kirwan, Nicholas Byrne, Frank Carty,
William H. McGuire, Richard Doyle, Richard Gibson.

Alderman Hadden was moved to the Chair.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

At this stage the Mayor attended and took the Chair.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to ££909. 3. 11 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 39 to 64 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of February 1914, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	£	653.	4.	7
Total sums received to close of last month.		896.	0.	10
	TOTAL	1549.	5.	5
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.		-.	-.	-
Payments ordered at this meeting.		909.	3.	11
	TOTAL	909.	3.	11
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)		640.	1.	6

R E C O N C I L E M E N T .

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1554.	5.	5
Outstanding Orders	914.	3.	11
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	640.	1.	6

The Mayor made reference to the recent demise of the late Councillor John O'Connor. He said that he found Councillor O'Connor, as an old Colleague, to be straightforward and energetic in advocating the betterment of the housing conditions of the working classes, and the interests of the working classes generally.

He moved that an expression of sympathy be conveyed to the family of the deceased member in their bereavement, and also the meeting, at its rising, be adjourned to Wednesday next as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late member.

Councillor Byrne seconded the motion, and in so doing said he regretted the event that gave rise to the proposing of the motion. Councillor O'Connor was a true-hearted Representative of the workers.

The motion was put and was passed unanimously.

Several of the members present including the Mayor, Councillor Corish, Alderman Hanton, Councillor McGuire, Alderman Hadden, Councillor Byrne, Councillor Carty, Councillor Kirwan, and Alderman Kelly, took occasion to express their deep sorrow at the loss of life which had occurred consieunt on the wreck of the Norwegian Ship "Mexico" on the Keeragh Rocks off the Coast of the County Wexford on Friday, 20th Ultimo. On this occasion most of the crew of the Fethard Lifeboat lost their lives in an endeavour to save the lives of the crew of the ship. It was a peculiarly sad occurrence, seeing that nine of the would-be rescuers were lost, while only one of the ship's crew lost his life. An earnest hope was expressed that the public would subscribe generously to the Fund which had been opened for the maintenance of the families of those whose lives had been sacrificed by responding to the call of duty. The case of the Crew of the Tugboat "Wexford" was brought under notice. Were it not for the assistance which they had given in rescuing the marooned sailors, the diaster might have been more grievous than it turned out, and it was hoped that their services would be recognized to the fullest in a satisfactory way.

A vote of condolence was unanimously passed with the bereaved people of Fethard in the loss they had sustained, and attention was drawn to the praiseworthy action of the Norweigan Parliament in voting 10,000 Crowns towards the Fund, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Carty, it was decided to tender, through the Norweigan Minister in London, to his Government, the profound and respectful thanks of the Council for this practical proof of their sympathy in the terrible loss of life which the disaster involved.

The meeting then adjourned to Wednesday next, 4th Instant at half past seven O'clock

James Smith
Mar 4/14

4th March, 1914.

An adjourned Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half past seven o'clock p. m.

The members present were:-

James Sinnott, esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Walter Walsh, Joseph Kelly.

Councillors:- James McMahon, Nicholas Byrne, Robert Coffey, Philip Cowman,
James Browne, Joseph Doyle, Frank Carty, William H. McGuire,
Richard Doyle, John Kirwan, Michael Browne.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

The Accounts of the Collector of Borough Rate and of Rate in lieu of County Cess were produced. They had been under examination of the Finance Committee. The Committee made the following Recommendation:-

That there be written off as irrecoverable, items of Borough Rate amounting to £37. 11. 9, and items amounting to £66. 3. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ in the case of Rate in lieu of Co. Cess, and the balance of items outstanding, i. e. £3. 3. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ and £4. 4. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ respectively be carried forward as arrears.

The recommendation was adopted.

James Sinnott 4/6/14

25th March, 1914.

A Special meeting of the Council was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at the Town Clerk's Office at half past seven o'clock p. m.

The members present were:-

James Sinnott Esq., mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Walter Walsh, Joseph Kelly, Robert Hanton.

Councillors:- James McMahon, Richard Corish, James Browne, Nicholas Bynre,
Frank Carty, William H. McGuire, Robert Coffey, Philip Cowman,
Richard Doyle, John Kirwan.

Estimates prepared by the Town Clerk of the expenditure necessary to carry on the municipal administration of the Borough in the ensuing year were presented to the meeting and considered. It was seen that after carrying to credit the different items of income accruing from sources other than rates, together with balances in hands of the Treasurer, there remained to be provided by means of the Rates leviable on the District, the following sums, viz.

By a poor Rate..	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	£	1971.	7.	0
By a Borough Rate.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:		933.	14.	1
By a Rate in lieu of County Cess.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:		1732.	14.	3
By Water Rates..	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:		1195.	13.	3

Attached to the Estimate of sums to be raised by a Poor Rate was a recommendation from the Finance Committee under date of 18th Instant, as to the making of the Poor Rate at a Rate of 2/2 in the Pound.

With regard to the Estimate of Expenses to be borne out of the Special Rate called Rate in lieu of County Cess, there was included a sum of £200 in addition to the ordinary items of expenditure. This sum was inserted in the Estimate consequent on reports received of three Committees (a Committee in respect of each Ward) that inspected all the streets of the town and reported on what was considered were very needful improvements to be carried out. These reports dealt principally with the requirements of the streets in the matter of footpaths, water channels, crossings, &c., and to carry them into effect was calculated to involve a substantial increase in the rate. A discussion took place as to whether the sum in question should be struck out of the Estimate, with the result that it was allowed to remain in, but on the express condition that it was to be devoted, as far as it would go, to the improvements recommended by the Committee.

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Hanton, it was RESOLVED:- That the Estimate of Expenses to be provided by means of a Rate in lieu of County Cess be adopted, and that the Poundage of the Rate be fixed at 1/10. With regard to the Estimate of expenditure coming under the headings of Waterworks Fund, Borough Fund, and Poor Rate Account, the three following motions were put and carried viz,

Proposed by Councillor Coffey, seconded by Councillor Carty.

That a Domestic Water Rate of Tenpence, and a Public Water Rate of Eightpence be agreed on with a view to making such Rates within due time.

Proposed by Alderman Kelly, seconded by Councillor McGuire.

That a Poor Rate of 2/2 in the Pound be agreed on with a view to having such Rate formally made on the 15th Proximo.

Proposed by Alderman Hanton, seconded by Councillor Kirwan.

That a Borough Rate of 1/- in the Pound be agreed on with a view to making such Rate in the near future.

The question of appointing a successor to Mr. George W. Taylor as Collector of Water Rate was considered. Mr. Taylor, on closing his Accounts in a most creditable manner for the current year, had resigned his office owing to the demands made on his time by the increase in his business as an Auctioneer. The Waterworks Committee had recommended that the person to be appointed in his stead should be remunerated with a Poundage of Eightpence on all monies collected and lodged, with no allowance for stamps, and that he should furnish a Fidelity Guarantee Bond in a sum of £250. The Committee had been divided in opinion as to the rate of the Poundage, some members being for paying Sixpence only with an allowance for stamps.

Councillor Cowman had proposed that the lower rate should be paid, Alderman Kelly seconding the motion, and Councillor McGuire had proposed that the higher rate should be paid, Councillor Kirwan seconding the motion. The division Councillor McGuire's motion had been carried by a majority of 8 to 3.

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor McGuire, seconded by Councillor Carty it was resolved that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted by the present meeting. It was further arranged that advertisements should be published in the local newspapers inviting applications from competent men for appointment to the vacant office.

On the motion of Councillor McGuire, seconded by Councillor Carty, the following resolution was adopted.

"That we, the members of the Wexford Corporation, desire to place on record our absolute confidence in the action of the Irish Parliamentary Party during the recent crisis in the affairs of our Country, and beg to express the hope, now that the Prime Minister's offer has been met with contumely and insult, that the Home Rule Bill, in its present form, will, at the earliest possible moment, be placed on the Statute Book.

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to our Leader and fellow-townsmen Mr. John E. Redmond, M. P."

Councillor Corish dissented from this resolution because he disapproved of the action of the Parliamentary Party in acquiescing in the Government's offer to allow the Ulster Counties to vote themselves outside the jurisdiction of the proposed Irish Parliament for a period of six years.

James Sinnott Apr 6/14

6th April, 1914.

A Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon.

The members present were:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Robert Hanton, George Hadden, Joseph Kelly, Walter Walsh.

Councillors:- James McMahon, Joseph Doyle, Nicholas Byrne, William H. McGuire, Richard Doyle, Philip Cowman, James Browne, Robert Coffey, Richard Corish, John Walsh, Richard Gibson.

The minutes of meetings of 4th and 25th March, 1914 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £318. 7. 2 were laid before the meeting, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 65 to 84 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day

of March, 1914, including the payments made at the Meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

Balance due by Treasurer, as per last Statement.	£ 640. 1. 6
Total sums received to close of last month.	829. 6. 6
TOTAL	1469. 8. 0
Balance due to Treasurer, as per last Statement.	- . -
Paymnts ordered at this meeting.	318. 7. 2
TOTAL	318. 7. 2
Net Balance due by Treasurer, (being difference of above Totals)	1151. 0. 10.

R E C O N C I L E M E N T .

Balance per Bank Books, due by Treasurer.	1474. 8. 0
Outstanding Orders(including those issued at this meeting)	323. 7. 2
Net Balance, as above, due by Treasurer.	1151. 0. 10

The following is a copy of a letter which was ordered to be inserted on the minutes, and which was received in reply to a letter sent in compliance with a resolution of 2nd. March last.

107 South Main Street, Wexford.

W. A. Browne, Esq.,

4th April, 1914.

Town Clerk, WEXFORD.

Dear Sir, Through you I wish to convey to His Worship, The Mayor, and the other members of the Wexford Corporation our heartfelt thanks for the kind vote of condolence passed by them on the death of my late father. The knowledge that my father possessed the friendship of the various members of the Wexford Corporation will help us somewhat to bear the loss we have so grievously suffered by his death and we shall always treasure the memory of the sympathy extended to us by the members of the Wexford Corporation with gratitude. I wish I were better able to express the appreciation of myself and the other members of the family in terms suitable to the feelings which your kind sympathy has evoked in the heart of myself and brothers.

Again tendering my thanks, I remain, dear Sir, Yours faithfully

John O'Connor.

A letter was read from the Superintending Engineer of Post Office Telegraphs, Ireland, containing request that the consent of the Wexford Corporation should be given to the erection and maintenance of one telegraph pole with the necessary wires, and one stay, proposed to be erected in Ram Street, Wexford. Enclosed in the communication was a plan of the site on which the pole was to be erected. A Committee of two members of St. Selskar Ward, namely, Alderman Hadden and Councillor Carty, was appointed to visit Ram Street and decide if any conditions were to be attached to the consent required.

A communication from the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, was read under date of 18th March, 1914, containing a copy of the Fabrics (Misdiscription) Act, 1913, and regulations made thereunder by the Lord Lieutenant,

and intimated that the duty of enforcing the provisions of the Act was placed on the Borough Council, but in the opinion of the Lord Lieutenant, it was not necessary for an Officer to be specially appointed for the purpose, as the carrying out of the Act might be entrusted to the existing Sanitary Inspectors or other Officer in the service of the Council.

This matter was referred to the Finance and Works Committee to be dealt with by them as they saw fit.

A circular was read from the Local Government Board No.9848, under date of 25th March 1914, drawing attention to the provisions of Section 7 of the Trade Boards Act, 1909. It showed that a Trade Board had been established under the Act for certain branches of the tailoring trade in Ireland, and that this Trade Board had given notice fixing the minimum rates for male and female workers, respectively, in those branches of the ready-made and wholesale bespoke tailoring trade in Ireland in which was carried on the making of garments to be worn by male persons. These rates came into force on the 2nd. February last, and though they had not yet been made universally obligatory by Order of the Board of Trade, Section 7 of the Act of 1909 required that a local authority should not give a contract for such work to any person who had not given notice to the Trade Board that he was willing that the rate fixed by the Trade Board should be obligatory on him.

The contents of this circular were noted, but it was seen that it did not affect Wexford at the present time.

A circular letter dated 11th March 1914, No49.M. from the Local Government Board was read. It intimated that the Board had had under consideration the final report of the Vice Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the milk supply of Ireland, and were pleased to observe the conclusions come to by the Commission on the enforcement of the Dairies &c. Order of 1908. It appeared that since the issue of the Order, the standard of cleanliness in cowsheds had been raised, that the provisions of the Order did not injure a person in the Dairy business, but, on the contrary, were beneficial to the trade. The Board observed that a most frequent ground of complaint arose from the accumulation of manure in close proximity to cowsheds, badly constructed floors, defective drainage, dirty and ill-kept walls, want of cleanliness in those employed in milking, and want of attention to the grooming of dairy cattle. The Board requested that the attention of Veterinary Inspectors should be drawn to Article 4 of the Sanitary (Veterinary Inspectors) Order 1909, and that they be instructed to make frequent inspections and make full reports where they found that the terms of the Dairies &c. Order were not being complied with.

This matter was also referred to the Public Health Committee to be dealt with as they saw fit.

A letter purporting to come from a Conference of Dublin Nationalists held on 22nd. March last at 6 Harcourt Street, was read. This Conference proposed to hold a Convention with the object of a protest being made against the offer made by the Government to exclude, for a time, from the operation of the proposed Government of

Ireland Act such of the Counties of Ulster as elected to be excluded from the provisions of the Act.

This letter was marked "read".

The necessity for taking steps, in good time, to obtain adequate supplies of road material in the current financial year, was brought under consideration. It was thought that it might be possible to obviate the difficulty always experienced in the matter of procuring a sufficiency of broken stones by advertising for an unusually large quantity, and consequently an order was made to invite tenders in respect of supplying 2,000 tons, to be delivered according to sample.

With regard to the scheme of dwellings proposed to be erected under the Housing Acts, a Form of Application for sanction of a Loan of £10,000 duly completed, to accompany the plans &c of the buildings to the Local Government Board was read and approved of, and was ordered to be authenticated by the signature of the Mayor and Town Clerk.

The Waterworks Committee reported on the Water Rate Account. Of the outstanding items of Rate the sum of £59. 9. 7 was found to be irrecoverable, and the remainder, £1. 11. 6³/₄ to be carried forward as Collectible.

The Report was adopted.

James Sinnott
Apr 15/14

15th April, 1914.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's Requisition) at the Town Clerk's Office at half past seven o'clock p. m.

The members present were:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Joseph Kelly, Robert Hanton.

Councillors:- James McMahon, Richard Corish, Nicholas Bynre, James Browne,
John Walsh, Richard Doyle, Joseph Doyle, William H. McGuire,
Robert Coffey, Richard Gibson, Thomas O'Brien, Michael Browne,
Philip Cowman, John Kirwan.

The minutes of meeting of 6th April Instant were read and signed.

The making of Rates was proceeded with, whereupon the four following Resolutions were unanimously adopted, and thereupon the different Rates referred to in the Resolutions were made, and the Books containing them duly sealed and signed.

Proposed by Councillor McGuire,

Seconded by Councillor Joseph Doyle.

RESOLVED:- That a Borough Rate of One Shilling in the Pound be made on the net assessable value of property within the Borough of Wexford to supply the deficiencies in the Borough Fund, as shown in an Estimate of Expenses required to permit of the Municipal Administration of said Borough being carried out, as considered and adopted on 25th March, 1914.

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Proposed by Councillor Corish,

Seconded by Alderman Kelly.

RESOLVED:- That an Assessment of One Shilling and Tenpence in the Pound on the net assessable value of property within the town of Wexford be laid on pursuant to the Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Order (Wexford) Confirmation Act, 1873, and Acts incorporated with and amending the same, as per an Estimate duly considered and adopted on the 25th march, 1914.

Proposed by Alderman Hanton,

Seconded by Councillor Coffey.

RESOLVED:- That an assessment of One Shilling and Sixpence in the Pound, viz. a Domestic Rate of Tenpence and a Public Rate of Eightpence on the rateable value of property within the town of Wexford be laid on pursuant to the Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Dalkey &c) Confirmation Act, 1876, and Acts incorporated with and amending the same, as per Estimate duly considered and adopted on the 25th March, 1914.

Proposed by Councillor Byrne,

Seconded by Councillor McMahon.

RESOLVED:- That a Poor Rate of Two Shillings and Twopence in the Pound be made on the assessable value of property within the Urban District of Wexford, as per an Estimate of Expenses to be raised by a Poor Rate on said Urban District considered and adopted on the 25th March, 1914.

With reference to minutes of 25th Ultimo, on which occasion arrangements were made preliminary to the appointment of a Water Rate Collector in room of Mr. Taylor, resigned; in response to advertisements inviting applications for the vacant office, three applications received were submitted to the meeting.

These were from Messrs James Doyle, Lambstown, Killurin, Co. Wexford, Walter Walsh, Faythe Wexford, and Thomas Parle of 3, School Street, Wexford.

His Worship, The Mayor, proposed the appointment of Mr. Parle, and the motion was seconded by Councillor Byrne.

Alderman Kelly proposed the appointment of Mr. Walsh, and the motion was seconded by Councillor Corish.

The third applicant was not proposed.

A difference of opinion appearing on the question, a poll was taken whereupon there voted

For Thomas Parle:- Councillors Kirwan, Cowman, M. Browne, Gibson, Coffey, McGuire,
J. Doyle, J. Browne, Byrne, McMahon, The Mayor. 11

For Walter Walsh:- Councillors O'Brien, R. Doyle, J. Walsh, Corish, Aldermen
Hanton and Kelly. 6

Accordingly Mr. Parle secured the appointment.

4th May, 1914.

A Quarterly meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon.

The members present were:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Robert Hanton, Joseph Kelly.

Councillors:- James McMahon, Nicholas Byrne, Frank Carty, Richard Corish, John Walsh, John Kirwan, Richard Doyle, William H. McGuire, Robert Coffey.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1293. 11. 11 were submitted and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 85 to 117 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of April, 1914, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	£ 1151. 0. 10
Total sums received to close of last month.	75. 11. 7
TOTAL	1226. 12. 5
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- . -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	1293. 11. 11
TOTAL	1293. 11. 11
Net Balance due to Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	66. 19. 6

R E C O N C I L E M E N T .

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	1245. 17. 5
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	1312. 16. 11
Net Balance as above due to Treasurer.	66. 19. 6

With regard to the designs of dwellings proposed to be erected under the Housing Acts, the Town Surveyor stated that at the request of Mr. Deane of the Architect's Department of the Local Government Board, he (the Town Surveyor) had had an interview with Mr. Deane in Dublin, and the latter gentleman had suggested that the provision made for furnishing some of the houses with dormer windows should be deleted from the Scheme, as the expense of providing them was not attended with commensurate advantage. There were other minor modifications suggested, but this was the principal one.

The matter was fully deliberated on, and the result was that a motion proposed by Councillor Corish, seconded by Councillor Carty was unanimously adopted, viz. That as per notice duly given to members of intention to propose the rescinding of resolution included in the minutes of 11th February last, such resolution be and is hereby rescinded in so far as it affects the provision of dormer windows for any of the proposed dwellings except the four dwellings for Westgate.

There was read from the County Surveyor an application for permission to connect the drains from the Sanatorium proposed to be erected at the Windmills Hill with the sewerage system of the town, and also for permission to lay on a supply of water to the Sanatorium from the water system of the town on terms to be agreed upon.

This was a matter which it was thought well should be first dealt with by the Public Health and Waterworks Committees, and it was referred to these Committees to report thereon.

Tenders received in respect of supplying quantities of stones to be broken for road metalling were submitted. They were from the following.

1. William Sullivan of Trinity Place, Wexford, who offered to supply 800 tons at $2/8$ per ton.
2. James Wadding of Maudlintown, Wexford, who offered to supply 400 tons at $2/9$ per ton.
3. Thomas Kehoe of Wexford, who offered to supply 300 tons at $2/8$ per ton.
4. Walter Doyle of Whiterock, Wexford, who offered to supply 200 tons at $2/9$ per ton.

Accompanying the tenders was a sample of the stone proposed to be supplied in each case. The samples were examined and were all found to be of suitable quality, but the two higher-priced ones were a degree of hardness more than the others, and so on the motion of Councillor Corish seconded by Alderman Kelly the four tenders were accepted.

In connection with this matter there was also submitted a letter from the Balleece Quarry Company, Rathdrum, containing an offer to supply the 2000 tons required in the current year at the rate of $3/6$ per ton, in addition to whatever the cost of the carriage of the material from Balleece would be delivered in Wexford, but these stones would be broken ready to spread on the streets, and it was decided that inquiries be made to ascertain what the full cost of the material would be.

One tender was received in respect of supplying two row boats for use at the Bathing Place and Coolree Reservoir. This was from Mr. Aiden Redmond of Henrietta Street, Wexford. Mr. Redmond proposed to supply the boats according to specification in consideration of being paid a sum of £9. 15. 0.

The tender was accepted.

A letter from the Town Clerk, Dublin was read intimating that the Dublin Corporation were about to take steps to effect a fitting Celebration of the 900 th Anniversary of the historic Battle of Clontarf, and that in furtherance of the object a meeting would be held in the Mansion House, Dublin, on the 26th Instant. The Town Clerk invited the Wexford Municipal Council to appoint representatives to attend this meeting and assist in making the preliminary arrangements for the due celebration of the event.

The meeting expressed acquiescence with the object in view, but deferred appointing Delegates until the time arrived to appoint Representatives from Wexford to join in the Celebration.

A report from Mr. N. Belger, Inspector under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, was read.

He had visited the Theatre Royal on the 9th April last. The whole place, including the Cinematograph appliances, conformed to the Regulations under the Act except in three particulars. Neither the Gallery nor Pit was provided with fire extinguisher. Only one bucket of water instead of two was kept in the Cinematograph enclosure, and the necessary blanket was dry instead of being damp.

