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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.
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MEETING HELD ON 12TH DECEMBER, 1927.
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N. J. FRIZELLE,
SECRETARY.

FORTVIEW,
WEXFORD.

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The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 12th December, 1927.

Present:- Mr. Thomas McCarthy (Chairman) presiding;
also:- Messrs William Boggan, Patrick Byrne, James Cline, Michael Cloney, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, Michael Doyle, James Gaul, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, Aidan Mernagh, Nicholas J. Murphy, John O'Byrne, M. M. O'Donoghue, John Pender, James Shannon, William Thorpe, James E. Walsh, John White, Colonel Gibbon and Colonel Quin.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

THE LATE CARDINAL O'DONNELL.

The following resolution proposed by Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne, was adopted:-

"That letters from Most Rev. Dr. Codd, Lord Bishop of Ferns, Very Rev. Dean Quin P.P., Armagh and Mother M. Benedict, Loreto Abbey, Gorey, in reply to resolution of condolence by the Wexford County Council on the occasion of the death of his ~~late~~ Eminence, the late Cardinal O'Donnell, be inserted on the Minutes of this meeting"

Most Rev. Dr Codd, Lord Bishop of Ferns wrote:- "I have to express my gratitude to the Wexford County Council for their sympathetic resolution in connection with death of the late Cardinal Primate.

"He was indeed a very distinguished Churchman and Patriot, and it fell to his lot to take a prominent part in great events during his time".

Very Rev. M. Dean Quinn, P.P., Armagh, wrote:- "On behalf of the Cathedral Chapter and the Clergy of this Archdiocese, I return sincere thanks to the Wexford County Council for their kind expression of sympathy on the occasion of the death of the late Cardinal O'Donnell"

The following was read from Mother M. Benedict,
Loreto Abbey, Gorey:-

"Words fail me to express my deep gratitude for
your very kind words of sympathy in my great great sorrow
on the death of my dear ^{brother} ~~brother~~ - the Cardinal. Please
convey same to your County Council.

"When one's heart is well-nigh breaking with grief,
words are few.

"The irreparable loss and void the Cardinal's death has
made in his family is beyond words and we grieve bitterly,
as he was everything, oh, everything to us. As for Dr. John
who was constantly at his bedside - he is stunned, considering
that the Doctors had the Cardinal over the pleurisy and
pneumonia, and then the horrid clot of blood from the lungs to
kill him. John was about to leave the sick room that morning, to
send wires of good news to us all who were in agony waiting when
the Cardinal said he felt something strange, and the end came in
a few minutes. He had a most happy death thank God.

"God's will be done" He has placed a most awful cross
on us, may He help us to bear it during the lonely days and
hours to come.

"With deepest gratitude to you, dear Mr. Frizelle, and your
Council"

MINUTES FINANCE COMMITTEE
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The following Minutes of Finance Committee in respect
of meeting held on 24th November, 1927, were submitted:-

P. Hayes and Aidan Mernagh.

The Assistant Secretary was also in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. Thorpe, seconded by Mr. Walsh the Chair was taken by Mr. O'Byrne.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

The state of the Rate Collection showing the following percentages of 1st moiety of 1928 rate lodged to 23rd November, 1927, was submitted:-

J. J. O'Reilly 96.17; E. J. Murphy 96.04; T. Rowe 91.75;
J. Quirke 91.44; J. Curtis 89.07; B. Cleary 86.46; J. J. Sinnott
86.18; J. Cummins 85.97; J. Doyle 85.94; M. Deegan 85.47; P. O'Byrne
84.17; P. Furlong 84.14; W. Cummins 83.89; C. McCarthy 82.32;
P. Fitzpatrick 81.88; T. Sutton 80.80; S. Gannon 80.74; M. M. Kelly 80.21; J. W. Kelly
79.57; P. Walsh 79.54; P. Donohoe 78.55.

The total of first moiety of 1928 rate outstanding amounted to £9861: 17: 5d.

RENEWAL RATE COLLECTORS' BONDS.

Collector P. J. Fitzpatrick was granted permission to renew his Bond with New Ireland Assurance Co., instead of the Irish National, on the motion of Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Mernagh.