It was ordered that Mr. McEwan, the Lessee of the Theatre, be written to and called upon to have the requirements of the Inspector supplied at once, and also draw his attention to the fact that the term of his yearly Licence had expired on the 4th April last.

Attention was called to the necessity for making improvements on the surface of the lane leading from the Faythe to the Folly. This lane was a much-used thoroughfare, and because of its being on a steep incline it was subject, in rainy weather, to being flooded by the surface water from the Faythe. Alderman Kelly, who brought the matter under notice, suggested that a brick footpath should be laid down on a level with the roadway along by Mr. Wickham's premises, and a Committee consisting of the following, namely, Councillors Carty, McGuire, and Corish, was appointed to inspect the lane.

Arising out of the last mentioned subject, it was suggested that steps should be taken to improve the locality by way of widening it, and it was mentioned that it might be possible to acquire a yard which formed part of the frontage and let it in with the street, and it was arranged that a Committee of members of the three Wards of the Town which inspected the whole town on a recent occasion should meet together on 13th Instant, and take this question, along with other foreshadowed improvements, into consideration.

James Sinnott
June 3/14

3rd. June, 1914.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's Requisition) at the Town Clerk's Office at half past seven O'clock p. m.

The Members present were:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Joseph Kelly, George Hadden, Robert Hanton.

Councillors:- James Browne, John Kirwan, Philip Cowman, Frank Carty,
Nicholas Byrne, James McMahon, Richard Corish, Joseph Doyle,
Robert Coffey, Richard Doyle, Richard Gibson, Michael Browne,
William H. McGuire, John Walsh, Thomas O'Brien.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to ££35. 0. 8 were submitted, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 118 to 145 inclusive.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of May, 1914, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

SUMMARY.

Balance due by Treasurer as per last statement.	- . -
Total sums received to close of last month.	1014. 12. 9
	TOTAL 1014. 12. 9
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	66. 19. 6
Payments ordered at this meeting.	835. 0. 8
	TOTAL 902. 0. 2
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	112. 12. 7

RECONCILEMENT.

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	957. 3. 3
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this Meeting)	844. 10. 8
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	112. 12. 7

A matter which at meeting on 4th May Ultimo was referred to the Public Health and Waterworks Committees to report thereon, namely, an application from the County Surveyor for permission to drain the proposed Tuberculosis Sanatorium into the system of sewerage of the town, and also for permission to take the supply of water to the Sanatorium from the water supply of the town, was brought under consideration. The Waterworks Committee reported that they were in favour of granting the supply of water, but that it be charged for at the rate of Two Shillings per 1,000 gallons consumed, and on condition that a written agreement be entered into as to cutting off the supply &c. as the Waterworks Committee might determine. The recommendation was adopted unanimously. As to the request for liberty to drain into the town sewers, the following from the Public Health Committee was submitted.

"That this Committee recommend the Council to state, in reply to the County Surveyor's letter, that at present they (the Council) cannot see their way to grant the request pending a full consideration of the question."

On this recommendation being considered, Councillor McGuire proposed that the request be granted, but only on condition that the drainage from the Sanatorium be conveyed into a sewer recently constructed by the Council on the lands at the rear of the Loretto Convent.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Cowman. However, Alderman Hanton proposed as an amendment that the recommendation of the Public Health Committee be adopted.

This amendment was seconded by Councillor Carty, and on being put to the meeting was lost, six members voting for and seven against it.

Councillor Corish proposed a direct negative to the motion, namely that the request of the County Surveyor be refused.

This proposition was seconded by Councillor Byrne, and on its being put to the

meeting, only five members voted for, while eleven voted against it.

The proposition was declared lost.

Thereupon the motion proposed by Councillor McGuire was put and carried, the voting being eleven for and six against.

With reference to minutes of 4th May Ultimo, a further communication elicited from the Ballece Quarry, Rathdrum, was read. According to this, the Ballece Company were unable to reduce the price of the broken stones they were desirous to supply below 3/6 per ton. To this was to be added a sum of 2/7 per ton to be charged by the Railway Company for carriage, bringing the price up to 6/1 a ton for the stones delivered in Wexford. This letter had been under the consideration of the Finance and Works Committee, and the Committee had endeavoured to obtain a reduction in the cost of the carriage, but without success. A sample of the Ballece stone was produced, as were also samples of broken stones from the Parnell Quarries at Arklow. The samples were all deemed to be of superior quality, but it was decided, before making a purchase, to obtain quotations from the Arklow Quarries.

The question of appointing Mr. N. Bolger as Assistant Town Clerk was considered.

He had been doing the duty of an Assistant to the Town Clerk for over 18 years, and along with being most efficient, was always actuated by a desire to forward and safeguard the interests of the Council in every way. At present he had no legal standing as an Official, and as the business of the Town Clerk's Office had

increased by 25% within the last ten years, it was recognized by everyone that the time had arrived when his position should be assured. Before asking the Council to deal with the matter, the Finance and Works Committee, on 17th February last, had appointed a sub-Committee to investigate it. This sub-Committee consisted of The Mayor, Alderman Kelly, and Councillors Corish, McGuire, Cowman, Gibson, and Carty. These members had since met on several occasions, and had elicited particulars, through the agency of the Mayor, as to the salaries paid and duties discharged by Civic Officials in ten towns in Ireland of an approximate size, population, and valuation to the town of Wexford. The result of the labours of the sub-Committee was that they unanimously recommended that Mr. Bolger should be appointed as Assistant Town Clerk at a salary of £70. a year.

Thereupon on the motion of Alderman Kelly, seconded by Councillor McMahon, it was Unanimously Resolved:- That Mr. Nicholas Bolger be and is hereby appointed Assistant Town Clerk of the Borough of Wexford at a salary of £70 per annum, subject to the provisions of Sections 93 and 94 of the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840. A circular from the Executive Committee of the Civic Exhibition proposed to be held in Dublin from 15th July to 31st August next, was submitted. The object of the Exhibition was to illustrate the methods of dealing with the main problems which concerned Municipal life, such as the housing of the people, public health and prevention of disease, and generally advancing civic progress. The Executive Committee requested the co-operation of the Council in securing the success of the Exhibition, by, for

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were represented various important Organizations, and it was the intention to invite

the help of all Organizations and Associations throughout Ireland likely to take an interest in the Exhibition:

Good will for the success of the Exhibition was expressed by the meeting, and the following were appointed a Committee to deal with the matter, viz., The Mayor; Aldermen Hadden and Kelly, and Councillors Carty, McGuire, and Corish.

A letter from Alderman Walter Walsh was submitted, wherein he tendered his resignation as Alderman for St. Mary's Ward. Alderman Walsh had found that he could not attend the meetings of the Council as often as he should like to do. He took occasion to express his thanks to his Colleagues on the Council, and to the Town Clerk for the courtesy and kindness he received at their hands during the period he had acted as a member of the Council.

In this case it was pointed out that Mr. Walsh had omitted to pay the fine of Ten Pounds to which he was liable on resigning Office, but nevertheless, the Meeting decided to accept the resignation, as Alderman Kelly stated, in behalf of Mr. Walsh, that if the acceptance of the resignation would be shown to be contingent on the payment of Ten Pounds, that sum would be paid into the Borough Fund.

A letter from Mr. M. J. O'Connor, senior, was read intimating that in consequence of failing health he tendered his resignation as Collector of the Corporation rents. He said he was prepared to close his accounts to 30th June Instant, and he thanked the Mayor and Members of the Council for the many acts of kindness they had done for him during his long period of service. He also expressed his thanks to the Town Clerk.

Thereupon on the motion of Alderman Kelly seconded by Councillor McGuire, the resignation was accepted, but members present took occasion to express their profound sorrow at the loss of the services of an old and esteemed officer. Mr. O'Connor had been acting as Collector of Rents for over 35 years.

6th July, 1914.

A Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon. The members present were:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- George Hadden, Joseph Kelly, Robert Hanton.

Councillors:- Robert Coffey, John Walsh, Nicholas Byrne, James McMahon, John Kirwan, William H. McGuire, Richard Corish, Frank Carty, Philip Cowman, Joseph Doyle, Richard Doyle, Michael Browne, Thomas O'Brien, James Browne.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £318.26: 5 were approved, and were approved, and

an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 147 to 168 inclusive. Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of June, 1914, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement. £ 112. 12. 7

Total sums received to close of last month. 642. 13. 8

TOTAL 755. 6. 3

Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement. 112. 12. 7

Payments made at this meeting. 318. 6. 5

TOTAL 318. 6. 5

Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals) 436. 19. 10

R E C O N C I L E M E N T .

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer. 755. 6. 3

Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting) 318. 6. 5

Net Balance as above due by Treasurer 436. 19. 10

On the opening of the meeting the Mayor availed of the opportunity to pay a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Michael J. O'Connor, who had been for many years Collector of Corporation Rents, a position which he had recently resigned. Mr. O'Connor had been a highly esteemed citizen of the town of Wexford, and it was befitting that the present meeting should mark its sense of the loss of a worthy member of the Community. He proposed that an expression of condolence be conveyed to Mr. M. J. O'Connor, Solicitor, on the sad event.

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The Finance and Works Committee having made arrangements preliminary to the appointment of a Collector of Rents, there were three applications for appointment to the vacant Post submitted. The Committee had decided, on the point of remuneration, that the incoming Collector should be paid by way of Commission at a Poundage of five per cent on all rents collected and lodged, and as regards security that this should be furnished in the sum of £100 by means of a Fidelity Guarantee Bond from an approved Company, and that advertisements inviting applications to the office were to be inserted in the local newspapers.

The applications above mentioned were from the following.

Nicholas Furlong of Selskar Street, Wexford, J. J. Scallan, of Mulgannon, Wexford, and Walter Walsh of Faythe, Wexford.

Thereupon Councillor Coffey proposed that Mr. Walter Walsh be appointed as Collector of Rents in accordance with the terms laid down by the Finance and Works Committee.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Corish.

Councillor Cowman proposed that Mr. J. J. Scallan be appointed to the Office mentioned on the conditions specified.

The motion was seconded by Councillor McMahon.

Councillor McGuire proposed the appointment of Mr. Nicholas Furlong, and this motion was seconded by Councillor Joseph Doyle.

To ascertain the views of the meeting on the merits of the applicants, it was found necessary to take a Poll.

The result of the Poll was that fourteen members voted for the appointment of Mr. Walsh. They were as follows:- Councillors James Browne, O'Brien, Richard Doyle, Joseph Doyle, Carty, Corish, McGuire, Kirwan, Byrne, Walsh, Coffey, Aldermen Kelly, Hadden, and the Mayor.

Four voted for the appointment of Mr. Scallan.

They were Councillors Michael Browne, Cowman, McMahon, and Alderman Hanton.

No member voted for Mr. Furlong.

Accordingly Mr. Walsh secured the appointment, and thereupon thanked the meeting for the favour done him.

The case of Mr. W. R. Hamilton was brought under notice at the instance of the Waterworks Committee. Mr. Hamilton was registered under the Waterworks Regulations as a Master Plumber, but on a recent occasion when he had obtained an order to do plumbing work in connection with a supply of water to the house of one John Coles in Barrack Street, he had done the work in the person of a Robert Beale. This last named man was not a registered journeyman plumber, the Committee having refused to register him because he was not a qualified plumber. The Committee had recommended that Mr. Hamilton's name should be struck off the list of Authorized Waterworks Plumbers, and that the water supply should be cut off from the house in Barrack Street, this being the penalty for a breach of the Waterworks Act and Regulations under the circumstances.

The present meeting considered that Rule 14 of the Waterworks Regulations, as at present framed, was not sufficiently precise to enable the suggested action to be taken, and adjourned the matter pending the receipt of legal advice.

As per order made at last meeting, quotations in respect of supplies of broken stones from the Parnell Quarries, Arklow, were submitted. The prices did not compare favourably with the prices from the Ballee Quarries, but the question of placing an order for 500 tons of material was deferred until September next, as it was expected that in the near future machinery would be installed in a local quarry by means of which a sufficiency of road metalling would always be available.

A letter was submitted from Her Excellency, The Countess of Aberdeen, stating that the opening, in Dublin, of the Civic Exhibition had been fixed for Wednesday, July 15th, and it was desirable that the inauguration of the Exhibition should be marked with as much Municipal Ceremony as possible. She, as Chairman of the Executive Committee, invited the Mayor and members of the Corporation to be present at the opening Ceremony. She said it was proposed also to have an official procession of the chief representatives of Municipal Bodies of Ireland through the City, as it was felt that an official procession would explain to the public, as nothing else would do, the significance of the Exhibition, and help to indicate its real aims and objects. She also intimated that Mr. Finlay Henderson, the Hon. Secretary of the Association of Municipal Authorities, would take personal charge of any Exhibits sent in by Municipal Authorities.

On the motion of Alderman Hadden seconded by Councillor Carty, it was resolved to send as Exhibits the three ancient Maces of the Municipality, provided they were insured in a sum of £500; to furnish copies of two ancient Charters and plans and enlarged photographs of municipal undertakings carried out in the town within the last thirty years.

It was decided to leave the making of arrangements for the town to be represented officially at the inauguration of the Exhibition to a Committee meeting on Wednesday evening next.

A communication from Mr. R. Finlay Heron, containing an invitation to the Council to send two Delegates to a Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland to be held at the City Hall, Dublin, on 14th and 15th July Instant, was submitted, and the Mayor and Alderman Hadden were asked to act as Delegates, and consenting to do so were appointed as such.

James Sinnott
Aug 5/14

5th August, 1914.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Council of the Borough was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at 7. 30 p. m.

The members present were:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- George Hadden, Richard Corish, Joseph Kelly.

Councillors:- Joseph Doyle, John Kirwan, Robert Coffey, James McMahon, Frank Carty,

William H. McGuire, Nicholas Byrne, James Browne, Michael Browne,

Thomas O'Brien.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

The Mayor referred to a sad event which had taken place since the date of the last meeting of the Council, namely, the death, on the 13th Ultimo, of the late Alderman Benjamin Hughes. Mr. Hughes' personality had been a notable one in the history of the town of Wexford for the last seventy or more years, as he had always intimately identified himself with the public affairs of the town and county of Wexford. For the greater portion of his long lifetime of ninety years he took an ardent interest in the civic and general welfare of the town. He not only devoted his time but also his purse to the furtherance of any endeavour to advance the public weal.

His Worship proposed that out of respect for his memory the meeting should stand adjourned to Friday, 7th Instant, and also that an expression of condolence should be conveyed to his relatives in their bereavement.

The members present simultaneously arose to their feet and adopted the Mayor's proposition unanimously.

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and three lives were lost owing to the unwarranted behaviour of a Detachment King's Own Scottish Borderers in firing on the populace on that day, subsequent abortive attempt on the part of the Authorities to seize a cargo of rifles and ammunition surreptitiously imported into Howth by a Corps of the Irish National Volunteers.

Aldermen:- Richard Corish, Robert Hatton.

Councillors:- William H. McGuire, John Kirwan, Richard Doyle, Frank Carty,

James McMahon.

Liabilities which had accrued up to the last day of the preceding month were submitted. They amounted to ££748.11.7.- 2 and having been examined and found to be correct were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them.

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Notice of Result of Election

BOROUGH of WEXFORD.

ELECTION OF ALDERMAN

FOR THE

ST. MARY'S WARD in the year 1914.

above Election, do hereby give notice that the Candidate at the Election whose name is entered in Column 5 of the statement hereunder opposite to the numbers entered in Column 4 has been declared duly elected Alderman for St. Mary's Ward.

NAMES OF CANDIDATES.		Places of Abode.	Number of Votes Recorded.	Name of Candidate Elected.
Surname.	Other Names.			
1	2	3	4	5
Coffey,	Robert	South Main Street	312	RICHARD CORISH
Corish,	Richard	35 William Street	537	

Dated this 14th day of July, 1914.

WM. A. BROWNE,
Returning Officer.

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The motion was seconded by Councillor Coffey and adopted unanimously.

Robert Hanton
7 Sep 14

7th August, 1914.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half past seven o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing a Harbour Commissioner.

The members present were:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Richard Corish, Robert Hanton.

Councillors:- William H. McGuire, John Kirwan, Richard Doyle, James McMahon, Frank Carty.

The Secretary of the Harbour Board notified that only one member of the Council, namely, Councillor Nicholas Byrne, had been nominated as required previous to the meeting being held, and thereupon on the motion of His Worship, The Mayor, seconded by Alderman Hanton, it was unanimously

RESOLVED:- That Councillor Nicholas Byrne be and is hereby elected a Harbour Commissioner to represent the Corporation for one year from this day.

Robert Hanton
7 Sep 14

7th August, 1914.

An adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half past seven o'clock p. m.

The members present were;-

James Sinnott, Esq Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Richard Corish, Robert Hanton.

Councillors:- William H. McGuire, John Kirwan, Richard Doyle, Frank Carty, James McMahon.

Liabilities which had accrued up to the last day of the preceding month were submitted. They amounted to ££748.11 7.- 2 and having been examined and found correct were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of July, 1914 including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

SUMMARY.

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	436. 19. 10
Total sums received to close of last month.	774. 4. 4
TOTAL	1211. 4. 2
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- . -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	748. 7. 2
TOTAL	748. 7. 2
Net Balance due by Treasurer	462. 17. 0

RECONCILEMENT.

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1233. 11. 9
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	770. 14. 9
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	462. 17. 0

A letter dated 16th July, 1914, No. 36,959, from the Local Government Board was read. The Board pointed out, in reference to minutes of proceedings of Council on 1st. July 1914, that in view of the Council's acceptance of the principle of the notification of Tuberculosis it would be well that steps should be taken towards the adoption of Part I of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act, 1908. There was also read a letter from the Wexford County Council urging the Wexford Urban District to adopt Part I of the Act. The Act in question, as well as the Tuberculosis (Conditions of Notification) Order, 1909, were also read for the meeting. From this it was seen that the effect of the adoption of the provisions of Part I would be to make the disease of Tuberculosis of the Lung a notifiable disease under certain conditions. The meeting discussed the matter, but did not see its way, for the present, to decide on commencing the procedure preliminary to the adoption of the Act, but adjourned the whole question to the next general meeting to be held on 7th September Prox. A circular from Dublin Castle dated 22nd. July, 1914 was read containing a request for a Return of Orders under the Shops Act, 1912, and also asking the Council to say from their experience what would be the best measures to adopt to facilitate the administration of the Act. In response to the invitation members submitted opinions as to how the Act itself could be usefully amended so far as it applied to Wexford, as for example the following case: Publicans in Wexford were not required to close their premises on the day of the weekly half-holiday, but Ironmongers were, and in cases where a Publican also dealt in hardware he enjoyed an undue advantage over an Ironmonger. A further opinion expressed was that the Act should be amended so as to make it compulsory on all classes of traders to observe a weekly half-holiday on one specified day, but as to the working of the Act as it was at present framed, there was a difficulty in some cases of obtaining a conviction for the provision of the Act requiring that a shopkeeper must not be convicted unless his premises be found open after closing hour

for the serving of customers."

The Mayor proposed that the congratulations of the meeting should be tendered to Mr. John Edward Redmond, M. P., for offering to place at the disposal of the Government the services of the Irish National Volunteers for the defence of Ireland in the present war crisis. Mr. Redmond's action had the approval of Irishmen because the present Liberal Government were engaged in an effort to grant a Measure of Home Rule to this Country, and had thus evoked feelings of friendliness from Irishmen towards England.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Hanton and supported by Councillors Carty, McGuire and Memahon, and was passed unanimously.

Attention was called to the general complaints made in the town about the increase in the price of articles of food consequent on the outbreak of the War. It was said that flour and sugar had gone up in price to an unwarranted extent, and it was urged that the Corporation should take cognizance of any cases of extortion with a view to having them exposed and reported to the proper quarter.

In the course of the consideration of this matter, it was pointed out that the Government had given an assurance there was no occasion for a panic to arise, and had taken measures to meet the emergency, by having an Act of Parliament passed to regulate the prices of food.

However, there was every sign that the panic would be of short duration, and it was decided that if necessary representations should be made to local dealers in food supplies to keep prices down as far as possible to a normal level, and to refuse any demand made by customers for unusually large supplies.

Robert Hanton
7th Sep 1914

7th September, 1914.

A Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon.

The members present were:-

Robert Hanton, Esq., Mayor Locum Tenens (in the chair)

Alderman Richard Corish.

Councillors:- Richard Doyle, Frank Carty, William H. McGuire, John Kirwan,
Joseph Doyle, Robert Coffey, Michael Browne, Thomas O'Brien.

The minutes of meetings of 5th and 7th August, 1914 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £787. 9. 8, were laid before the meeting, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 182 to 205 inclusive.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day

of August, 1914, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

SUMMARY.

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement. 462. 17. 0

Total sums received to close of last month. 516. 0. 9

TOTAL 978. 17. 9

Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement. 462. 17. 0

Payments ordered at this meeting. 787. 9. 8

TOTAL 787. 9. 8

Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals) 191. 8. 1

RECONCILEMENT.

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer 987. 5. 1

Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting) 795. 17. 0

net Balance as above due by Treasurer. 191. 8. 1

The following resolution, as proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Councillor Michael Browne, was adopted unanimously.

RESOLVED:- That we, the Council of the Borough of Wexford in Meeting assembled, rejoice in knowing that the Chair of Peter, which had been so worthily filled for eleven years by the late illustrious Sovereign Pontiff Pius X, is now occupied by his Successor Pope Benedict XV, and in behalf of the people of this Ancient Borough, we beg leave to lay at the feet of His Holiness, as vice-garent of Christ on earth, the homage of our attachment and loyalty to his person and throne, that this resolution be sent, under the Corporate Seal, to The Right Rev. Monsignor O'Riordan, Rector of the Irish College in Rome, for submission to His Eminence, the Papal Secretary of State.

With reference to minutes of 5th Ultimo, a letter was received of which the following is a copy.

96, North Main Street, Wexford.

12th August, 1914.

Dear Sir, Will you kindly convey to the Mayor and Members of the Corporation my sincere thanks for their kind expression of sympathy to us in the death of our dear relative. Being unable, during his illness, to attend the Corporation meetings was a real sorrow to him, as he ever had the interests of Wexford at heart, and it was always a source of pleasure to him to impart his knowledge of the town to anyone likewise interested, as he retained his wonderful memory of past events to the last almost. His loss will be a lasting one to us.

Thanking you very much, I remain, Yours sincerely, M.J. Newman.

With reference to minutes of 6th July last, a letter was received of which the following is a copy.

2, George Street, Wexford. 2nd Aug. 1914.

Dear Mr. Browne, All the members of my family join me in heartily thanking His Worship, the Mayor, and all the members of the Corporation for the very kind resolution of sympathy conveyed to us from them by your kind letter of the 7th

July last. Almost the last thing my father said to me the day before his death was to be sure and tell to the Mayor and Corporation and the Town Clerk, how very grateful he was for all their goodness to him as their agent during his long service of over 30 years. He assured me there was nothing he was more proud of in a long and strenuous life than the fact that at all times his spirits were buoyed up by the recollection that in the principal office which he had the honour to hold in his native town, every member of the Corporation invariably used nothing but words of praise in his regard. It is my privilege, therefore, to convey through your courtesy to every member of the Corporation the expression of our deep gratitude for all their kindness to him. We ourselves, are also especially grateful for the high compliment paid to us and to his memory by the attendance of the Corporation in State at his funeral. This was so great a compliment and honour that no words of mine could sufficiently express our deep gratitude. And lastly, pray accept for your good self the expression of my heartfelt thanks for your kindness to him and to me.

Yours truly, Mr. J. O'Connor,

Wm. A. Browne, Esq.,
Town Clerk.

The question of the re-appointment of Mr. Francis Staples as Veterinary Inspector under the Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order, 1908, was brought under consideration as his last year of office had expired on 2nd. instant, and on the motion of Councillor Coffey, seconded by Councillor Joseph Doyle, it was

RESOLVED:- That Mr. Francis Staples be re-appointed as Veterinary Inspector to administer the Dairies &c. Order, 1908 for one year at a salary of £15.

With reference to minutes of 7th Ultimo, on which occasion the question of adopting Part I of the Tuberculosis (Prevention) Ireland Act, 1908, was adjourned to the present meeting, it was pointed out that certain preliminary formalities would have to be gone through, as required by the Act, before the Council would be in a position to enforce Part I, and it was for the present meeting to say whether or no a Special Meeting should be called with a view to the formal adoption of Part I.

The discussion which arose on this subject resulted in the passing of a resolution as proposed by Councillor McGuire and seconded by Councillor Coffey as follows.

That the question of adopting Part I of the Tuberculosis (Prevention) Ireland Act, 1908 be deferred, pending the erection of the proposed Tuberculosis Sanatorium in Wexford.

A report was read from the Special Public Lighting Committee which was appointed on 1st December last. The Committee had met on sixteen occasions, but had held their first meeting on 5th December 1913, when they had taken the initial step of appointing a cyclist as a temporary Gas Inspector for four weeks at £11.0.0 per week in order to be in a position to prove that the complaints about the public lighting were well founded. The Inspector had received instructions to start on his rounds at nightfall, and to keep a record of all lamps which he found unlighted, and of all lamps showing deficient light. He submitted his first report on 29th December 1913, showing that for the previous three weeks there had been numbers of lamps unlighted after lighting-up time for periods ranging from 10 minutes to one hour, and

a greater number still of lamps showing deficient light. Thereupon the Committee had furnished the Gas Company with a summary of the report, but the charges contained therein were met with an unqualified contradiction, the Company suggesting that the Corporation would do well to undertake the work of lighting the public lamps and keeping them in order, the gas being supplied by the Company, and the automatic lighting arrangements being operated from the Gas Works, as at present. The Committee could not, by any means, fall in with this suggestion, as it was clear that if the Corporation were to be responsible for maintaining the lights without having any power to operate the automatic arrangement, there would be a divided responsibility which would lead to constant friction. The correspondence between the Committee and the Directors had covered a period from 5th Decr. 1913 to 6th August, 1914, and moreover, the Committee and the Directors had met in conference on 9th June last. The upshot of all the negotiations was that the Company offered, inter alia, to contribute a sum of 7/- per week for a period of six months towards the wages of a temporary Gas Inspector to be appointed by the Corporation at a remuneration of 14/- a week by way of an experiment, but on the condition that if the system of inspection should prove unsatisfactory to either the Corporation or the Company the Corporation should undertake the work of lighting the lamps. The Committee were not averse to the appointment of an Inspector, but refused to recommend the appointment on the conditions named by the Company, that is, if trouble arose the Corporation would be bound to do the lighting and the Committee then had no alternative but to leave this point to the Council for settlement.

The meeting gave the matter very full consideration, as the result of which the following motion, as proposed by Councillor Carty, seconded by Councillor McGuire, was passed.

That the Corporation appoint an Inspector, provided the Gas Company waive the stipulation as to the Corporation undertaking the work of lighting if the inspecting arrangement did not prove satisfactory.

A circular letter from the Local Government Board No. 132. M. under date of 14th August, 1914, drawing attention to the Education (Provision of Meals) Ireland Act, 1914, was read. This Enactment enabled Urban Authorities to aid School Meals Committees in providing meals for necessitous children attending National Schools. The Local Authority had the power, with the consent of the Local Government Board, to spend, out of the rates, to meet the cost of such food, such sum as would be produced by a rate of $\frac{1}{4}$ d in the £, and it was open to them to administer it through any local Committee on which they were represented.

It was decided that Councillors Carty, Kirwan, R. Doyle, and the Chairman should confer with the School Attendance Committee and the managers of the different National Schools as to the advisableness of administering the Act.

A letter was read from Mr. C. J. Ryder, Postmaster of Wexford, stating that practically no business was transacted at either the Barrack Street, or North Main Street Sub-Post Offices after the last collection was made from these offices

at 7. 30 p. m. each day, and it was proposed to close those offices at 7. 30. p. m.

The earlier closing would not inconvenience the public, and the Postmaster requested to know if the Council had any objection to the proposal.

The meeting approved of the closing of the two offices in question at 7. 30 p. m. on week days under the circumstances.

Councillor Carty brought under notice the advisableness of taking steps with a view to widening Trimmers Lane by demolishing a number of insanitary houses. It was admitted that this would be a desirable piece of work to perform, and it was estimated that the probable cost of it would not exceed £700.

He proposed:- That we, the Corporation, are of opinion that it would be a great advantage to have a number of condemned and insanitary houses in Trimmers Lane demolished, and we hereby decide on appointing a Committee to inspect the place and report to the Corporation.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Joseph Doyle and adopted, and the following were named on the Committee, viz: The Mayor, Aldermen Kelly and Hanton and Councillor Carty.

With reference to minutes of 3rd. June last, a Warrant from His Excellency, The Lord Lieutenant, of which the following is a copy, was received.

BY THE LORD LIEUTENANT GENERAL AND GENERAL GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

A B E R D E E N .

WE, John Campbell, Earl of Aberdeen, Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland, do, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 94 of the Act 3 & 4 Vic. cap. 108, and of all other powers and authorities us therunto enabling, by this OUR Warrant, signify to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Wexford Our consent to the creation by them of the Office of Assistant Town Clerk of the Borough of Wexford with a salary of the amount of £70 per annum, the person appointed thereto to hold office by the tenure prescribed in Section 93 of the said Act.

Given at His Majesty's Castle of Dublin
this 28th day of August, 1914.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. B. Dougherty.

James Smith
28/8/14

5th October, 1914.

A Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon.

The members present were:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- George Hadden, Richard Corish, Joseph Kelly.

Councillors:- James McMahon, Joseph Doyle, Nicholas Byrne, Richard Doyle,
Robert Coffey, Thomas O'Brien, James Browne, Richard Gihson,
Frank Carty, John Kirwan.

The minutes of meeting of 7th September, 1914 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £263. 3. 3 were laid before the meeting, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 206 to 224 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of September, 1914, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

SUMMARY.

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	£ 191. 8. 1
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Total sums received to close of last month.	944. 19. 7
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TOTAL	1136. 7. 8
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Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- . -
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Payments ordered at this meeting.	263. 3. 3
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TOTAL	263. 3. 3
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Net Balance due by Treasurer, being difference of above Totals.	873. 4. 5
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RECONCILEMENT.

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1136. 7. 8
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Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	263. 3. 3.
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Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	873. 4. 5
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The Mayor took occasion to refer to the sad affliction which had befallen Lady Maurice Fitzgerald, of Johnstown Castle, Wexford, pointing out that since the date of last meeting a gloom had been cast over her home by the death of her only son who had fallen on the field of battle in defence of the cause of freedom. Lady Fitzgerald was of a kindly disposition and had always displayed an intense interest in the well-being of the public, especially that of the necessitous poor. He expressed his condolence with her in her bereavement. In this expression of sympathy he was most sincerely joined by other members present, including Alderman Hadden, Councillors McMahon, Browne, and Carty, and a resolution was adopted on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Hadden in the following terms.

That an expression of profound sympathy on the part of this Council, and indeed of the whole Community of the Town of Wexford be tendered to Lady Maurice Fitzgerald in the loss she has sustained by the death of her son, Captain Gerald Fitzgerald, in

the discharge of his military duties at the front in the present calamitous European War.

The Mayor suggested that the Meeting should adjourn as a tribute of respect to the presence in Wexford of Mr. John Edward Redmond, who on the previous day had done the town the honour of visiting it and had been the recipient of the greatest demonstration of welcome and regard that had been witnessed by the town within living memory, and had made one of his great pronouncements on the political situation as it at present stood.

The suggestion was adopted, and the meeting adjourned to Wednesday, the 7th Instant.

James Sinnott
Oct 7/14

7th October, 1914.

An adjourned Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- George Hadden, Richard Corish, Joseph Kelly, Robert Hanton.

Councillors:- James McMahon, Nicholas Byrne, James Browne, Joseph Doyle,

Robert Coffey, Richard Gibson, John Kirwan, Frank Carty,

William H. McGuire.

The minutes of meeting of 5th Instant were read and signed.

Tenders received in respect of printing and supplying all the books, forms and placards required for one year were submitted to the meeting. They were from three of the local printing works, viz. The People Office, The Free Press Office, and John English and Co. One of the conditions under which intending Contractors were required to perform the work was that their employees were to be paid not less than the minimum standard wages prevailing in the town, as per resolutions of the Council of 3rd. July, 1899, and 2nd. March, 1903.

The meeting were over each of the items contained in the three tenders serially, and marked such as proved to be the cheapest "accepted".

A letter was read from Mr. M. J. O'Connor, Solicitor, as to the advisability of opening a new road from John Street to Airhill. This was a matter which had been under the consideration of the Council on various occasions between 6th August 1907 and 6th March 1911, but without any practical result. It so happened, however, that within the last few months he (Mr. O'Connor) had bought the fee-simple Estate of Westlands, and it was through a portion of this property that it was intended to run the proposed new road. He (Mr O'Connor) for the sake of facilitating and encouraging the Council to carry out the project, was willing to grant the Council any portion of Westlands that might be necessary for the purpose (about one acre) and conveyed to them as a gift in

fee-simple, free of charge. The only condition he made was that there should be built, at the expense of the Council, a protecting wall around his property. Alderman Hadden proposed, and Alderman Corish seconded the following motion which was adopted.

That a Committee be appointed to study the details of the Scheme and to report to the Council thereon.

The Committee was then named, and were as follows:-

As representing St. Iberius Ward:- Alderman Hanton and Councillor McGuire.

As representing St. Marys Ward:- Alderman Corish and Councillor Coffey.

As representing St. Selskar Ward:- Alderman Hadden and Councillor Carty.

With regard to minutes of 7th September last a letter from the Wexford Gas Company was read. In this communication the Company intimated their decision to waive the stipulation as to the Corporation undertaking the work of lighting the public lamps of the town in the event of the proposed inspecting arrangement leading to friction between the Corporation and the Company.

Thereupon Councillor McGuire proposed that a Gas Inspector be appointed for a period of six months at a wage of 14/- a week, in accordance with the terms and conditions specified in the correspondence that took place on the subject between the Gas Company and the Corporation, and that a condition of the appointment be that the Inspector report weekly to the General Committee of the Council.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Hanton and adopted. Councillor McGuire further proposed on the same subject, the motion being seconded by Alderman Corish.

That the Special Gas Committee appointed on 1st December last be re-appointed for the purpose of taking into consideration any business connected with the lighting of the town that may require special treatment, and that the names of Councillors Byrne and Cowman be added to the Committee instead of Messrs Rowe and Clanay, two retired members of the Council.

The advisability of taking further steps in advancement of the scheme for the provision of working class dwellings was considered. The Board of Works were prepared to lend the requisite Loan of £10,000 at an interest of 4 per cent per annum, on the Corporation signing a guarantee that the instalments in re-payment of the Loan, together with interest accruing on the balances of the Loan outstanding from time to time, would be duly discharged, according as they fell due Half-yearly.

The question then was would the Loan be borrowed from the Board of Works or from a Bank. The time had arrived also when the Council, in order to expedite the starting of building operations, could safely advertise for tenders in respect of the erection of the houses. Alderman Hadden recommended, as a member of the Executive of the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities, that the whole question should be adjourned pending the receipt of information as to the mode of distribution among Irish Municipal Authorities of the sum allocated by Parliament to be applied in aid of housing schemes. He said he would endeavour to obtain the

requisite information from the Hon. Secretary on the point and lay it before the Council, and it was decided that the meeting, at its rising, should stand adjourned for a week to permit of the required particulars being procured.

A letter No. 49,006, dated 30th September, 1914, from the Local Government Board was read. It contained an approval of the remuneration of £15. for one year proposed to be allowed to Mr. Francis Staples on the renewal of his appointment as Veterinary Inspector under the Dairies &c. Order of 1908.

Robert Hanton
14/10/14

14th October, 1914.

An adjourned Statutable meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half past seven o'clock p. m.

The members present were:-

Robert Hanton, Esq., Alderman (in the chair)

Aldermen:- George Hadden, Richard Corish, Joseph Kelly.

Councillors:- James McMahon, Joseph Doyle, Richard Doyle, Thomas O'Brien, John Walsh, Frank Carty, William H. McGuire, Nicholas Byrne, James Browne, Michael Browne, Richard Gibson, Robert Coffey, John Kirwan.

The minutes of meeting of 7th October, 1914 were read and signed.

Letters received from the Corporation Solicitor were read. These contained intimation that in the cases where premises were to be acquired from Mr. Gannon and from Mr. Bent for the purposes of the Housing Scheme, all legal negotiations had been completed preparatory to making out the Deeds of Conveyance. He required instructions as to whether he was to hand over the purchase money and have the Deeds executed. There was nothing to prevent the Council, at the present stage, to borrow the Loan and commence building operations on three of the places selected as sites for the dwellings, namely, West Gate, Hill Street, and the Manure Depot, but as to the plot to be acquired from the Nuns of St. John of God, the Nuns were not in a position yet to execute a Deed of Conveyance, for the reason that the plot was part of the Bolton and Scott Estate which was about to be sold to the tenants, but the Court had not seen its way to issue a Vesting Order for a while longer.

As per an undertaking given by him at last meeting, Alderman Hadden read a communication which he had received from the Hon. Sec. pro.tem. of the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities. According to this, it appeared, the Treasury had refused to add to the Irish Housing Fund which was established by the "Clancy Act" Ireland's share (£360000) of the £4,000,000 allocated under the Housing Act of 1914 for the United Kingdom. It was the intention of the Legislature, in passing the latter Act, to stimulate the erection of dwellings for the working classes in urban areas, but the action of the Treasury, consequent no doubt, on the exigencies of the War, in raising the rate of

interest on Housing Loans from 3½% to 4% would have the effect of frustrating the praiseworthy object of the Legislature. In the case of Wexford, for example, the increase in the rate of interest would involve an increase of about fivepence per week in the rents to be charged for the houses.

Alderman Hadden proposed that the Town Clerk should write to the Hon. Secretary of the Association asking him to be good enough to call a meeting of the Executive of that Body with a view to representations being made to the Prime Minister on the subject, as it was within the bounds of possibility that Mr. Asquith would be able to see his way to afford some relief, either in the shape of a reduction of the rate of interest, or finding a way to enable the Treasury to invest the £360,000 and apply the interest to the purposes of the Irish Housing Fund, and that the whole question be adjourned to Council Meeting to be held on 2nd. November next to see if there would be any prospect of borrowing on easier terms than it was possible to do at present.

The motion was seconded by Councillor James Browne, and was adopted.

The Town Clerk was further directed to write to Mr. French, M. P. enlisting his support in any action taken by the Association to accomplish the object in view.

The following resolution was adopted at the instance of the Urban District Council of Arklow, viz:-

Proposed by Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Richard Doyle, and

"RESOLVED:- That this Council requests the Urban Councils of Gorey, Enniscorthy, New Ross, and Wexford to take joint action with our Council with a view to having the present hour of departure of last train from Dublin to Wexford changed to 6. 5. as the present hour is considered unreasonably early, and is a decided hardship on the travelling public.

James Sinnott
No 2/14

2nd. November, 1914.

A Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon.

The mmbers present were:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Richard Corish, George Hadden, Joseph Kelly, Robert Hanton.

Councillors:- Frank Carty, James McMahon, Joseph Doyle, Nicholas Byrne,
Thomas O'Brien, John Walsh, William H. McGuire, Richard Gibson,
Richard Doyle, Robert Coffey, John Kirwan, Michael Browne,
James Browne.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £1453. 3. 9 were submitted, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed authorising the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 225 to 248 inclusive.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of October, 1914, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer last month's Statement.	£ 873. 4. 5
Total sums received to close of last month.	420. 14. 4
	TOTAL 1293. 18. 9
Balance due to Treasurer as per last month's statement.	- . -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	1453. 3. 9
	TOTAL 1453. 3. 9
Net Balance due to Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	159. 5. 0

R E C O N C I L E M E N T .

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	1293. 18. 9
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	1453. 3. 9
Net Balance as above due to Treasurer	159. 5. 0

A letter was read from the Board of Public Works under date of 28th October, 1914, No.15,226. It contained intimation with reference to the application of the Council for a loan of £10,000 to permit of dwellings being provided in the town under the Housing Acts, that the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury were not disposed to make loans at the present time except for urgent purposes, and as the purpose for which the loan was required did not appear to come within the category of urgent purposes, the Board were not in a position to proceed with the case.

The question was considered, and in the course of the deliberations thereon, certain facts were brought under notice to show that the opinion of the Treasury as to the case not being a pressing one, was fallacious. In the first place, the town of Wexford was the most congested Urban Area in Ireland, as the population of 11,531 was housed within an area of 483 statute acres. Of the 2318 dwelling houses there were no less than 260 unfit for human habitation. The unsuitability of the latter arose, in some instances, from overcrowding, dilapidation, and smallness, and in other instances there was an insurmountable difficulty in the way of making the houses proper healthy dwellings because of the insufficiency of ground at the rear to allow of yards and sanitary conveniences to be provided. Furthermore in proof of the urgency of the case, there was a scarcity of employment in the building trade, and it was anticipated that distress would occur in consequence of the outbreak of the War, and and it was unnecessary to say that an outlay of £10,000 in a town of the size of Wexford would go a long distance towards alleviating distress. Furthermore, it was out of the question to raise the proposed loan from the Banks, as no inducement short of a prohibitive rate of interest would satisfy their demands in the present uncertain state of the Money Market.

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Coffey, seconded by Councillor McGuire, it was RESOLVED:- That a Memorial be prepared and forwarded under the authenticity of the Corporation Seal to the Commissioners of Public Works, setting forth the facts of the case, and praying for the mediation of the Commissioners with the Treasury in favour

of the granting of the Loan, and that the requisite undertaking for the faithful discharge of the instalments of the loan according as they fall due, be signed and also forwarded to the Commissioners.

The meeting was encouraged in the action it was taking in the foregoing matter by a statement made by Alderman Hadden. He said that as a member of the Executive of the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities he had ascertained that Mr. Clancy, M. P. through whose exertions the Housing Act of 1908 was passed, was sanguine of succeeding in inducing the Treasury to appropriate to the purposes of the Irish Housing Fund established under that Act, the share which Ireland was entitled to of the £4,000,000 voted by Parliament in 1914 for distribution by way of Loans for Urban housing purposes in the United Kingdom.

It was brought under notice that the Roads Board had to its credit a sum of three million Pounds which, in furtherance of the policy of the Board up to the present, was to be devoted to the work of strengthening and improving road surfaces and not the construction of new thoroughfares, or the enlargement of old ones. The Board proposed, at the present juncture, to make grants more extensively and more speedily than it hitherto had done towards improving the surface of main roads. It was suggested, in view of this fact, that it would be well for the Council to formulate a scheme for the improvement of the surface of the line of roads from the New Bridge to Maudlintown, that is to say, the Redmond Road, the Quays, Trinity Street, William Street, and Maudlintown, which obviously must be classed as main roads, with the object of applying for a Grant.

Arising out of this subject, attention was directed to the fact that the Harbour Commissioners had prepared a scheme for reclaiming the foreshore at Crescent Quay, hoping to obtain assistance from the Roads Board towards the execution of the work. The Scheme, it appeared, had been in abeyance, from one cause or another, for about two years, and it was urged that the Council should interest itself in the scheme as far as it was legitimately possible.

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Carty, seconded by Alderman Kelly, it was RESOLVED:- That a Committee be appointed consisting of the Mayor, Aldermen Hanton, Corish, Hadden, and Councillors Carty and McGuire to take such measures as they may deem fit, with the assistance of the Roads Board, towards putting the main roads in the Borough in a thorough state of repair, and also to render any services in their power to further the efforts of the Harbour Commissioners regarding the proposed reclamation at the Crescent Quay.

With regard to minutes of 7th Ultimo, three persons applied to be appointed as temporary Gas Inspector. These were John Power, of Talbot Street, Nicholas J. Cosgrave of George Street, and William Goodisson of John Street, all of Wexford. The applicants all seemed eligible, but Mr. N. J. Cosgrave was appointed, as 14 members voted for him, while only 3 voted for Mr. Goodisson, the other applicant receiving no support.

As the present was an opportune time in which to do the work of repairing the road surfaces, and as the local quarrymen who had undertaken to supply a sufficiency of

broken stones for the purpose had failed to furnish supplies, and it seemed useless to depend on obtaining adequate supplies locally for immediate use, it was suggested than an order should be placed with the Ballee or Arklow Quarries for road metalling.

The suggestion was adopted, and the Finance and Works Committee were authorized to deal with the matter.

An influentially signed Memorial received through the Mayor from Lady Cory of Castle Boro Enniscorthy, was submitted. The Memorialists asked that the Council should frame and adopt bye laws governing the humane slaughtering of animals. Memorialists maintained that unnecessary suffering was caused in the killing of animals for food by antiquated methods, and that all animals, before being bled, should be stunned by a humane instrument, other than a pole-axe or club. Instruments which could be operated mechanically and capable of producing immediate and effectual stunning of an animal were on sale.

The matter was referred to the Public Health Committee as a Committee of Investigation

James Sinnott
Dec 7/14

7th December, 1914.

A Statutable meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon.

The members present were:-

James Sinnott, Esq., mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Robert Hanton, Richard Corish, George Hadden.

Councillors:- Joseph Doyle, Nicholas Byrne, William H. McGuire, Robert Coffey,
John Walsh, Richard Doyle, Frank Carty, James McMahon, Richard Gibson.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £870. 11. 5 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an advice note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 250 to 285 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of November, 1914, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y.

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	- . -
Total sums received to close of last month.	813. 16. 2
TOTAL	813. 16. 2
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	159. 5. 0
Payments ordered at this meeting.	870. 11. 5
TOTAL	1029. 16. 5
Net Balance due to Treasurer. (Being difference above totals)	216. 0. 3

RECONCILEMENT.

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	654. 11. 2
Outstanding orders (including those issued at this meeting)	870. 11. 5
Net Balance as over due to Treasurer.	216. 0. 3

The following is a copy of a Resolution from the Wexford Urban Relief Committee.

Proposed by Mr. J. S. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Edward Redmond.

"RESOLVED:- That as it is painfully evident a general scarcity of employment exists in and about Wexford at the present time, and as from inquiries made and definite information obtained from builders, there will be a lack of work in the building trade before the close of 1914, inasmuch as all existing contracts have been completed and no new contracts are forthcoming, this Committee for the Relief of Distress begs respectfully to call the attention of the Municipal Council to the expediency of raising funds with the object of starting useful public works for the unemployed in the emergency."

On the motion of Councillor Carty seconded by Councillor McGuire, it was decided, the subject matter of this resolution having been considered, to send a copy of it to the Roads Board in support of the application to be made to that Board for pecuniary assistance towards the cost of the projected improvement of the surface of Main Roads within the Urban Area and the reclamation of the foreshore at the Crescent Quay, and copy also to the Commissioners of Works to show that the representations made to the Commissioners on the subject of granting a Building Loan to the Council were in no way exaggerated.

A letter dated 27th November, 1914, No. 64962, from the Local Government Board was submitted. It had reference to the proposal to put into operation the Provision of Meals (Ireland) Act, 1914, and inter alia contained the following statement.

"The Board would not be disposed to raise any objection to the proposal of the Urban District Council to divide the funds at their disposal among the various School Authorities in the District in proportion to the necessitous children on the Rolls, provided that formal receipts are given by the Managers of the Schools for the sums so advanced undertaking that the whole amount will be disbursed for food alone and that no portion will be applied or deducted for expenses of management, cooking, or distribution."

Thereupon on the motion of Alderman Corish seconded by Councillor Byrne, a resolution in the following terms was duly adopted.

RESOLVED:- That whereas from inquiries made through the School Attendance Committee acting in concert with a Committee of the Corporation, this Urban District Council are satisfied that there are, at the present time, 516 children attending schools in the Wexford Urban Area unable, by reason of lack of food, to take full advantage of the education provided for them, and have ascertained that funds other than public funds are insufficient in amount to defray the cost of food furnished in meals under the Education (Provision of Meals) (Ireland) Act, 1914, they, the Urban District Council, hereby apply to the Local Government Board for

Ireland to authorize the said Council to spend, out of the Rates, such sum as will meet the provision of such food up to the extent of a sum producable by a Rate of a halfpenny in the Pound on the Valuation of the Borough of Wexford.

With regard to action taken on 14th October last, on which occasion it was resolved to join with the Arklow Urban Council in an endeavour to have the present hour of departure of the last train from Dublin to Wexford changed, a letter from the Town Clerk of Arklow was read asking to be informed if Wednesday, 9th December would be a day convenient to the Council to meet Mr. Coghlan of the D. & S. E. Railway Company, and it was ordered,-

That the Arklow Urban Council be informed that the Wexford Urban Council cannot see their way to assist in bringing about an alteration of the time table, as it had been ascertained that any change would cause inconvenience to the Wexford public unless the running of the train timed to arrive in Wexford at 7. 0. p. m., as was provided in the summer months, was resumed.

With regard to an application made to the Finance and Works Committee for a Licence for the new Cinema Hall In Harpur's Lane, it was seen from a report from the Inspector that the Hall did not conform to the requirements of the Cinematograph Act and the Regulations thereunder. There was no fire appliances either in the Hall proper or in the Cinematograph enclosure, nor were buckets of sand and water and a wet blanket provided in the latter. The entrance to the Cinematograph enclosure was fitted with a wooden door. By the Regulations a door constructed of fire-resisting material was required. Except for the foregoing all the other Regulations were complied with. It was decided not to issue any Licence pending the place being made to accord to all requirements.

With regard to resolution adopted on 5th October last, the following is a copy of a letter received from Lady Adelaide FitzGerald.

Johnstown Castle, Wexford.

5th October, 1914.

Dear Mr. Sinnott,

Will you accept, yourself, my very grateful thanks, and also convey same to the Members of the Municipal Council and to the Community of Wexford for the kind vote of condolence they have passed with me in this my hour of trial. I am greatly touched by all the sympathy that has been accorded to me since the irreparable loss of my gallant son, who has died so nobly for his Country and in discharge of his duty. I appreciate it all more than I can say.

To His Worship,

Believe me, Yours very sincerely,

The Mayor of Wexford.

Adelaide FitzGerald.

Licences pursuant to the Petroleum Act, 1871 in respect of the premises of Messrs Thompson Bros, Mr. Llewelyn Morgan, and Mr. R. H Shaw were signed authorizing petrol to be kept for sale for one year on condition that the Licences would not be renewable if the premises should not be kept in conformity with the conditions and restrictions prescribed in relation to the safe keeping of petrol and a charge of 5/- be paid by each of the Licensees.

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John Sinnott
Dec 16/14

16th December, 1914.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at the Town Clerk's Office at 7. 30. p. m.

The members present were:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Richard Corish, Joseph Kelly, Robert Hanton.

Councillors:- Nicholas Byrne, Robert Coffey, Richard Doyle, John Kirwan,
James Browne, Philip Cowman, Richard Gibson, Joseph Doyle,
Michael Browne, Frank Carty, William H. McGuire.

The minutes of meeting of 7th December, 1914 were read and signed.

The Meeting was summoned for the purpose of dealing with a Scheme for repairing the surface of Main Roads within the Wexford Urban Area including the Quays and also examining the particulars of works required to be carried out in connection with proposed reclamation at the Crescent Quay, in furtherance of resolution adopted on 2nd. November last.

Specifications, as prepared by the Town Surveyor, of the work to be done and materials to be used in re-surfacing the line of main roads from the Municipal Boundary at the Boat Club House, Redmond Road, to the Municipal Boundary at Maudlintown, these including Redmond Road, Redmond Place, Wellington Place, The Quays, Trinity Street, William Street, and part of Maudlintown, were produced. From these it appeared that the length of roadway proposed to be treated was 2,915 yards, and the total area was 29,721 square yards. An estimate of the cost, also produced, showed that after deducting a year's average upkeep, the outlay in connection with the work would amount to £2,134. 7. 4. The documents were gone over seriatim, whereupon on the motion of Councillor Coffey, seconded by Councillor Kirwan, it was

RESOLVED:- That the specifications and estimates be approved, and that the necessary steps be taken to have them submitted to the Roads Board with the consent and endorsement of the Wexford County Council with a view to a contribution of money being obtained from the Roads Board towards the expense of the work proposed to be done. As to the proposal of the Wexford Harbour Commissioners to carry out reclamation work at the Crescent Quay, it was seen from the same specifications and estimates that in order to accomplish the object in view, it was necessary to have a new quay wall constructed at a cost of £1200, to fill in the waterway at a cost of £1812. 10. 0 and construct and put a surface on a new roadway at a cost of £968, being a total of £3980. 10. 0.

Whereupon on the motion of Councillor McGuire, seconded by Alderman Kelly, it was RESOLVED:- That this Council endorses the action of the Wexford Harbour Commissioners and approves of the specification and estimates of the improvements which that Board propose to carry out at the Crescent Quay, and strongly recommend to the County Council and the Roads Board the urgency of a Grant being given towards the completion of the undertaking.

James Sinnott
Dec 14/15
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4th January, 1915.

A Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half past seven o'clock p. m.

The members present were;-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- George Hadden, Richard Corish, Robert Hanton, Joseph Kelly.

Councillors:- James McMahon, Joseph Doyle, Frank Carty, Robert Coffey,
Philip Cowman, Nicholas Byrne, William H. McGuire, John Kirwan,
Richard Gibson, James Browne.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £165. 12. 10 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 286 to 293 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of December, 1914, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	- . -
Total sums received to close of last month.	797. 11. 0
TOTAL	797. 11. 0
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement	216. 0. 3
Payments ordered at this meeting.	165. 12. 10
TOTAL	381. 13. 1
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	415. 17. 11

R E C O N C I L E M E N T .

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	581. 10. 9
Outstanding Orders.	165. 12. 10
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer	415. 17. 11

The Mayor referred to the subject of the approaching retirement from Office of His Excellency, the Lord Lieutenant. He said, inter alia, that Lord Aberdeen, during his term of Office, had shown that he was animated by a desire to advance the interests of all classes in Ireland, especially the poorer classes, for the improvement of whose condition His Excellency and Lady Aberdeen had laboured with unflagging zeal. He suggested that an expression of regret at the departure of the Viceroy and his Consort from Ireland should be placed on record.

Following on the introduction of the subject, several members, namely, Aldermen Hadden, Hanton, Kelly, and Councillors Byrne, McMahon, and Carty joined in paying a glowing tribute of gratitude to the part taken by their Excellencies in the government of the Country for the last nine years. The latter had associated themselves with every Movement calculated to raise the status of the people, whether from a social, public health, industrial, or philanthropic point of view, but far

and beyond all this, they represented the growing body of opinion which ran in favour of a Measure of Self Government being granted to Ireland.

Alderman Hadden proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Alderman Hanton and was passed, but with Alderman Corish dissenting.

RESOLVED:- That we, the Corporation of Wexford, have heard with deep regret of the retirement of the Marquis of Aberdeen from the high position of Viceroy of Ireland; that we avail of the occasion to acknowledge gratefully the invaluable work done by His Excellency and the Marchioness of Aberdeen in initiating and furthering, during their period of Office, many movements for the practical, industrial, and social well-being of the Country, and recognize the noble, untiring, and unselfish manner in which they devoted their services to the task of raising and ameliorating the condition of the people, a task in which they have succeeded in a marked degree.

That we beg to record an expression of our high appreciation of these services, and to say that in their departure from this Country their Excellencies carry with them our heartfelt wishes for their future happiness.

The Mayor read a letter which he had received from the Lord Mayor of Dublin, intimating that a meeting of representative men was to be held at the Mansion House on 5th Instant to take steps with a view to mark, in a befitting manner, the severance of the official connection of His Excellency with Ireland, and containing a request that the Mayor of Wexford would find it convenient to attend the meeting. At the request of the members present, the Mayor was good enough to promise to attend.

Letters read from Mr. Ffrench M. P. and Mr. O'Connor, Solicitor, conveyed the welcome intelligence that the Treasury had done the Municipal Council the favour to advance a Loan of £10,000 to provide working class dwellings. Having regard to the expected want of employment in the town and the difficulty experienced in obtaining the Loan because of the stringency in the Money Market at the present crisis, the Council had much to congratulate themselves on in the matter.

Allusion was made to the services rendered by Mr. Ffrench, Mr. O'Connor, the Mayor and the Town Clerk in helping to obtain the privilege granted, and on the motion of Councillor Carty seconded by Alderman Corish, it was decided that the thanks of the meeting be tendered to the individuals mentioned as having taken an active part in pressing forward the case of Wexford.

In further pursuit of the subject, the Mayor said that taking all the circumstances of the case into consideration, he believed that the good will of the Public Departments concerned was worthy of recognition. The Local Government Board, in the first instance, for sanctioning the Housing Scheme, the Board of Public Works for recommending the issuing of the Loan, and the Treasury for entertaining and granting the application for the Loan.

He proposed that the thanks of the Council be tendered to these Departments, whereupon the motion was seconded by Councillor McGuire and was unanimously adopted.

In anticipation of the board of Works communicating officially the decision to issue the Loan, it was arranged that a Special Meeting should be called to see as

to obtaining tenders in respect of the building of the houses.

A Committee Report was read. It had reference to an application to have an improvement made on portion of the footpath at Spawell Road adjoining the entrance to the Kaat's Strand. The Committee had visited the locality and found it was necessary to take up the existing footpath from Mrs Ryan's shop door to the corner of Michael Furlong's house and have it relaid at a higher level than the present level. It was necessary to do this in order to prevent the flooding of Mrs Ryan's premises by rainwater in heavy weather. The cost of the improvement would be about £18. and was recommended by the Committee to be done.

The report was adopted.

James Sinnott
Jan 23/15

13th January, 1915.

A Special meeting of the Council was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at the Town Clerk's Office at half past seven o'clock p. m for the purpose of dealing with a letter from the Board of Works communicating the granting of a Housing Loan, making arrangements for the obtainment of tenders in respect of the erection of working class houses, and transacting all business incidentalthereto.

The members present were:-

James Sinnott, Esq., mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Richard Corish, Joseph Kelly, George Hadden, Robert Hanton.

Councillors:- Nicholas Byrne, John Walsh, Philip Cowman, Joseph Doyle, Robert Coffey, James Browne, Richard Gibson, James McMahon, John Kirwan, Frank Carty, William H. McGuire.

There was read for the meeting the letter above referred to under date of 5th January 1915, and numbered 17041-14. Herein the Board of Works, in reference to the application of the Corporation for a Loan of £10,000 requested that a sum of £16. should be lodged to the Board's Account to meet the expense of preparing a Mortgage Deed, as it was requisite that the Deed should be fully executed before any advance on account of the Loan could be made.

It was thereupon ordered:- That the sum demanded by the Board of Works be paid out of the Corporate Funds in the hands of the Town Clerk in order to expedite the preparation of the Deed of Mortgage.

The following arrangements were then made with regard to the obtainment of tenders in respect of the erection of 17 out of the proposed 44 dwellings, viz:- Builders to be asked, by advertisement in the local newspapers, to furnish tenders in respect of the erection of (1) 4 houses in Westgate, (2) 7 houses in Hill Street, and (3) 6 houses in Hill Street; intending Contractors to be at liberty to tender for one or more of the lots, but that separate tenders should be furnished in respect of each lot.

Contractors to be required to carry the contract into effect within eight months from the date of acceptance of tender, and to furnish security from an approved guarantee

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The question of the imutility of appointing a Clerk of Works to superintend building operations was introduced and discussed, but the evident sense of the meeting was in favour of a Clerk of Works being appointed to supervise the construction of the buildings, but no definite order was made on the matter.

James Sinnott
Jan 23/15

23rd. January, 1915.

A Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Hall at noon.

The members present were:-

James Sinnott, Esq., mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Richard Corish, George Hadden, Robert Hanton, Joseph Kelly.

Councillors:- Joseph Doyle, John Walsh, Nicholas Byrne, James Ffrench,
William H. McGuire, Richard Gibson, Thomas Rossiter, James Browne,
Michael Martin, John Kirwan.

Referring to Section 28 of the Urban District Councillors and Town Commissioners (Ireland) Election Order, 1898, it was pointed out that at the recent ordinary Election of Councillors for St. Iberius Ward there were three vacancies filled, one of which was a casual vacancy. The three persons elected, Messrs Byrne, Ffrench, and Rossiter, were returned unopposed, and it was for the Council to determine which of the three was to be deemed to be elected to fill the casual vacancy. Thereupon on the motion of Alderman Hadden, seconded by Councillor Joseph Doyle, it was resolved that Councillor Thomas Rossiter be deemed to be elected to fill the casual vacancy, that is to say, to hold Office for one year.

In the case of the recent ordinary election for St. Mary's Ward, it was announced that a like set of circumstances arose, the three persons elected unopposed being Messrs Thomas O'Brien, Michael Martin, and James Murphy, and it was necessary for the Council to select which was to fill the casual vacancy.

Thereupon on the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Walsh, it was resolved that Councillor James Murphy be deemed to be elected to fill the casual vacancy, that is to say to hold Office for one year.

The minutes of meetings of 4th and 13th January Instant were read and signed.

Pursuant to Section 94 (11) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, the business of electing a Mayor was proceeded with, whereupon on the motion of Alderman Hanton, seconded by Alderman Hadden, and supported by Councillors Byrne, Joseph Doyle, Gibson, McGuire, Walsh, and Alderman Corish, it was unanimously

RESOLVED:- That James Sinnott, Esq., be and is hereby re-elected Mayor for the now ensuing year, and until his Successor be appointed and shall have accepted the Office of Mayor.

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NOTICE OF RESULT OF ELECTIONS

BOROUGH OF WEXFORD.

Election of One Alderman and Six Councillors

For the above Borough in the year 1915.

I, the undersigned, being Returning Officer at the Election of Alderman and Councillors for the said Borough, do hereby give notice that the Candidates at the Election whose names are entered in Column 6 of the table hereunder, opposite to the Numbers entered in Column 5, have been declared duly elected Councillors respectively for the Wards opposite to the names of which in Column 1 the names of such Candidates

The minutes of meetings of 4th and 12th January instant were read and signed.

Pursuant to Section 94 (11) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, the business of electing a Mayor was proceeded with, whereupon on the motion of

Alderman Hanton, seconded by Alderman Hadden, and supported by Councillors Byrne, Joseph Doyle, Gibson, McGuire, Walsh, and Alderman Corish, it was unanimously

RESOLVED:- That James Sinnott, Esq., be and is hereby re-elected Mayor for the now ensuing year, and until his Successor be appointed and shall have accepted the Office of Mayor.

ALDERMAN

Ward.	Names of Candidates		Place of Abode.	Number of Votes Recorded	Names of Candidates Elected.
	Surnames	Other Names			
1	2	3	4	5	6
St. Selskar	Carty	Francis	North Main Street	...	FRANCIS CARTY

COUNCILLORS

Wards.	Names of Candidates.		Place of Abode.	Number of Votes Recorded	Names of Candidates Elected.
	Surnames	Other Names			
1	2	3	4	5	6
St. Iberius	Byrne	Nicholas	North Main Street	...	NICHOLAS BYRNE
do.	Ffrench	James	Rowe Street	...	JAMES FFRENCH
do.	Rossiter	Thomas	Dempsey's Terrace	...	THOMAS ROSSITER
St. Mary's	Martin	Michael	Trinity Street	...	MICHAEL MARTIN
do.	Murphy	James	South Main Street	...	JAMES MURPHY
do.	O'Brien	Thomas	Bride Street	...	THOMAS O'BRIEN
St. Selskar	Browne	Michael	Commercial Quay	179	MICHAEL BROWNE
do.	Lymbery	Matthew	John Street	147	.....
do.	McMahon	James	Bride Street	152	JAMES McMAHON

Dated this 18th day of January, 1915.

WM. A. BROWNE,

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business of electing a Mayor was proceeded with, whereupon on the motion of

Alderman Hanton, seconded by Alderman Hadden, and supported by Councillors Byrne,

Joseph Doyle, Gibson, McGuire, Walsh, and Alderman Corish, it was unanimously

RESOLVED:- That James Sinnott, Esq., be and is hereby re-elected Mayor for the now ending year, and until his Successor be appointed and shall have accepted the Office of Mayor.

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The Mayor then made and subscribed a Declaration of acceptance of Office and returned thanks for his re-election.

It was decided that the three Quarterly Meetings to be held previous to 15th January, 1916, be fixed to be held, the first on Monday, 3rd. May next, at noon, the second on Wednesday, 4th August next, at half past seven o'clock p. m., and the third on Wednesday 3rd. November next at half past seven o'clock p. m.

The appointment of Standing Committees was proceeded with, and on the motion of Alderman Kelly, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was

RESOLVED:- That the Finance and Works, Waterworks, and Public Health Committees be composed of the entire Council during the ensuing year.

A suggestion was made as to the desirability of appointing a Public Health Committee to consist of a few members of the Council besides the General Public Health Committee. It was contended that the sanitary business of the town required more attention than it was receiving, and that a small Committee would be able to give attention to details in a more efficient way than the General Committee.

The matter was referred to the General Committee for consideration.

It was resolved, on the motion of Alderman Hanton, seconded by Alderman Kelly.

That the Technical Instruction Committee be formed of the following persons, seven of them being members of the Council, and six non-members, viz.

Aldermen Hadden, Carty, and Corish, Councillors Byrne, McGuire, Cowman, and Ffrench, Archdeacon Lathan, Protestant Rector of Wexford, Rev. Thomas Hore, Catholic Administrator of Wexford, Miss Minnie O'Connor, and Messrs Howard Rowe, Joseph S. Thompson, and James Hore.

July 1. 1915-

George Hadden

1st February, 1915.

A Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon.

The members present were;-

George Hadden Esq., Alderman (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Frank Carty, Richard Corish, Joseph Kelly, Robert Hanton.

Councillors:- Joseph Doyle, James Murphy, Thomas Rossiter, Richard Gibson, William H. McGuire, Richard Doyle, Philip Cowann, Michael Martin, John J. Kirwan, James McMahon, James Browne.

The minutes of meeting of 23rd. January, 1915 were read and signed.

A number of accounts accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £403. 11. 6 were were submitted and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 294 to 309 inclusive.

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Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month of January, 1915, including the payments made at the Meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	£ 415. 17. 11
Total sums received to close of last month.	603. 19. 8
TOTAL	1019. 17. 7
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- . -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	403. 11. 6
TOTAL	403. 11. 6
Net Balance due by Treasurer being difference of above Totals.	616. 6. 1

R E C O N C I L E M E N T .

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	1026. 2. 7
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	409. 16. 6
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	616. 6. 1

Attention was called to a deficiency in the Towns Improvement Fund. The amount to credit of this Fund was £145 at present and as all sources of income in the current year had been collected and lodged, it would be necessary to raise a sum of £400 or so to allow the work of repairing streets to be carried on for the ensuing three months. The deficiency was due to expenditure having been incurred over and above the sums allocated under different heads of expenditure in the Estimates. The amount to be paid out of the Fund this day was over £90, to be added to which was a Bill of £188. 15. 7 due to the Ballee Quarry Company, and it was necessary that some arrangement should be made to discharge these liabilities and meet all further expenditure until May next.

Having considered the matter, the meeting came to the conclusion to make terms with the Bank for an overdraft on the current account, and to pay all liabilities, including the account due to the Ballee Quarry Company.

A Sealed Order under date of 15th January 1915 No. 70326:1914, was submitted. The Order authorized the Council to spend out of the Rates such sum as would meet the cost of providing food under Section 3 of the Education (Provision of Meals) Ireland Act, 1914, provided that the total amount expended in any local financial year would not exceed the amount produced by a Rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £ on the valuation of the Borough of Wexford.

The question of changing the time of holding the monthly meetings of the Council from the first Monday of the month at noon to the first Wednesday of the month at 7. 30 p. m. was brought under consideration.

Alderman Corish proposed that the necessary steps should be taken to obtain a Sealed Order from the Local Government Board, appointing the first Wednesday of the month at half past seven o'clock p. m. as the time of holding monthly meetings instead of the first Monday of the month at noon.

The motion was seconded by Councillor McMahon but was lost, as on a division being taken the Resolution was not passed by two-thirds of the Members voting

thereon, as required by Section 14 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1902.

The voting was as follows:-

FOR Councillors James Browne, McMahon, Martin, Gibson, Rossiter, Murphy,
Joseph Doyle, Aldermen Corish and Carty. 9

AGAINST Councillors Kirwan, Cowman, Richard Doyle, McGuire, Aldermen Hanton,
Kelly, and Presiding Chairman. 7

The question whether the Council would subscribe for four copies of the Reports of the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities for 1915 was brought under notice. The Finance and Works Committee had recommended that the Wexford Council should sever its connection with the Association on the ground that the latter, since its formation, had accomplished nothing of any genuine advantage for Municipalities, and that the existence of such a Body was uncalled for, but the meeting decided to obtain four copies of the Reports at a cost of £2. 2. 0, as the Chairman of the day (Alderman Hadden) in his capacity of member of the Executive of the Association, advised strongly in favour of the Council continuing to be a member of the Association. The Association had, among other things, pressed the Housing Question on the notice of the Authorities in a way that it was not possible for any individual Municipality to do, and of course, it should be recognized that united action was most powerful.

The expediency of converting privies into water closets in all cases where privy accommodation was provided in houses belonging to the Council, was urged as a measure calculated to enhance the sanitary condition of these dwellings. Water closets were admittedly preferable to privies where a plentiful supply of water was available, as was the case in Wexford, and opinion was expressed that the Council would be well advised to adopt the proposal. The provision of water closets in the houses belonging to the Corporation would set up a standard to be followed in time by owners of other houses, and would conduce to the general healthfulness of the town. The proposal commended itself to the meeting, and on the motion of Alderman Corish seconded by Councillor McGuire, it was

RESOLVED:- That all dwellings provided by the Council under the Housing Acts be furnished with water closets in substitution for existing privies, and as a step towards the object in view, that there be included in the Estimates for 1915-16 a sum sufficient to meet the expense of constructing twelve water closets in houses in William Street.

At the request of Limerick County Borough Council, the following resolution was adopted. Proposed by Alderman Kelly, seconded by Councillor Kirwan.

"RESOLVED:- That in the opinion of this Corporation, the question of the prices of food-stuffs charged at advanced rates all over the country, and the great dearth of employment on account of the continuance of the war, call for immediate attention, and we hereby request the heads of the Government to take steps to regulate the advance of prices so that no unnecessary hardship may be imposed on the general public, and those suffering for want of employment throughout the County

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John Hanton

10th February, 1915.

A Special meeting of the Council was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's Requisition) at the Town Clerk's Office at half past seven o'clock p. m.

The members present were:-

Robert Hanton Esq., Mayor Locum Tenens (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Richard Corish, George Hadden, Frank Carty, Joseph Kelly.

Councillors:- Thoms Rossiter, James Ffrench, John Walsh, James Murphy, Joseph Doyle, Nicholas Byrne, Richard Doyle, James Browne, James McMahon, Michael Browne, William H. McGuire, Michael Martin, Philip Cowman, Richard Gibson, Thomas O'Brien, John J. Kirwan.

The minutes of meeting of 1st Instant were read and signed and with reference to order made on that day as to converting privies into water closets, it was decided to make provision in the forthcoming Estimates for the construction of eighteen water closets in houses belonging to the Council at Hill Street in substitution for existing privies, and that this be in addition to the cost of constructing water closets in William Street houses.

The Special business to be transacted at the meeting was to deal with tenders received in respect of the erection of seventeen out of the forty four dwellings about to be provided under the Housing Acts, as per decision come to on 13th Ultimo. The tenders, on being opened, showed that the intending contractors named in the first column hereunder, were prepared to execute the work specified after each name respectively in the second column, in consideration of being paid the sums set down after each name respectively in the third column.

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Aidan Redmond, 1, Henrietta St.	To build 4 houses at Westgate.	£ 918. 3. 7	
Mary O'Connor, Builder, Wexford.	Do.	1020. 0. 0	<i>1100</i>
John Browne, Henrietta Street.	Do	1040. 0. 0	
Aidan Redmond.	To build 7 houses in Hill Street	£ 1144. 2. 1	
Mary O'Connor.	Do.	1323. 0. 0	<i>1400</i>
John Browne.	Do.	1326. 0. 0	
Aidan Redmond.	To build 6 houses in Hill Street.	£ 980. 13. 5	
John Browne.	Do.	1146. 0. 0	<i>1200</i>
Mary O'Connor.	Do.	1164. 0. 0	

On reference being made to the Town Surveyor to see how the lowest prices asked compared with the cost as estimated by him, he said that he estimated the cost of the four houses for Westgate at £867, and the cost of the thirteen houses for Hill Street at £1950. This Estimate had been prepared about a year ago, since when the cost of material had considerably increased.

Thereupon on the motion of Alderman Aidan Redmond, seconded by Alderman Corish, it was

NEW HOUSING SCHEME.

STATEMENT SHOWING APPROXIMATE RENTS TO BE CHARGED.

FOUR HOUSES FOR WESTGATE.—CAPITAL OUTLAY, VIZ.:

	£	s.	d.
Erection of the Buildings	1020	0	0
Purchase of Ground	288	15	0
Surveyor's Fees (2½ per cent.)	25	10	0
Clerk of Works	12	0	0
Law Costs (2½ per cent.)	29	10	0
Contingencies, including extra work on contract	10	0	0

Cr.—Estimated Value of Street Improvement	£1,385	15	0
	* 200	0	0
	1185	15	0

	£	s.	d.
Cost per House	296	0	0

Annual Expenditure, viz.:

Repayment of Loan (£1,185 15s., at £1 14s. 6d. per cent.)	20	9	0
Interest on Loan at 4 per cent	47	8	0
Head Rent	10	0	0
Poor Rate at 2s. 2d. on assumed valuation of £8 per house	3	9	4
Borough Rate at 1s. in the £, do., do.	1	12	0
Fire Insurance	15	0	0
Agent's Poundage	4	8	0

Cr.—Clancy Grant—Probable Share, 1916	£88	1	4
	12	0	0
	76	1	4
A Rent of 7s. 4d. a week per house will yield annually for 4 Houses	76	5	4

*This item is computed at the rate of 20 years' purchase on the ground rent.

THIRTEEN HOUSES FOR HILL STREET.—CAPITAL OUTLAY, VIZ.:

	£	s.	d.
Erection of Buildings	1,323	0	0
Purchase of Ground	1,146	0	0
Town Surveyor	2469	0	0
Clerk of Works—proportional part	275	0	0
Law Costs, do.	61	14	6
Contingencies, extra work, etc.	39	0	0
	75	0	0
	32	10	0

Cost per house	£227	0	0
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Annual Expenditure, viz.:

Repayment of Loan	50	17	9
Interest on Loan	118	0	0
Poor Rate on assumed Valuation of £5 per house	7	0	10
Borough Rate on do., do.	3	5	0
Fire Insurance	1	17	0
Agent's Remuneration	9	10	0

Deduct Clancy Grant	£190	10	7
	39	0	0
	151	10	7
A Rent of 4s. 6d. a week per house will produce annually on 13 houses	£152	2	0

WM. A. BROWNE.

25th February, 1915.

10th February, 1915.

A Special meeting of the Council was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's Requisition) at the Town Clerk's Office at half past seven o'clock p. m.

The members present were:-

Robert Hanton Esq., Mayor Locum Tenens (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Richard Corish, George Hadden, Frank Carty, Joseph Kelly.

Councillors:- Thoms Rossiter, James French, John Walsh, James Murphy, Joseph Doyle.

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Thereupon on the motion of Alderman Hadden, seconded by Alderman Corish, it was

I, the undersigned, being the Returning Officer at the Election of Councillor for the said Ward, do hereby give notice that the Candidate at the Election whose name is entered in Column 6 of the Statement hereunder, opposite to the number entered in Column 5, have been declared duly elected Councillor for St. Selskar Ward.

Ward. 1	Names of Candidates		Place of Abode. 4	Number of Votes Recorded 5	Name of Candidate Elected. 6
	Surnames 2	Other Names 3			
St. Selskar	Keating	David Roderic	Ardara, Spawell Road	217	DAVID RODERIC KEATING
Do.	Reid	Nicholas	William Street	144	.....

Dated this 17th day of February, 1915.

WM. A. BROWNE,

Returning Officer.

10th February, 1915.

A Special meeting of the Council was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's Requisition) at the Town Clerk's Office at half past seven o'clock p. m.

The members present were:-

Robert Hanton Esq., Mayor Locum Tenens (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Richard Corish, George Hadden, Frank Carty, Joseph Kelly.

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Thereupon on the motion of Alderman Hadden, seconded by Alderman Corish, it was

Unanimously Resolved:- That the three tenders submitted by Mr. Aidan Redmond, the sum of whose tender was the lowest in each case, be accepted, subject to the Security, namely that of the National Guarantee and Suretyship Association Limited, being found, on inquiry, to be reliable.

Councillor McGuire gave notice that he would move on the earliest available occasion that the wages of the workmen in the service of the Corporation be increased by such an amount as may be deemed proper having regard to the increased cost of living as a consequence of the War.

The justice of accepting the notice was strongly urged by Councillor Cowman, thereupon the notice was accepted.

James Sinnott
March 15

1st. March, 1915.

A statutable meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon.

The members present were:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Richard Corish, Robert Hanton, George Hadden, Joseph Kelly,
Frank Carty.

Councillors :- Philip Cowman, Robert Coffey, Joseph Doyle, Nicholas Byrne, John Walsh,
Thomas Rossiter, William H. McGuire, James Murphy, Richard Gibson,
James McMahon, James Browne, Michael Martin.

Mr. M. J. O'Connor, Corporation Solicitor, was also in attendance.

The minutes of meeting of 10th Ultimo were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £880. 19. 1, were submitted and having been examined were approved and an Advice note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 310 to 336 inclusive.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of February 1915, including the payments made on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	£ 616. 6. 1
Total sums received to close of last month.	644. 19. 0
TOTAL	1261. 5. 1
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- . -
Payments ordered at this Meeting.	880. 19. 1
TOTAL	880. 19. 1
Net Balance due by Treasurer	380. 6. 0

R E C O N C I L E M E N T .

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	1261. 5. 1
Outstanding Orders	880. 19. 1
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	380. 6. 0

With reference to minutes of 4th January last, the following is a copy of a letter received from His Excellency, the Lord Lieutenant, the Marquess of Aberdeen, and ordered to be inserted on these minutes.

Vice Regal Lodge, Dublin.

10th February, 1915.

Dear Sir,

The Resolution passed by the Municipal Council of Wexford, a copy of which was promptly transmitted by you, was duly received, and will always be remembered by me with feelings of sincere appreciation.

It is very gratifying and encouraging to receive such an expression, which also tends to mitigate the regret which we feel in saying farewell, officially, to Ireland.

I would ask you to take the earliest opportunity of conveying these sentiments, in which Lady Aberdeen warmly shares, together with our cordial thanks, and all good wishes, to the Chairman and Members of the Municipal Council of Wexford.

Wm. A. Browne, Esq.,

I remain, Yours very faithfully,

Town Clerk, Wexford.

Aberdeen.

The following is a copy of a letter received from Mr. Aidan Redmond.

To the members of the Wexford Corporation.

Gentlemen, I desire to withdraw my Tender for the building of seventeen houses situated at West Gate and Hill Street, Wexford, which was accepted on the 10th Inst. I now desire to state that the Company I mentioned in my tender do not take on liability for Contractors' business, hence the withdrawal of my tender of the 10th Instant.

I remain Gentlemen, Respectfully

Aidan Redmond.

This letter having been submitted to the Finance and Works Committee on 24th Ultio, the Committee decided to communicate with the other two intending Contractors, intimating to them the withdrawal of Mr. Redmond's tender, and asking if their offers would hold good under the circumstances until this day, when the Council would be invited to consider the situation which had arisen.

In reply, letters received from Mrs Mary O'Connor and Mr. John Browne were submitted. These showed that the tenders of the two Firms in question were still open for acceptance by the Council. A discussion which arose on the question resulted in the adoption of the following Order and Resolution.

Ordered:- That in future cases where Bonds are required in connection with Contracts intending Contractors must enclose along with their tenders a specified sum to be forfeited to the Council in the event of any tender not turning out to be bona fide; or that at least written undertakings from reliable Guarantee Societies, as to their willingness to furnish the requisite security, be furnished along with the tenders. Resolved, as proposed by Councillor McGuire, seconded by Councillor Byrne.

That the tenders of Mrs Mary O'Connor and Mr. John Browne be accepted for building four houses

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at West Gate for a Sum of £1020, and of building seven houses at Hill Street for a sum of £1323, and the tender of Mr. John Browne in respect of erecting six houses in Hill Street for 1146, be accepted, the tenders in question being the lowest in amount next after the withdrawn tenders of Mr. Aidan Redmond, but that this acceptance be subject to the Security of the Guarantee Companies named by the Contractors being approved.

With reference to minutes of 13th January last, on which occasion it was seen by a letter received from the Board of Public Works that the application to the Board for a Loan of £10,000 was granted, a Deed of Mortgage to be executed by the Council in the case was submitted, and thereupon the two following Resolutions were adopted.

Proposed by Alderman Hanton, seconded by Councillor McGuire.

RESOLVED:- That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of Ten Thousand Pounds proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Act, 1890 to 1908, and the incorporated, amending, or extending Acts.

Proposed by Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Rossiter.

That inasmuch as this Council does not immediately require from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland the total amount of the sum mentioned in the Deed of Mortgage to them this day executed by this Council, but prefer to receive the same by instalments as occasion may require.

It is Resolved, that the requisitions for each advance shall be intimated to said Commissioners by the Chairman of this Council for the time being, countersigned by William A. Browne, Town Clerk.

And that each such Requisition shall be forwarded to the Accountant of the said Commissioners and all such advances shall be lodged to our Account as The Loan Account, in the Wexford Branch of the National Bank.

Thereupon the Deed of Mortgage was duly sealed and signed, the Corporation Solicitor being witness to the act.

With reference to minutes of 10th February Ultimo, on which occasion a notice was accepted from Councillor McGuire of his intention to move that an increase of wages be granted to the staff of workmen employed by the Council in scavenging and repairing road surfaces because of the increased cost of household necessities as a consequence of the War, Councillor McGuire introduced the subject of his notice and moved that in order to help the Council to measure the amount of the increase to be granted, a Return, showing the weekly wages received by each workman for the past year be prepared for submission to the Finance and Works Committee.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Byrne, and adopted, but with the proviso that if any increase of wages should be granted, it should take effect from Thursday next, 4th. Instant.

A recommendation read from the Finance and Works Committee under date of 17th Ultimo, favoured the granting of an increase of wages to the Town Sergeant of £5. a

year, thus raising the salary paid to him from £64 to £69 a year.

The Sergeant had applied to the Committee to take his case into consideration, having regard to the rise that had taken place in the price of household commodities and on the motion of Councillor Coffey, seconded by Councillor McMahon, the recommendation was adopted.

A recommendation under date of 24th February was received from the Waterworks Committee. It ran in favour of the wages of the Caretaker of the Reservoir being increased from 6/- to 7/- a week.

Alderman Corish moved the adoption of the recommendation.

The motion was seconded by Councillor McMahon and was passed, but only on a division being taken.

Alderman Corish brought under notice the case of the Caretaker of the Town Hall, in which an increase of remuneration was called for also on the same grounds as the increases were given in the foregoing cases.

He proposed that the wages of the Caretaker of the Town Hall be increased by £2. a year.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Joseph Doyle and was adopted.

Councillor Rossiter gave notice of his intention to move an increase of salary in the case of the Sanitary Sub-Officer, the Turncock, and the Foreman of Works at next Statutory Meeting.

The notice was accepted.

A letter from the Secretary of the Wexford Municipal Technical Institute was read. It contained a request that the Council would receive a Deputation from the Committee of the Institute to place the views of the Committee on the necessity of erecting a new Technical School building before the Council.

The meeting decided that they would receive the Deputation with pleasure on any convenient occasion.

The following is a copy of a resolution which was adopted, as proposed by Councillor McMahon, and seconded by Alderman Corish, a similar resolution having been adopted by the Corporation of Drogheda on 17th Ultimo.

"That owing to the enormous prices of cereals throughout the world, prices not even reached during the American Civil War, and to the probable shortage of food-stuffs in the near future, we deem it our duty to call upon the farmers of Louth, Meath, and the country generally, to imitate the tillage campaign inaugurated throughout the United States of America, throughout the self-governed Dominion of Canada and other Countries to put more ground under cultivation, and that we believe that if the extensive cattle ranches of Meath and Westmeath, and other grazing counties were broken up, tilled and cultivated, that Ireland, instead of having to obtain her food supplies from abroad would have a large surplus for exportation."

The following is a copy of a resolution which was adopted, as proposed by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Murphy, a similar resolution having been adopted by the County Wexford Committee of the Gaelic League on the 2nd. Ultio.

Resolved:- 1st. That as the existence of native industries is essential to the material prosperity and National welfare of our Country, we respectfully call on the people of County Wexford to give the Industrial Movement that generous measure of support which they gave in the early days of the Gaelic League.

2nd. That in view of the long duration of the world war, and the shortage of food supplies owing to the disturbed state of the wheat-growing countries, we wish to record our appreciation of the action of those farmers in County Wexford who, at the suggestion of the Clergy, Press, Public Boards, and Public Men, have sown an extra quantity of wheat, and we recommend more extensive sowing of grain during the Spring.

3rd. That since the seafishing industry was in the past a flourishing County Wexford industry, we respectfully call on the Wexford County Council to consider the advisability of appointing a fishery instructor who would, by a practical course of lectures, bring under the notice of those engaged in the industry, new fishery appliances as well as facilities of transport and markets. Advertisements having been issued at the instance of the Finance and Works Committee inviting tenders in respect of executing sundry structural repairs on the range of working class dwellings situate at Carrigeen and Roche's Road, it was found that only one tender had been lodged in response to the invitation. This was opened and found to be from Mr. John Parle, Carpenter, Wexford, who offered to do all the work of repairing the houses in manner specified in the specification, in consideration of being paid a sum of £52. on the completion of the work. The estimate of the cost of the Town Surveyor in the case was referred to, and this was found to be £43. 10. 0, and on the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Murphy, it was Resolved:- That the tender be accepted.

With regard to minutes of 7th September, 1914, a letter from the County Wexford Committee of Management under the Tuberculosis (Prevention) Ireland Act, 1908, was read. It contained a Resolution of the Committee asking the Urban and Rural Councils in the County to adopt the Tuberculosis (Conditions of Notification) Ireland Order, 1909. The effect of the adoption of the Order in question would be to add, under certain circumstances, the form of Tuberculosis known as Tuberculosis of the Lung to the list of notifiable diseases. The last occasion on which the question was deliberated on there was a resolution passed deferring action pending the erection of the proposed Sanatorium.

Councillor McGuire gave notice that he would move, at next monthly meeting the rescission of this resolution, and in the event of the rescinding motion being carried, that he would propose a resolution adopting the Order in question.

The notice was accepted.

The following two Orders were made.

1st. That the Town Clerk write to the Local Government Board asking that the town of Wexford should be supplied with a share, measured according to population, of the supply of flour presented to the United Kingdom by the Dominion Government of

Canada, to alleviate want caused by the War.

2nd. That the Town Clerk write to the County Surveyor asking if any information had been received from the Roads Board on the subject of the Scheme for repairing the surface of main roads within the Urban Area, and for executing reclamation works at Crescent Quay, adopted by this Council on the 16th December last. Attached to the minutes is a copy of a printed Estimate with which Members had been furnished. As the estimated rents to be charged for the dwellings about to be erected were seen from this to be almost double what were the rents chargeable for houses of similar dimensions under former Housing Schemes, it was decided to draw the attention of the Local Government Board to the enormous increase in the cost of building, asking the Board to be good enough to bring under the notice of the Treasury the wisdom of relieving Urban Authorities of their indebtedness on foot of Building Loans to the extent of 20% of the amount of such Loans. In making this request the Council are satisfied that the relief of 10% on the amount of Building Loans, as promised by the Treasury, will not be sufficient inducement to Urban Authorities to carry out Building Schemes under the Housing Acts.

The Accounts of the Collector of Borough Rate and of Rate in lieu of County Cess were produced. They had been under examination by the Finance Committee. The Committee made the following Recommendation.

That there be written off as irrecoverable items of Borough Rate amounting to £22. 14. 6, and items amounting to £39. 3. 1½ in the case of Rate in lieu of County Cess, and the balance of items outstanding, i. e. £4. 16. 10½ and £7. 7. 4½ respectively be carried forward as arrears.

The recommendation was adopted.

James Sinnott
Mar 31/15

31st march, 1915.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day (Pursuant to the mayor's requisition) at the Town Clerk's Office at half past seven o'clock p. m.

The members present were

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Robert Hanton, Richard Corish, George Hadden, Frank Carty, and Joseph Kelly.

Councillors:- James McMahon, Nicholas Byrne, John Walsh, Robert Coffey, Philip Cowman, William H. McGuire, James Ffrench, Richard Doyle, Thomas O'Brien, James Murphy, David R. Keating, Thomas Rossiter, Michael Martin, Michael Browne, James Browne, John J. Kirwan.

The minutes of meeting of 1st March 1915 were read and signed.

Alderman Hanton proposed that an expression of sympathy with Mrs Walsh be recorded on the death of her late husband John M. Walsh. Mr. Walsh had been a prominent Wexfordman. He took a deep interest in the welfare of the town, was an honorable

ensuing financial year.

The question then raised was how was the estimated deficiency of £448 to be provided. On due consideration the meeting decided to reduce the item set down for general repairs by that amount, and on the motion of Councillor McGuire, seconded by Alderman Hadden it was

RESOLVED:- That the Estimate, as amended, of expenses to be met by means of a Rate in lieu of County Cess be adopted, and that the Poundage of the Rate be fixed at 2/-.

The meeting considered the question of striking a Rate under the Towns Improvement Act 1854 for the purpose of raising a sum of £448 in respect of repairing streets, as well as a sum of £300 as the purchase price of eleven small dwellings in Trimmers Lane, together with £100 cost incidental to demolishing some of these houses and improving and widening the street, on which latter subject a Committee report had been received as follows.

RE. TRIMMERS LANE.

The following members of the Committee appointed to go into this matter attended this evening. Alderman Robert Hanton, Alderman Joseph Kelly, Alderman Carty, and the Mayor. After going into the matter with Mr. M. J. O'Connor they found that all the property required for the widening of the street and carrying out the scheme can be purchased for £300, that is to say, all those houses on North side of lane, except three belonging to Mrs Sinnott, can be purchased from Charles O'Brien Esq. for £150 free of all ground rent, and Mrs Sinnott will sell her 8 houses for £150. Five of these houses are on the South side and would not be required. They are subject to a ground rent of £14. 19. 4 and are let for 2/6 per week each- £26 per year; in other words, for the payment of £300 the Corporation can take down eleven houses and thereby widen the street, and they will have on hands five houses, four of which are let at present and bring in £26 per year, on one of which the Corporation will have to pay the head rent of £14. 19. 4 a year. The remaining house on the south side is closed, but could be repaired for a small outlay. We are of the opinion that the improvement is much needed, and at above price can be very cheaply carried out. We strongly recommend it to be carried out at once. It has now been discussed by the Corporation for just ten years.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

30th March, 1915.

James Sinnott, Mayor.

On full deliberation of this report and of all the circumstances a motion as proposed by Councillor McGuire and seconded by Alderman Hadden was put to the meeting as follows:-

That the improvement of Trimmers Lane as recommended be carried out, that the Estimate of Expenses amounting to £848 be approved, and that the Poundage of a Rate to be made under the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 Section 60, be fixed at Fivepence as a step towards defraying such expenses.

As there was a divergence of opinion about the wisdom of proceeding with the work

Estimate of Expenses to be provided for the service
of Towns Improvement

To deficiency shown in Estimate of Expenses to be defrayed out of Special Rate	448 12 2
" Trimmers Lane Improvement Scheme — Purchase of eleven Houses	300 .
" Demolition of Houses and widening the Street	100 .
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of the year ending 31st March 1916 by means of
ment Rate.

A Towns Improvement Rate of Five Pence
in the £ was agreed to be made this day,
31st March 1915, as a step towards defraying
those expenses.

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of improving Trimmers Lane in the ensuing year, there was a Division taken, when eleven members voted for and six against the motion, which was declared carried. Regarding the Estimate of Expenditure to be provided by Water Rates and Poor Rate, the two following motions were carried unanimously..

Proposed by Councillor Ffrench, seconded by Councillor McMahon.

That the Estimate of Expenses to be provided by levying Water Rates be approved, and that the Poundage of these Rates be fixed as follows.

Domestic Water Rate. Tenpence.

Public Water Rate. Eightpence.

Proposed by Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Byrne.

That the Estimate of Expenses to be raised by a Poor Rate be approved, and that the Poundage of such Rate be Two Shillings and Fourpence, as recommended.

Richard Corish
7/4/15

7th April, 1915.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half past seven o'clock p. m.

The members present were:-

Alderman Richard Corish,

Councillors:- Nicholas Byrne, James McMahon, Joseph Doyle, James Murphy, John Walsh, Richard Doyle, John Kirwan, Philip Cowman, Michael Martin, James Browne, William H. McGuire, Robert Coffey, Thomas O'Brien, Thomas Rossiter, Michael Browne.

Alderman Corish was moved to, and took the Chair,

The minutes of meeting of 31st march 1915 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £1485. 2. 9 were laid before the meeting and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 337 to 364 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of March 1915, including the payments mde at the meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

	ORDINARY ACCOUNT	LOAN ACCOUNT.
Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	£ 380. 6. 0	-. -. -
Total sums received to close of last month.	629. 19. 10	2000. 0. 0
TOTALS	1015. 5. 10	2000. 0. 0
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	-. -. -	-. -. -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	353. 10. 3	1131. 12. 6
TOTALS	353. 10. 3	1131. 12. 6
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	656. 15. 7	868. 7. 6

RECONCILEMENT.

	ORDINARY ACCOUNT	LOAN ACCOUNT.
Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1010. 5. 10	2000. 0. 0
Outstanding Orders(including those issued at this meeting)	353. 10. 3	1131. 12. 6
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	656. 15. 7	868. 7. 6

Among the Accounts passed this day for payment was a sum of £250 which was claimed by Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Corporation Solicitors, as the statutory commission at the rate of 2½% on a Loan of £10000 for which a Deed of Mortgage was executed on 1st Ultimo. In the letter laying claim to the Fee it was stated that if the Auditor required the Bill to be taxed Messrs O'Connor would be prepared to submit it to taxation.

The liability of the Council in the matter of this account was called into question, but as it was a certainty that the taxing of the account would be required later on, a cheque was ordered to be drawn for payment.

With reference to minutes of 31st Ultimo, the following is a copy of a letter received and ordered to be inserted on the minutes.

Inniscorrig, Dalkey,

3rd. April, 1915.

Dear Mr. Browne, Please convey to the members of the Wexford Corporation my sincerest thanks for their kind resolution of sympathy in our sorrow.

Yours sincerely, M. E. Walsh.

With reference to minutes of 1st Ultimo, when it was decided to receive a Deputation from the Committee of the Wexford Municipal Technical Institute, it was announced that the Secretary of the Committee had intimated that the Deputation would not attend. The Committee had re-considered the situation and had come to the conclusion that the present would be an inopportune time to borrow money for the erection of a new Technical Institute, or to ask the Council to increase the amount of the subsidy paid in aid of Technical Instruction.

The question of rescinding a resolution of 7th September last, whereby action was deferred in the matter of adopting Part I of the Tuberculosis Prevention(Ireland) Act 1908, was brought under consideration.

Councillor McGuire proposed that the resolution of 7th September be rescinded, and that thereupon Part I of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act 1908 be adopted within the Urban Sanitary District of Wexford.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Coffey but failed to be carried, as only seven members voted for and nine against it on a Division having been taken.

Recommendations from various Committees were received in pursuance of and in accordance with the spirit of decision come to by the Council on 1st March last regarding the justice of granting increases of wages owing to the rise in prices consequent on the War. These were in favour of increases being given in the following cases and at the following differential rates, viz:- Labourers, 2/- a week, Carters 3/- a week, Foreman of Works 2/- a week, Turncock 1/- a week, Sanitary Sub-Officer 1/- a week and Stonebreakers 4d. for each ton of stones broken, and on the motion of

Councillor McGuire, seconded by Councillor Cowman, the recommendations were adopted in globo.

A Special Committee drew attention to the fact that the work of excavating for the foundations for the new houses to be built in Hill Street was being proceeded with, but before the work of laying the foundations was gone on with, it was advisable to alter the alignment of the houses. In order to have the fronts of the new houses in uniformity with the general line of the street, it would be necessary to set back the houses five feet from the frontage of the plot.

The Committee recommended that the necessary alteration in the ground plan be made and the recommendation was adopted.

With reference to minutes of 16th December last, the following is a copy of a letter received from the Road Board, through the County Surveyor.

The Road Board,
Manager's Office,
Queen Anne's Chambers,
Westminster, S. W.
31st March, 1915.

Dear Sir,

Road Improvement Work---Wexford Urban District.

I beg to refer to your letter of the 26th instant, and the Proposal submitted by your Council for strengthening and surfacing certain roads in the Wexford Urban District, and for constructing a Quay wall and section of new road at the Crescent, Wexford Harbour, at the total expenditure of £6285.

Before dealing further with the matter the Board will be glad to receive details of any other works of road improvement in respect of which your Council may intend to apply for advances from the Road Improvement Fund, or to be assured that the scheme submitted is the only one which is to form the subject of an application during the financial year ending 31st March 1916.

At the same time, I have to inform you that the demand for labour and materials for urgent national requirements is such, that it is extremely undesirable for Highway Authorities to press forward any schemes which could be postponed, even although such postponement causes some local inconvenience.

The policy on which the Board are acting at the present time is based on the need of economising public expenditure, and of deferring works of road improvement, except in cases where the work is necessary to prevent serious deterioration.

From the information before the Board, it would appear that the Proposal referred to---or at least portions thereof--- might conveniently be postponed, and I am directed to ask your Council to consider the advisability of taking this course.

The County Surveyor,

Yours faithfully, H. P. Maybury.

Wexford Co. Council.

It was thereupon ordered:- That on an early day a meeting of the Committee composed of members of this Council and of the Harbour Board who were engaged in the work of

formulating the Scheme referred to in this letter be called together to deal with it. The Waterworks Committee reported on the Water Rate Account. of the outstanding items of Rate, the sum of £20. 7. 4^½ was found to be irrecoverable, and the remainder £2. 4. 3^½ to be carried forward as Collectible.

The Report was adopted.

The case of John Hanton, Caretaker of Crosstown Cemetery, was brought before the meeting. This man had been guilty of gross dereliction of duty. He had been giving dissatisfaction for over a year. Cautions given to him repeatedly were of no avail, and the Burial Board decided to dispense with his services at once.

The action of the Board was approved.

James Sinnott
Apr 21/15

21st April, 1915.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's Requisition) at the Town Clerk's Office at half past seven o'clock p. m.

The members present were:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Richard Corish, Robert Hanton, George Hadden, Frank Carty.

Councillors:- Nicholas Byrne, Joseph Doyle, Richard Doyle, Philip Cowman,

David R. Keating, Robert Coffey, William H. McGuire, James Browne,

Richard Gibson, John Kirwan.

The minutes of meeting of 7th April Instant were read and signed.

The making of Rates was proceeded with, whereupon the five following Resolutions were adopted, and thereupon the different Rates referred to in the Resolutions were made and the Books containing them duly sealed and signed.

Proposed by Alderman Corish.

Seconded by Councillor Joseph Doyle.

RESOLVED:- That a Borough Rate of One Shilling and Three Pence in the Pound (being One Shilling for General Town Purposes and Three Pence for Sanitary Purposes) be made on the net assessable value of property within the Borough of Wexford to supply the deficiency in the Borough Fund, as shown in an Estimate of Expenses required to permit of the Municipal Administration of said Borough being carried out, as considered and adopted on 31st March, 1915.

Proposed by Alderman Hanton.

Seconded by Councillor Coffey.

RESOLVED:- That an Assessment of Two Shillings in the Pound on the net assessable value of property within the town of Wexford be laid on pursuant to the Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Order (Wexford) Confirmation Act, 1873, and Acts incorporated with and amending the same, as per an Estimate duly considered and adopted on the 31st March, 1915.

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Proposed by Councillor Byrne.

Seconded by Councillor Coffey.

RESOLVED:- That an Assessment of One Shilling and Sixpence in the Pound, viz., a Domestic Rate of Tenpence and a Public Rate of Eightpence on the rateable value of property within the town of Wexford be laid on pursuant to the Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Dalkey &c) Confirmation Act, 1876, and Acts incorporated with and amending the same, as per Estimate duly considered and adopted on the 31st March, 1915.

Proposed by Alderman Carty.

Seconded by Councillor Keating.

RESOLVED:- That a Poor Rate of Two Shillings and Fourpence in the Pound be made on the assessable value of property within the Urban District of Wexford, as per an Estimate of Expenses to be raised by a poor Rate on said Urban District, considered and adopted on the 31st March, 1915.

Proposed by Councillor McGuire.

Seconded by Alderman Carty.

RESOLVED:- That an Assessment of Five Pence in the Pound on the net assessable value of property within the town of Wexford be laid on pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854, the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1847, and the Amending or Extending Acts incorporated therewith, as per an Estimate duly considered and adopted on the 31st March, 1915.

Alderman Corish and Councillor Richard Doyle voted against the adoption of the last Resolution.

James Sinnott
Mayor May 3/15

3rd. May, 1915.

A Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, at noon.

The members present were:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Richard Corish, Robert Hanton, Joseph Kelly, Frank Carty.

Councillors:- James Murphy, Joseph Doyle, Philip Cowman, Thomas O'Brien, John Walsh, John J. Kirwan, Michael Browne, James Ffrench, William H. McGuire, Robert Coffey, Michael Martin, Thomas Rossiter, James McMahon, David R. Keating, Richard Gibson, James Browne, Nicholas Byrne, Richard Doyle.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1933. 1. 9 were laid before the meeting, and having been examined

were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 384 to 410 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of April, 1915, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

	ORDINARY	LOAN
Summary due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	656. 15. 7	868. 7. 6
Total sums received to close of last month.	100. 18. 8	- . - . -
TOTALS	757. 14. 3	868. 7. 6
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- . - . -	- . - . -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	1308. 11. 9	624. 10. 0
TOTALS	1308. 11. 9	624. 10. 0
Net Balance due to Treasurer.	550. 17. 6	- . - . -
Net Balance due by Treasurer.	- . - . -	243. 17. 6

R E C O N C I L E M E N T .

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	760. 4. 3	868. 7. 6
Outstanding Orders.	1311. 1. 9	624. 10. 0
Net Balance as above due to Treasurer.	550. 17. 6	- . - . -
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	- . - . -	243. 17. 6

With reference to minutes of 7th September last containing a resolution of congratulation on the accession of Pope Benedict XV to the Papal Chair, the following is a copy of a reply received from the papal Secretary of State and ordered to be inserted on these minutes.

(Free translation)

The Vatican, 13th April, 1915.

Sir,

The solemn manifestation of filial love for and of sincere faith in the personage and in the August Throne of the Vicar of Christ on earth, that the Municipal Council of Wexford, in the name of the entire people, has shown to Benedict XV in their joy at his exaltation to the Pontifical Chair, has been received by His Holiness with intense delight.

It therefore gives me great pleasure to convey to you His Holiness' thanks for the homage shown the august Pope, and His Holiness' blessings to all his flock in Wexford, particularly to yourself and the Members of the Council of that ancient town.

Believe me, yours faithfully,

L. Cardinal Gasparri.

The question of appointing a man to collect a Rate of Five Pence in the Pound made, for the first time, on 21st Ultimo under the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854, was taken into consideration. By direction of the Finance and Works Committee, advertisements had been published inviting tenders in respect of the duty of collecting this Rate, and it was announced that two tenders had been lodged, but before opening them it was necessary for the meeting to determine the amount of the security to be required in the case of the tenderers. The Rate is to be levied in the

aggregate to £371. 18. 6 only, and as the Collector would be required to render a weekly account in his Abstract Book, the amount of the security needed not necessarily to exceed £50.

The meeting thereupon decided that the Collector would provide a Bond from an approved Fidelity Guarantee Company to the amount of Fifty Pounds for the faithful discharge of his duties.

The tenders, on being opened, proved to be from Messrs N. J. Cosgrave of 11, George Street, Wexford, and from R. MacDonald. The former offered to act as Collector if he were paid £24 as remuneration, and the latter was prepared to act at a remuneration of £9. 0. 0. Both applicants were prepared to provide any security deemed necessary, and thereupon on the motion of Alderman Kelly, seconded by Councillor McGuire, R. MacDonald's tender was accepted.

The appointment of a Caretaker for Crosstown Cemetery in room of John Hanton, whose services were dispensed with pursuant to an order made on 7th Ultimo, was a matter which was dealt with.

There were six applicants for the post. These were Daniel Thomas, John Whitney, Michael Tierney, Patrick Roche, Patrick Ryan, and Patrick Healy.

The application of the last mentioned was not entertained as he was illiterate. As all the others seemed eligible, a Poll of the members present was taken, the result being that Patrick Roche secured appointment.

The voting was as follows:-

For Daniel Thomas 5.

For John Whitney 2.

For Michael Tierney 1.

For Patrick Roche 15.

For Patrick Ryan 0.

The Public Lighting Committee recommended that the temporary office of Gas Inspector should be continued for a further six months, as the term of six months for which the inspection had been carried on was due to expire of 6th Instant,

The Committee had been in communication with the Gas Company on the subject, and the Company, per their letter of 28th April 1915 had signified their willingness to continue the allowance towards the payment of the Inspector on the same terms and conditions as hitherto for another six months, but for no longer, as the Company considered the Corporation should bear the entire expense of their own Lamp Inspector. The meeting, in regard to this matter, came to the conclusion that the services of a Lamp Inspector might be dispensed with without much disadvantage for the Summer, and deferred the question of re-appointment until the autumn season, and the Committee be asked to deal with the matter again at a future date.

With regard to the provisions of the Cinematograph Act, 1909, and the Regulations made thereunder by the Lord Lieutenant, the following were approved of as Rules supplementary to the Act and Regulations.

The holders of Cinematograph Licences shall be prohibited from exhibiting to public view in their places of entertainment any film of a character calculated to be suggestive

of evil, and from admitting to a public exhibition of films after the hour of six o'clock p. m. children under the age of fourteen unless they be accompanied by a parent or a competent person of full age. Licencees to be also prohibited from exhibiting films to public view before 8. 30 p. m. on Sundays.

it was decided, in response to applications from the Theatre Royal, Wexford, and the Cinema Palace, Harpur's Lane, to issue two Licences at a charge of £1. 0. 0 each to be in force for twelve months.

With regard to minutes of 1st March last, a letter No.14258, dated 16th April, 1915 from the Local Government Board was read containing an intimation that the Board did not consider the present an opportune time for recommending to the Treasury the desirability of relieving Urban Authorities of their indebtedness on foot of Housing Loans to the extent of 20% of the amount of such Loans.

With reference to minutes of 1st March last, a letter No.13095 dated 6th March 1915 from the same Department was read intimating, in reference to the application of the Council for a portion of the flour presented by the Canadian Government that the Board would be glad to receive a statement showing the extent of unemployment and how far it was caused by the War.

This communication was referred to the Committee for the Relief of Distress.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Town Tenants' League, Dublin, intimating that an Annual Convention of the League was fixed to be held on 12th Instant at the City Hall, Dublin, and asking that the Council would appoint Delegates to attend the Convention.

Councillor McMahon, on expressing his willingness to attend as Delegate was duly appointed as such.

A letter from the Manager of the G. S. & W. Railway Company was read in reply to an appeal made to the Company to resume the running of the recently discontinued four o'clock train from Wexford to Waterford. It appeared that the train had been taken off to meet exigencies resulting from the War. Circumstances had arisen which had demanded a curtailment of the mileage run, and the curtailment had been applied simultaneously to other parts of the line, but the Council could rely on the full train service being re-instated the moment circumstances would admit.

James Hanton
7th June 1915

7th June 1915.

A Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon.

The members present were:-

Robert Hanton Esq., Alderman (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Frank Carty, George Hadden, Richard Corish, Joseph Kelly.

Councillors:- David R. Keating, William H. McGuire, James Murphy, Nicholas Byrne, James McMahon, John Walsh, Thomas Rossiter, John J. Kirwan, Richard Gibson, James Ffrench, Robert Coffey, James Browne, Michael Browne.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £1414. 8. 2 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 411 to 444 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of May, 1915, including the payments made on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

	ORDINARY	LOAN
Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	- . -	243. 17. 6
Total sums received to close of last month.	1214. 19. 0	1000. 0. 0
TOTALS	1214. 19. 0	1243. 17. 6
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statemnt.	550. 17. 6	- . -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	881. 9. 8	532. 18. 6
TOTALS	1432. 7. 2	532. 18. 6
Net Balance due to Treasurer.	217. 8. 2	- . -
Net Balance due by Treasurer.	- . -	710. 19. 0

The appointment made at last meeting of R. MacDonald as Rate Collector was a subject brought under notice by the receipt of a recommendation brought from the Finance and Works Committee. Mr. MacDonald had resigned by reason of the fact that he was unable to provide the necessary security from a Fidelity Guarantee Society. It appeared that he had been but a short time in business, and his commercial standing had not been tested. The Committee were in favour of appointing in his stead Mr. N. J. Cosgrave, who had also sent in a tender at last meeting offering to perform the duties of the office for £24., and who was the only other person that sought the appointment.

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Coffey, seconded by Councillor McMahon, the recommendation was adopted without question.

With reference to minutes of 1st February and also of 10th February last, tenders received in respect of constructing 12 water closets in dwellings at William Street and 18 in dwellings at Hill Street were opened, and found to be of the following import.

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From John Browne, to construct 12 water closets in William Street for a sum of

£85. 16. 0.

From James McEvoy to do the same work for £66. 0. 0.

On the motion of Alderman Corish seconded by Councillor Byrne, the tender of James McEvoy was accepted in the case.

For the erection of 18 water closets at Hill Street, John Browne was prepared to complete the work for a sum of £147. 12. 0, but as the amount mentioned was largely in excess of the estimated cost, it was decided to defer taking further action in the matter sine die.

In respect of painting work to be done in accordance with specification on the Caretaker's Lodge and gates at Crosstown Cemetery, four tenders were received as follows:-

From James McCarthy offering to do the work for	£	14.	9.	6
From White & Murphy	D o	16.	6.	0
From John Evoy	D o	15.	2.	6
From John Butler	D o	14.	5.	0

John Butler's tender being the lowest, it was accepted on the motion of Councillor Coffey seconded by Councillor Kirwan.

For structural repairs to be done at Crosstown, there was only one tender received in response to advertisements.

It was from White & Murphy who were prepared to carry out the work in accordance with specification for a sum of £12. 1. 6, and on the motion of Councillor Keating Keating, seconded by Alderman Corish, this tender was accepted, as it was not excessive when compared with the amount of the estimate.

Having regard to the threatened increase in the price of gas, and the action of the Public Lighting Committee who had taken into consideration the desirability of economising in the matter of the public lights and had made a recommendation as to dispensing with a certain number of the lights during the period of the War, the question of adopting the recommendation was introduced.

The Committee, with the assistance of the manager of the Gas Works, and after an inspection of the town after dark, had prepared a list of 27 lamps which could be done without, without very serious inconvenience. 27 out of about 200 lamps maintained by the Council and the Harbour Board were proportionately few, and having regard to the increase in the price of coal the Committee considered their action justified.

The recommendation of the Committee was adopted nem. con.

A circular letter from the Local Government Board No.57, dated 4th May, 1915, was submitted. It drew attention to the decision of the Treasury to restrict capital issues by Local Authorities within the narrowest limits, and that consequently the Government would have to be satisfied that due foresight had been exercised by Local Authorities in the matter of borrowing money before sanction to the raising of money to carry on public works would be given.

The following resolution was adopted, Alderman Corish dissenting.

Proposed by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor McMahon.

That we, the members of the Wexford Corporation hereby declare our continued and

unshaken confidence in Mr. John E. Redmond, our distinguished fellow townsman and eminently successful Leader, and that it is our determined intention in the present political crisis, and until Home Rule now inscribed on the Statute Book is in practical operation in Ireland, to work, even more strenuously and determinedly in conjunction with our Leader and the Irish party for that object.

Further that we decidedly approve of the action of Mr. Redmond in refusing to accept office in the present coalition Government, and feel confident that the wisdom and statesmanship that has guided him in all his political actions so far will continue to the final triumph.

The following resolution was adopted unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor McGuire.

that we regard with grave apprehension the recent changes in the Government of the Country, involving as it does the inclusion in place and high power and authority of the most virulent enemy of our people, and a declared law-breaker. *Sir Edward Carson* We consider this step as a direct insult to the great majority of Irishmen and must express our surprise that the leading Statesmen in England should sanction such a course at a time when thousands of Irish Nationalists are sacrificing their lives to maintain the integrity of the British Empire.

Robert Hanton
5 July 1915

5th July, 1915.

A statutable meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon.

The members present were:-

Alderman Robert Hanton, Mayor Locum Tenens (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Richard Corish, Frank Carty, George Madden.

Councillors:- Nicholas Byrne, Joseph Doyle, James McMahon, John Walsh, John J. Kirwan, Robert Coffey, David R. Keating, William H. McGuire, James Murphy, Thomas Rossiter, Michael Martin, Thomas O'Brien.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £192. 0. 10 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of paying Orders numbered from 445 to 460 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of June, 1915, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

	ORDINARY	LOAN
Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement		710. 19. 0
Sums received to close of last month	1012. 13. 3	2. 13. 1
TOTALS	1012. 13. 3	713. 12. 1

	ORDINARY	LOAN
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement	217. 8. 2	- . -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	183. 10. 10	8. 10. 0
TOTALS	400. 19. 0	8. 10. 0
net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	611. 14. 3	705. 2. 1

RECONCILEMENT.

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	812. 12. 5	713. 12. 1
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	200. 18. 2	8. 10. 0
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	611. 14. 3	705. 2. 1

With regard to minutes of 7th Ultimo, when a decision was come to in favour of dispensing with 27 of the public lights during the term of the War, it was proposed by Alderman Corish, as per notice of motion which had been received from him, that the decision come to in the matter be rescinded.

The motion was seconded by Councillor McGuire and was adopted.

General complaints having been made about the public lighting, the Public Lighting Committee had engaged the services of Mr. N. J. Cosgrave during a period of 14 nights to see if the complaints had any foundation in fact. His report was read, and from this it appeared he had commenced to inspect on the night of the 17th June, and in the period mentioned had found no less than 23 lamps unlighted for the whole night on an average, as well as a number of lamps showing deficient light each night owing chiefly to defective mantles.

A lengthy discussion arose on the question with the result that Wednesday, 7th Inst was appointed as a day on which a Committee of the whole Council was to be called together to deal with the question.

A letter from the Corporation Solicitor was read intimating that the plot of ground at Windmills Hill which formerly belonged to the Nuns of the Convent of St. John of God had been taken possession of in behalf of the Council as a site for houses to be erected under the Housing Acts. There was no obstacle in the way of the Council commencing building operations on this plot at once. He advised that the work of laying the foundations should be proceeded with at once, so as to keep the whole scheme of houses in process of execution. This would show the Treasury that the provision of the houses was a matter of urgency in the remote possibility of the Treasury hesitating to advance the portion of the Loan not yet applied for through the financial pressure occasioned by the war.

This matter was also referred to a Committee of the entire Council to be called together on Wednesday, 7th Instant, but it was arranged that in the meantime Mr. O'Connor was to be seen and asked if he was aware of the undertaking given by the Council to the Board of Works that one-half of the Loan of £10,000 was to be requisitioned in instalments in 1915, and the other half not before 1st January, 1916.

In response to advertisements inviting tenders for supplying earthenware sewer

pipes to be used in sewer to be constructed at Windmills Hill, there was only one tender received. This was from C. P. Glorney, Builders' Provider, 5 & 6 George's Quay, Dublin. It was seen that the quotations was exclusively in respect of Lancashire made pipes, and it was considered that an effort should be made to obtain quotations for pipes of Irish manufacture if such were to be had.

The consideration of the tender was deferred to next meeting to permit of inquiries being made from the Secretary of the Irish Industrial Development Association as to whether glazed earthenware pipes were made in this Country.

Attention was drawn to the action of the Wexford County Council in the matter of Endowments in the National University. The County Council had decided upon giving no further financial support to necessitous pupils capable of achieving matriculation in the University on the ground that retrenchment of public moneys was essential in view of the severe demands to be made on this country as a consequence of the War. Alderman Corish proposed that the County Council should be requested to re-consider their decision, having regard to the widespread desire for facilities for Higher Education being afforded to the masses of the people, who undoubtedly evince a high degree of intellectuality not apparent in other Countries.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Rossiter and strongly supported by Councillor D. R. Keating.

It commended itself to the meeting and was adopted nem. con.

A letter received from Mr. William Maddock of Ballinaglough, Barntown, was read. Mr. Maddock was tenant of a field at Clonard, being part of the Town parks, at a rent of £4. 3. 6 a year. He held under lease in succession to his relative, Mrs Malone, deceased. The field in question was known as the Brick Field because brick-making had been carried on in it. The field contained excavations, out of which brick clay had been procured, and as a result the value of the land for grazing purposes had depreciated. Mr. Maddock applied for a reduction of rent.

It was decided not to entertain the application, as it was the tenant's predecessor who had made the excavations, and had, no doubt, made profit out of his brick-making operations.

Ordered:- That Messrs Anthony Kehoe and Richard Doyle having omitted to construct drains from their houses at The Faythe as required by notices served on them on 22nd. May last, the case be handed to the Corporation Solicitor with instructions to him to follow up the action of the Council in the matter.

Anthony Kehoe
Aug 4/15

4th August, 1915.

A Quarterly meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half past seven o'clock p. m.

The members present were:-

Robert Hanton, Esq. mayor Locum Tenens (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Richard Corish, Frank Carty, George Hadden.

Councillors:- William H. McGuire, Thomas O'Brien, Nicholas Byrne, Michael Martin, Joseph Doyle, David R. Keating, Thomas Rossiter, James Murphy, Robert Coffey, Richard Gibson.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £1760. 0. 11, were submitted and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 461 to 482 inclusive.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of July 1915, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

	ORDINARY	LOAN
Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement	611. 14. 3	705. 2. 1
Sums received to close of last month.	825. 12. 0	- . -
TOTALS	1437. 6. 3	705. 2. 1
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement	- . -	- . -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	703. 12. 11	1056. 8. 0
TOTALS	703. 12. 11	1056. 8. 0
Net Balance due by Treasurer (Ordinary)	733. 13. 4	
Net Balance due to Treasurer (Loan)		351. 5. 11

R E C O N C I L E M E N T .

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1437. 6. 3	705. 2. 1
Outstanding Orders	703. 12. 11	1056. 8. 0
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer (Ordinary)	733. 13. 4	
Net Balance as above due to Treasurer (Loan)		351. 5. 11

Alderman Corish took occasion to propose that a vote of condolence in behalf of the Council be conveyed to Mrs O'Donovan Rossa and her family in the lamented death of her husband, the late Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa. This great patriot, O'Donovan Rossa, was so much appreciated during his lifetime that on his demise in U. S. A. his remains were conveyed to Ireland and interred in Glasnevin Cemetery, Dublin, on Sunday, 1st Instant, in conformity with popular desire.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Keating who referred to many episodes in the public career of the deceased, and on being put to the meeting was carried unanimously. Among the accounts submitted for approval was a Bill of £518. 8. 2 from the Gas Company for services rendered in maintaining and lighting the street lamps for one year ended 30th June last. This evoked criticism of the manner in which the Gas Company had performed their duty. There was ground for frequent complaint of the

inefficiency of the lighting, and a casual inspection of the lights for fourteen nights between 17th and 30th June gave ample proof that the public lighting was not properly attended to. Representation made to the Gas Company had not, so far, elicited any satisfactory response, and it was suggested that the Bill should be reduced to £500 pending the result of a Conference which the Public Lighting Committee were endeavouring to bring about between themselves and the Directors of the Company on the subject.

The suggestion was adopted.

Included in the accounts also was a certificate for £1050. 0. 0 being amount payable on foot of contracts in respect of the erection of dwellings at West Gate and Hill Street. A question was raised regarding this liability, as it had transpired that one of the Contractors, Mrs O'Connor, Builder, had used English-made cement instead of Drinsgh cement in violation of the specification.

On the matter being discussed it was found that the cement used by her in the work was of at least equal quality to the cement specified, and the claim was accordingly approved.

An accusation was made also about rafters having been allowed to be used in the work which were nine inches short of the length specified, but this was emphatically denied by the Town Surveyor, and the meeting took no action as they did not feel justified in proceeding on the ipse dixit of only two members.

With regard to minutes of 5th Ultimo, on which occasion the consideration of a tender for sewer pipes was deferred, a letter received from the Secretary of the Irish Industrial Development Association was read communicating the information that glazed sewer pipes were not manufactured in Ireland.

The tender of Mr. Glorney was then examined, and on the motion of Councillor McGuire seconded by Councillor Coffey, it was resolved to order from the intending Contractor the requisite number of sewer pipes @ $2/3$ per length, of splay junctions @ $3/6$ each and of manhole covers @ 45/- each.

The Council having contributed on 1st February last to the funds of the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities, were invited by letter to appoint two representatives to attend the Annual Meeting of the Association to be held in Dublin on 21st and 22nd. September 1915, and on the motion of Councillor Coffey seconded by Alderman Carty, it was decided to appoint the two members who acted as Delegates on former occasions, namely the present Mayor and Alderman Hadden to represent the Council at the meeting. A communication received from a Conference held in Dublin on 20th July was read. The Conference claimed to be representative of the National, Industrial, and Labour Bodies. It had adopted a resolution against Conscription and asked that the Urban Council of Wexford should endorse the resolution and nominate a Delegate to a Committee to do all acts necessary to counter any attempt to bring about Conscription. Councillor McGuire proposed that the communication should be marked "read".

The motion was seconded by Councillor Keating, but Alderman Corish proposed that the resolution of the Conference which was in the following words, "That we declare we

will not have Conscription" should be adopted.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Martin, but after discussion and a Division the proposition of Councillor McGuire was carried.

The advisableness of drawing the attention of the Ministry of Munitions to the fitness of Wexford as a Centre for the production of war material was brought under notice. The establishment of a munitions factory in the town would be of great service to the working classes and would be the means of stopping the exodus of munition workers to England, which was a matter of daily occurrence latterly.

Wexford had an advantage over any other town of its size in Ireland to claim a share of the work at the disposal of the Ministry of Munitions. Owing to the existence of the four Firms of ironworks in the town, there was to be had a large body of skilled mechanical labour, and outside of that there was to be had numbers of persons, male and female, susceptible of being quickly trained to manufacture munitions, such as fuses, bombs, and hand grenades. There was also available vacant buildings, such as the Distillery and the Military Barracks capable of being conveniently turned into munition factories. Wexford also stood in a singularly good geographical position in relation to London, as the journey between the two places was capable of being accomplished in ten hours.

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Alderman Carty, it was resolved to appoint a Committee of members of the Council, with power to co-opt non-members, if necessary, to work up a case in favour of Wexford and press it on the attention of the Ministry of Munitions.

The members of the Corporation appointed were Aldermen Hadden, Hanton, Carty, and Councillors Rossiter, Keating and McGuire.

A circular from the Local Government Board No.65/M/1915 under date of 26th July 1915 was read. The subject of it was the sale of food and drugs. The Board considered that the number of samples submitted for analysis by Local Authorities as a rule were too few and were restricted to too small a class of articles. The Board suggested that Inspectors of Food and Drugs should be directed to make a varied selection of food stuffs, and showed a list of items of food and drugs suitable for analysis. It was Ordered:- That the attention of the Inspector of Food and Drugs be called to the terms of the circular and he be instructed to take samples of all articles mentioned in the circular as being liable to analysis.

James Smith
Sept 15

4th August, 1915.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half past seven o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing a Harbour Commissioner.

The members present were:-

Robert Hanton, Esq. Mayor Locum Tenens (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Richard Corish, Frank Carty, George Hadden

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Councillors:- William H. McGuire, Thomas O'Brien, Nicholas Byrne, Michael Martin,
Joseph Doyle, David R. Keating, Thomas Rossiter, James Murphy,
Robert Coffey, Richard Gibson.

The Secretary of the harbour Board notified that only one member, namely Councillor Nicholas Byrne, had been nominated as required previous to the meeting being held, and thereupon on the motion of Alderman Carty, seconded by Councillor McGuire, it was unanimously resolved:- That Councillor Nicholas Byrne be and is hereby elected a Harbour Commissioner to represent the Corporation for one year from this day. Councillor Byrne returned thanks for his election.

James Sinnott
Sept 6/15

6th September, 1915.

A Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon.

The members present were:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Frank Carty, Richard Corish, Robert Hanton.

Councillors:- William H. McGuire, Nicholas Byrne, Philip Cowman, Thomas O'Brien,
David R. Keating, Robert Coffey, John J. Kirwan, James Murphy,
James Browne, James McMahon? Michael Martin.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1493. 15. 9 were laid before the meeting, and having been examined and approved were signed so that the Treasurer might pay them on presentation to him of paying Orders numbered from 483 to 500 and from 1 to 13 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of August 1915, including the payments amde at the meetig held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

	ORDINARY			LOAN		
Balance due by Tureasurer as per last Statement.	733.	13.	4	-.	-.	-
Total sums received to close of last month.	829.	12.	7	500.	0.	0
TOTALS	1563.	5.	11	500.	0.	0
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	-.	-.	-	351.	5.	11
Payments ordered at this meeting.	858.	7.	9	635.	8.	0
TOTALS	858.	7.	9	986.	13.	11
Net Balance due by Treasurer (Ordinary)	704.	18.	2	-.	-.	-.
Net Balance due to Treasurer (Doan)	-.	-.	-.	486.	13.	11

R E C O N C I L E M E N T .

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	1581.	16.	2	148.	14.	1
Outstanding Orders	876.	18.	0	635.	8.	0
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer (Ordinary)	704.	18.	2	-.	-.	-
Net Balance due to Treasurer (Loan)	-.	-.	-	486.	13.	11

Among the Bills passed this day for payment was an item of £18. 8. 2 deducted at last meeting from the Gas Company's Bill pending a decision being come to by the Public Lighting Committee. The Committee had come to the conclusion since then that a part of this item should be left unpaid as a protest against the neglect of the Company to perform their duty, but as such part was found to be somewhat under £1. it was deemed not to be worth while having any further dispute about.

Alderman Corish made allusion to the sad bereavement which had fallen on Mr. Edward Merryman, an employe of the Council. Mr. Merryman had lately received official information of the death of his son, Corporal Merryman, who was killed in action at the Dardanelles. He proposed that an expression of the sympathy of the Council be recorded in the case and conveyed to Mr. Merryman.

The motion was seconded by Councillor O'Brien, and adopted unanimously.

The Mayor, in putting it, took occasion to observe that the deceased had taken a noble part in giving up his life in defence of his Country.

The question of the re-appointment of Mr. Francis Staples as Veterinary Inspector under the Dairies &c. Order, 1908, was brought under consideration as his last year of office had expired on 2nd. Instant, and on the motion of Councillor O'Brien seconded by Councillor Byrne it was

RESOLVED:- That Mr. Francis Staples be re-appointed as Veterinary Inspector to assist in administering the Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order, 1908 for one year at a salary of £15.

Referring to minutes of 5th July last, a report from the Public Lighting Committee was read. It dealt with a report of a special inspection of the public lights made between 17th and 30th June last. The Gas Company were duly informed of the result of the Inspection and were invited to appoint a day whereupon to meet the Committee in conference, but to the surprise of the Committee the Directors refused the request and asked that the appointment of a Gas Inspector should be made permanent, and threatened to cease doing the work of lighting and extinguishing unless this concession were granted. On this point the question for the Council to decide was whether there was any responsibility on them to keep a Gas Inspector, as it seemed strange that the Council should be under the necessity and expense of seeing that they got the full measure of what they were paying for. The Company did not vouchsafe to tender any excuse for neglecting the work they undertook to perform, although it was beyond question that the work had been neglected. The Committee considered they had exhausted every possible means to have the work done properly. They had failed owing to the unyielding attitude of the Gas Directors. They tendered their resignation, and asked the Council to appoint a fresh Committee to be invested with power to consider and report on the proper means of improving the artificial lighting of the town.

The Committee also reported that the Company had given notice that it would be necessary from 1st January next to make an extra charge for mantles, glass, and other outlay apart from a probable increase in the price of gas. As regards this

prospective increase in price the Council had to bear in mind that they were completely at the mercy of the Company in the matter, but the Committee drew attention to the fact that the increase of pressure required to operate the automatic lighting apparatus was almost entirely responsible for the breakage of mantles and globes. After protracted deliberation of the question, the three following resolutions were adopted.

Proposed by Councillor McGuire, seconded by Councillor Keating.

That the Special Report of the Gas Inspector covering the period from 17th to 30th June last be placed at the disposal of the press reporters for publication.

Proposed by Councillor McGuire, seconded by Alderman Hanton.

That Mr. N. J. Cosgrave be appointed to inspect the public lights for the six months commencing 1st October next on the same terms and subject to the same conditions as to duties and remuneration as heretofore.

Proposed by Councillor Kirwan, seconded by Councillor Murphy.

That the Public Lighting Committee's resignation be not accepted, but that the Committee be re-appointed for the purpose of putting the artificial lighting of the town on a satisfactory basis, and that the Committee be authorized to co-opt a substitute in the room of any member of the Committee who might not chose to serve as a member thereof.

Regarding the proceedings of the Council on 31st March last, when a preliminary report on a proposal to widen Trimmers Lane was dealt with and a sum of £400, including £100 cost of demolishing eleven houses, was allocated for the purpose, a further Committee Report and communication from the Corporation Solicitor was brought under notice. From this it appeared that on the occasion of the Committee furnishing their first report they had only dealt with the principal interests that had to be consulted leaving sundry other unascertained items untouched. These latter were now found to amount to £89 in round numbers, bringing the purchase price of the property to be acquired up to £389.

This sum was made up as follows:-

	£	S	D
Amount to be paid by the Corporation to Mr. O'Brien for his property.	150.	0.	0
Amount to be paid by the Corporation to Mr. Nunn for the head rent of £5. 11. 0 at 25 years purchase.	138.	15.	0
Amount to be paid to Miss Sinnott.	120.	0.	0
Amount to be paid to Mr. Meyler.	28.	0.	0
Amount to be paid to Mr. Nunn for the purchase of the head rent of £6. 18. 0 (portion of the head rent of £15. 18. 0) at 21½ years purchase.	148.	7.	0
Amount to be paid to Mr. Tierney, say	30.	0.	0
	615.	2.	0

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Amount to be paid by Mr. O'Brien to Corporation for the purchase of the head rent of £5. 11. 0 at 20 years purchase	111.	0.	0
Amount which 4 remaining houses should realize	130.	0.	0
	241.	0.	0
	374.	2.	0
Mr. Nunn's costs, about.	15.	0.	0
	389.	2.	0

TOTAL

389. 2. 0

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The arrangement to purchase on the terms specified was the result of protracted negotiations with landlords and various interests concerned, and it included a free grant of five small houses in the charge of the Executors of the late William Hayes and the free grant of a railed-in plot fronting Selskar Street from Mr. F. A. B. Turner. The Committee were of opinion that the opportunity should be seized to purchase and commence the work of demolition, seeing that the probable cost of carrying out the improvement was set down at £700, as per minutes of 7th September last.

The question was given full consideration, whereupon there was put to the meeting a motion as proposed by Alderman Carty seconded by Councillor McMahon as follows:

That the arrangement come to for the purchase of property in Trimmers Lane, as outlined above, be approved of and that the property be acquired on the terms mentioned.

A division was taken, whereupon ten members voted for this motion and five against it. It was declared carried.

Councillor Keating introduced the subject of two political resolutions received from Dublin and Limerick Corporations. These Bodies had thought well to protest against the mode in which the Defence of the Realm Act was administered in Ireland, and had asked the Wexford Corporation to follow suit. He considered that no notice should be taken of the action of Dublin and Limerick in this matter, as it was prompted by antagonism to the Irish Parliamentary party.

He proposed:

That we, the Corporation of Wexford, highly approve of the action taken by Mr. Joseph Devlin on behalf of the Irish Party in their endeavours to secure a fair trial for the Irish prisoners recently prosecuted and convicted under the Defence of the Realm Act.

Further that we have the fullest confidence in the Irish Party led by Mr. John Redmond in their efforts to secure full and ample justice to all sections of their fellow-countrymen, irrespective of Creed or Politics.

This motion was seconded by Councillor McGuire, but before it was put the copy resolutions from Dublin and Limerick were read to ascertain the exact import of them, whereupon Alderman Corish proposed that a resolution similar to the one from Limerick be adopted.

This motion was seconded by Councillor O'Brien.

Councillor Keating's motion was put to the meeting and was carried.

Alderman Corish's motion was put to the meeting and failed to be carried.

James Smith
Sept 7/15

4th October, 1915.

A Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half past seven o'clock p. m.

The members present were:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Richard Corish, George Hadden, Robert Hanton, Joseph Kelly,
Frank Carty.

Councillors:- David R. Keating, Richard Gibson, James Murphy, James Ffrench,
William H. McGuire, Philip Cowman, Thomas Rossiter, Nicholas Byrne,
James McMahon, John Walsh, John J. Kirwan, Michael Martin,
Joseph Doyle, Robert Coffey, Thomas O'Brien, Michael Browne.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £288. 2. 8 were submitted and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 12 to 34 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of September 1915, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

	ORDINARY	LOAN
Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	704. 18. 2	- . -
Sums received to close of last month.	757. 12. 2	1001. 6. 10
TOTALS	1462. 10. 4	1001. 6. 10
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- . -	486. 13. 11
Payments ordered at this meeting.	280. 2. 8	8. 0. 0
TOTALS	280. 2. 8	494. 13. 11
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	1182. 7. 8	506. 12. 11

R E C O N C I L E M E N T .

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	1500. 0. 4	1069. 12. 11
Outstanding Orders.	317. 12. 8	563. 0. 0
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer	1182. 7. 8	506. 12. 11

With reference to minutes of last meeting the following is a copy of a letter read.

Paythe, Wexford. 3/9/15.

To W. A. Browne, Esq., Town Clerk.

Dear Sir,

Will you please convey to the members of the Corporation my sincere thanks for their kind vote of sympathy with me in my recent bereavement.

Yours respectfully, Edward merryman.

Tenders received in respect of printing and supplying all the books, forms and placards required for one year were submitted to the meeting. They were from three of the local printing works, namely, The People Office, The Free Press Office, and John English & Co. One of the tenders was from a contractor who were

required to perform the work was that their employees were to be paid not less than the minimum standard wages paid in the town as per resolutions of the Council of 3rd. July 1899 and 2nd. March, 1903.

The meeting went over each of the items contained in the three tenders seriatim and marked such items as proved to be the cheapest "accepted."

The question of determining the rents to be charged for newly-erected dwellings at West Gate and Hill Street was brought under consideration. To assist the meeting in arriving at a proper conclusion the members had been furnished with copies of the financial statement attached hereto. According to this it was seen that a rent of 8/7 a week should be charged for the four houses at West Gate and a rent of 5/7 a week for the thirteen houses at Hill Street, if there was to be no demand made on the Rates.

In the course of a discussion attention was drawn to a letter written by Mr. J. J. Clancy M. P. in December last to the Press and to a statement made by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the subject of loans for dwellings in Urban Areas.

The import of the Chancellor's statement was that under the Housing (No 2) Act 1914, the Treasury was prepared to advance ten per cent of the capital cost by way of free grant, that the interest was not to exceed 4½ per cent. per annum, and that the Loan could be repaid by way of an annuity in sixty years at £4. 3. 4 per cent.

On this subject the meeting decided to defer fixing the rents pending the receipt of information from the Local Government Board as to whether the Corporation could reckon on obtaining the substantial concessions promised by the Chancellor.

A Committee Report on Domestic scavenging was read. The Committee pointed out that the system of domestic scavenging at present in operation in Wexford affected only the congested portions of the town, as there were large areas where vegetable gardens were kept under cultivation, and where house refuse was utilized as a fertilizer. The work in connection with the system was done by the scavenging staff, according as the staff could be spared from their regular work. It consisted of emptying dustbins and ashpits. The system was of inestimable benefit from a sanitary point of view. For year ended 1st September last there had been no less than 1160 cartloads of the contents of ashpits carted away, while 184 dustbins had been emptied daily. The expense connected with the system for the year had been £140. In carrying out this work Wexford could boast of being an exception among the provincial towns of Ireland of the same size and population as Wexford. The system was being availed of to a greater extent day after day, and the Committee did not feel called upon to recommend any further development of it. The emptying of ashpits was done free of charge in cases where the valuation of premises was £3 and under. In cases over this valuation a charge of 1/- for each cartload of refuse taken away was made. A charge of 5/- per annum was made on householders keeping dustbins. The Committee recommended that the charge for emptying dustbins should be increased from 5/- to 10/- a year per dustbin, and the charge for emptying ashpits be increased to 1/6 per cartload.

A discussion on this report resulted in the adoption of the following two motions.

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NEW HOUSING SCHEME.

STATEMENT SHOWING RENTS TO BE CHARGED

Four houses at Westgate—Capital outlay, viz.:

Erection of the Buildings	...	...	£1,020	0	0
Purchase of Ground	...	...	288	15	0
Surveyor's Fees (2½ per cent.)	...	...	25	10	0
Clerk of Works	...	...	17	0	0
Law Costs—Solicitor	...	...	22	10	0
Contingencies	...	...	8	0	0
			£1,381	15	0
Cr. Estimated Value of Street Improvement			200	0	0
			£1,181	15	0
Cost per house	£295	5	0		

Annual Expenditure, viz.:

Repayment of Loan (£1,181 15s. at £1 14s. 6d. per cent. per annum)	...	...	£20	6	0
Interest on Loan at 4½ per cent.	...	...	52	17	6
Head Rent	...	...	10	0	0
Poor Rate at 2s. 2d. on assumed valuation of £8 per house	...	...	3	9	4
Borough Rate at 1s. in the £ do.	...	...	1	12	0
Fire Insurance	...	...	15	0	0
Agent's Poundage	...	...	4	13	6
			£93	13	4
Cr. Clancy Grant—Probable Share, 1916			4	0	0
			89	13	4
A Rent of 8s. 7d. a week per house will yield annually on four houses			89	5	4

Thirteen houses at Hill Street—Capital outlay, viz.:

Erection of Buildings	£1,323	0	0	
	1,146	0	0	
				£2,469 0 0
Purchase of Ground	...	...	275	0 0
Town Surveyor	...	...	61	14 6
Clerk of Works	...	...	26	0 0
Law Costs—Solicitor	...	...	61	15 0
Contingencies	...	...	26	0 0
				£2,919 9 6
Cost per house	£224	10	0	

Annual Expenditure, viz.:

Repayment of Loan	...	...	£50	7	
Interest on Loan	...	...	130	19	0
Poor Rate on assumed valuation of £5 per house	...	...	7	0	10
Borough Rate on do.	...	...	3	5	0
Fire Insurance	...	...	1	17	0
Agent's Poundage	...	...	10	3	0
			£203	12	4
Deduct Clancy Grant			13	0	0
			£190	12	4
A Rent of 5s. 7d. a week per house will produce annually on 13 houses			£188	14	4

WM. A. BROWNE,

1st October, 1915.

Town Clerk.

NEW HOUSING SCHEME

STATEMENTS SHOWING REASONS TO BE CHANGED

Proposed by Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Murphy.

That where houses are valued at £3. and under, the work of emptying ashpits be done free of charge; that where houses are valued over £3. but not exceeding £5, a charge of one shilling be made in respect of each cartload of refuse removed, and in all other cases that the charge be one shilling and sixpence per cartload.

(This motion was carried by ten to eight on a Division, after an amendment had been defeated in favour of all ashpits being emptied free of charge.)

Proposed by Councillor Kirwan seconded by Councillor McGuire.

That the charge for emptying dustbins be increased from five shillings to ten shillings per annum per dustbin.

(This motion was carried by twelve to six on a Division, after an amendment had been defeated in favour of the charge being fixed at seven shillings and sixpence)

The Wexford Harbour Commissioners by letter asked that the Corporation should meet them in conference to deliberate on the present unsatisfactory financial position of the Harbour Trust, with a view to the Corporation exercising the provisions of Section 54 of the Wexford Harbour Act 1874.

Under this Enactment it was open to the Corporation to perform the duties of maintaining, draining, lighting, and cleansing the Quays and the streets and avenues leading thereto for such consideration payable by the Harbour Commissioners to the Corporation as might be agreed on.

There was no opinion expressed on this subject, but the meeting decided to meet the Commissioners as requested, and fixed Wednesday, 6th Instant at 8. 30 p. m as the time of meeting.

With reference to minutes of 6th Ultimo, the meeting was invited to make arrangements for carrying out the proposed structural improvements at Trimmers Lane, as the necessary Deeds were in course of being executed and in fact two of them, namely those in the case of Mr. O'Brien and Miss Sinnott, had been already executed and the consideration money advanced as a temporary measure by the Corporation Solicitor.

Thereupon after discussion on the motion of Councillor Cowman seconded by Councillor McGuire it was resolved that the demolition of the houses and the erection of a boundary wall, as contemplated by the Scheme, at the north side of the lane, be proceeded with, but that a specification of the work in connection therewith be prepared and tenders invited by advertisement against next Council meeting in respect of carrying out these improvements, but that the rest of the work, namely the construction of the road surface and the laying of a footpath be deferred until next financial year.

James Sinnott
Nov 3/15

1st November, 1915.

A Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon.

The members present were:-

Adlermen:- George Hadden, Richard Corish, Frank Carty, Robert Hanton.

Councillors:- Robert Coffey, John Walsh.

Alderman Hanton acted as Chairman of the Meeting.

Accounts which had accrued up to the end of last month, and amounting in the aggregate to £1924. 19. 7, were laid before the meeting, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 35 to 53 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilament of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of October, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

	ORDINARY	LOAN
Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement,	1182. 7. 8	506. 12. 11
Sums received to close of last month.	530. 16. 3	- . - . -
TOTALS	1713. 3. 11	506. 12. 11
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- . - . -	- . - . -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	1918. 1. 7	6. 18. 0
TOTALS	1918. 1. 7	6. 18. 0
Net Balance due to Treasurer (Ordinary A/C)	204. 17. 8	- . - . -
Net Balance due by Treasurer (Loan A/C)	- . - . -	499. 14. 11

R E C O N C I L E M E N T .

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1713. 3. 11	506. 12. 11
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	1918. 1. 7	6. 18. 0
Net Balance as above due to Treasurer (Ordinary)	204. 17. 8	- . - . -
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer (Loan)	- . - . -	499. 14. 11

On the conclusion of the foregoing business it was decided that the meeting should stand adjourned to Wednesday next, 3rd. Instant, at half past seven o'clock p.m., as this day was a Catholic Holyday.

James Linnott
Nov 3/15

3rd. November, 1915.

An adjourned Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half past seven o'clock p. m.

The members present were:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Richard Corish, Frank Carty, Robert Hanton, George Hadden.

Councillors:- Nicholas Byrne, James Murphy, John Walsh, Robert Coffey, John J. Kirwan,
David R. Keating, William H. McGuire, Thomas Rossiter, James Browne,
Joseph Doyle, Richard Gibson, Michael Martin.

The minutes of meetings of 4th October and 1st November 1915 were read and signed.

With reference to minutes of 4th October last when the question of determining the rents to be charged for newly-erected dwellings was deferred to allow of information being got as to whether the Council could reckon on obtaining a free grant towards the capital outlay on the houses, a letter No.55393 from the Local Government Board under date of 20th October was read. From this it was seen that the Local Government Board did not consider that the provisions of the Housing (No.2) Act 1914 as amended, were intended to apply to schemes such as the one being carried out by the Corporation. A statement showing the cost gone to in providing seventeen houses, being part of the Housing Scheme which was in course of being carried out, was taken into consideration. The capital outlay on four of these houses at Westgate was seen to be £1181. 15. 0, and the capital outlay on the erection of thirteen of the houses at Hill Street was shown to be £2919. 9. 6. The estimated annual expenditure of the four houses at Westgate was set down at £39. 13. 4, necessitating the charging of a rent of 8/7 per house per week, and the annual expenditure in connection with the thirteen houses at Hill Street was estimated to be £190. 12. 4, requiring a rent of 5/7 per house per week to be charged.

The meeting discussed the statement, especially those items which were open to argument. A long discussion took place, but it wound up in no revision being made in the figures. However Councillor McGuire proposed that the thirteen houses at Hill Street should be let at 3/9 per week each inclusive of Rates, as there was no doubt that the accommodation afforded by the houses would not command a higher rent from the working class of people.

Councillor Coffey seconded the motion.

But Alderman Corish proposed that the rents be fixed at 3/6 each per week, as he considered this rent was as much as working men could be called on to pay for this class of house.

Councillor Martin seconded this amendment, which was put to the meeting and failed to be carried as only 4 voted for and 12 voted against it.

Councillor McGuire's motion was then put to the meeting and was carried, 13 voting for and only 4 against.

On the meeting coming to the question of determining the rents of the four better-class houses at Westgate, Councillor Keating proposed that the rents be fixed at 7/-

and it appeared that the Owners of her, Messrs Powell, Bacon & Hough & Co. of Liverpool, were willing to put her on the Station again if she were restored to them. This Company, it appeared, were also willing to hire another ship, but the hiring of a ship would involve a prohibitive increase in the freightage, and it was decided to ask the parliamentary Representative for the Division and Mr. Redmond M. P. to intercede with the Admiralty with the object of having the "Wexford Coast" returned to the Owners.

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6th December, 1915.

A Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon.

The members present were:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- George Hadden, Richard Corish, Robert Hanton, Frank Carty.

Councillors:- John J. Kirwan, Richard Gibson, Nicholas Byrne, William H. McGuire, James Murphy, Joseph Doyle, David R. Keating, Philip Cowman, Michael Martin, Thomas O'Brien.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £1123. 4. 6 were submitted and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 59 to 89 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the last day of November, 1915, including the payments made at meeting held on this day.

SUMMARY.			ORDINARY	LOAN
Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.			- . -	499. 14. 11
Total sums received to close of last month.			658. 7. 5	- . -
TOTALS			658. 7. 5	499. 14. 11
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement			204. 17. 8	- . -
Payments ordered at this meeting.			929. 16. 6	193. 8. 0
TOTALS			1134. 14. 2	193. 8. 0
Net Balance due to Treasurer (Ordinary)			476. 6. 9	- . -
Net Balance due by Treasurer (Loan)			- . -	306. 6. 11

RECONCILEMENT.				
Balance per Bank Books			453. 9. 9	499. 14. 11
Outstanding Orders			929. 16. 6	193. 8. 0
Net Balance as above due to Treasurer			476. 6. 9	- . -
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer			- . -	306. 6. 11

By reason of a recent visit to Wexford of Mr. Poulter, a Representative of the Department of Recruiting for Ireland, the Council were invited to give an expression of opinion on the objects of the Department, namely that of inducing men to join the army in the present unparalleled crisis.

The mayor submitted for adoption a motion which he duly proposed in the following terms.

That we, the Wexford Corporation, realising the supreme importance of recruiting at the present time, are willing to do all in our power to further the efforts of the Department of Recruiting for Ireland. Further we place on record the opinion that if the Country is to be saved from an overwhelming burden of taxation it is essential that further sacrifices should be made so that the War may be brought to a speedy and successful conclusion.

This motion, which was seconded by Councillor McGuire, gave rise to a long discussion which ended in the adoption of the resolution, all the members present voting in favour of it except Alderman Corish, and Councillors O'Brien, Martin, and Murphy.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Harbour Board notifying that that Board had decided to discontinue contributing towards the cost of nine of the public lamps in the Main Street. The lamps in question were heretofore paid for in equal shares by the Corporation and the Harbour Board for the reason that the lights were placed in such a position that they served the purpose of lighting the Main Street and also the nine streets leading from the main Street to the Quays. The Harbour Commissioners, in the exercise of their control over the streets leading to the Quays, considered that these lights might be dispensed with, so far as they were concerned. It was for the Corporation then to determine whether the lamps were essential to the efficient lighting of the Main Street.

This matter was one which had been under the consideration of the Finance and Works Committee, and this Committee, after having obtained advice on the point from the Corporation Solicitor, had recommended that the lamps be retained at the entire expense of the Corporation.

The recommendation was adopted on the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman Hadden.

Mr. Cooper

A letter from ~~the Corporation~~ Solicitor, containing a proposal to sell to the Council insanitary property in Furlong's Lane, off Bride Street, which was subject to a Head Rent of £5. 10. 8 a year was referred to the Public Health Committee to be dealt with as this Committee was already engaged in an endeavour to have the houses closed against further use as dwellings.

With reference to minutes of last meeting a letter was read from Mr. O'Connor, Solicitor, intimating that he was prepared to take down houses proposed to be demolished in Trimmaers Lane and remove the material at his own expense, if the Corporation were willing to give him permission to do so. It appeared that he required material for the purpose of using it in the construction of an avenue to

his newly-erected residence at Westlands.

The permission was granted.

With reference to minutes of last meeting a Return received from Dr. Pierse, Registrar of Births, &c. showed that the number of deaths of children under one year, for year ended 30th September last was 22. The births for the same period totalled 311, showing that so far as Wexford Urban District was concerned the mortality of children under the age of one year was about half what was asserted to be the death rate in such cases in the large Irish Towns.

This being so, it was decided to refer the matter to the Wexford Urban Branch of the Women's National Health Association to take steps to further the holding, locally, of a Food and Child Welfare Exhibition if they thought well to do so.

An application from Mr. George W. Taylor House Agent for Mr. Gannon, to be paid £5 being a half year's rent out of the property acquired from Mr. Gannon at Westgate was read. Special attention was drawn to this claim for the reason that Mr. Gannon was not the Head Landlord of the property, and in arranging for the purchase of Mr. Gannon's interest in it, one of the conditions made was that the rent of £10 a year was to be paid to Mr. Gannon in the event only of the Head Landlord, Mr. Hogan, refusing to accept the Council as tenants, as per minutes of 1st July, 1912.

There was nothing to show that Mr. Hogan had refused to accept the Corporation as tenants, and the Corporation, at present, were in the awkward position of being liable to be dispossessed of the portion of the Gannon property now held by them if Mr. Gannon at any time omitted to pay the head rent of £17. 4. 0

It was ordered that the matter be referred to the Corporation Solicitor with instructions to him to take steps to have the Corporation recognized by Mr. Hogan as his tenants, and to have the rent paid direct to him.

At the instance of the Wexford Old Age Pension Committee a resolution was adopted as follows:-

Proposed by Alderman Corish.

Seconded by Alderman Hadden.

RESOLVED:- That we, the Corporation of Wexford consider that the present method of notifying deaths of those killed in Battle by sending an official letter to that affect direct to the immediate relative, is the cause of extra sorrow, and in many cases of very serious illness to those who receive the sad news in such a manner, and we suggest that in future, so far as Ireland is concerned, the announcement of such deaths should be communicated, in the case of a man in the Navy to the Local Customs Officer, and of a man in the Army to the Local Recruiting Officer, with instructions to them to inform the local Clergy ministering to deceased' relatives so that they might break the news to the persons concerned.

And that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Lords of the Admiralty, the Army Council, and all Corporations in Ireland.