Correspondence with some of the Rate Collectors regarding failure to renew Bonds, on or before renewal date, was submitted.

On the motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by the Chairman it was decided that any Collector who in future fails to have his Bond renewed by the renewal date be immediately suspended and his Books taken up.

It was reported that Collector's Gannon's Bond had been received from the New Ireland Assurance Co.

Department be requested to recognise Library Committee as an authorised Committee under Section 63 of Local Government Act 1925, so that members of Committee may be entitled to payment of travelling allowances authorised by said Act. That Local Government Department be requested to approve of the payment of travelling expenses to members as from the beginning of current financial year.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION OFFICER.

The following was read from Mr. John N. Scallan, Registration Officer, under date 22nd November, 1927:-

"I beg to apply for an advance of £500 under the Electoral Act 1923 in connection with the preparation of the sixth Register of Electors for County Wexford"

On the motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Mernagh, it was decided that £500 be advanced to Mr. Scallan, Registration Officer, as requested in his letter of the 22nd November, 1927.

BINDING MINUTE BOOKS.

A quotation from Messrs J. English & Co., Wexford, for the binding of two General Minute Books of County Council for 30/- was approved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Mernagh.

GRANTS IN AID OF LOCAL TAXATION.

The following resolution received from County Council General Council was approved on the motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by the Chairman:-

"That the existing provision for Grants in aid of Local Taxation be reviewed by the Executive Committee of the Council, and that they be empowered to take such action as may appear to them to ^{be} _{m.}

TOURIST RATE.

The General Council of County Councils forwarded letter received from Irish Tourist Association requesting their support in securing the allocation by the various Counties throughout the Free State of increased rates for tourist advertising for year 1928-29.

The General Council unanimously endorsed the appeal of the Association in view of the great and growing importance of the Tourist Industry to the Country as a whole.

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hayes, that the County Council be recommended to include in Estimate a rate of $\frac{1}{4}$ d in the £ for tourist advertising as already agreed to by the County Council.

AMENDMENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1925.

The County Council General Council wrote under date 16th November, 1927, asking for observations and suggestions which would tend to promote greater efficiency and smoother working in Local Administration.

The following recommendations were approved on the motion of the Chairman:-

1. Register of Electors to be prepared only every three years.
2. County Councils' term of office to be extended to five years.
3. Number of meetings to be attended to qualify for payment of travelling expenses to be reduced to two-thirds of total instead of $\frac{3}{4}$ ths.
4. Provision to be made that members of Councils or authorised Committees who are not members for the full half year be paid travelling expenses on the percentage calculated on total meetings held since their appointment as members.

Circular letter from County Councils' General Council enclosing copy of letter received from Local Appointments Commission regarding the Administration of the above Act was read.

The Commissioners pointed out they were desirous that as far as possible Representatives with knowledge and experience of Local Administration should be made available on Selection Boards.

With a view to extending action in this direction they were preparing a panel of names of members of Local Authorities suitable and willing to act on these Boards.

The General Council would be glad if the County Council would suggest names of one or two of its members who would be prepared to act in this capacity if required.

It was decided that the letter from the General Council be referred to next meeting of the County Council.

NEXT MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

As Thursday 8th December will be a Church holiday it was decided that next meeting of Finance Committee be held on Wednesday 7th December.

resolution
The following/ Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne,
was passed:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting of
24th November, 1927, be received and considered".

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AMENDMENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1925.

In connection with No.3 of recommendations from Finance Committee Mr. Thorpe proposed and Mr. Murphy seconded the following:- "That the number of meetings to qualify for payment of travelling expenses be reduced to 50%.

Colonel Quin proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following amendment:- "That we are in favour of the number of meetings to be attended for travelling expenses' contribution remaining at three-fourths as at present."

A Show of hands was taken when four were found in favour of the amendment and five against.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The resolution of Mr. Thorpe was then put and passed nem. con.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES ACT.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Thorpe, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne:-

"That the names of our Chairman and Vice Chairman be submitted to General Council of County Councils as suitable to act on panel of names of members of local authorities who would be willing to act on Selection Boards in connection with local appointments".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman:- "That Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee for 24th November, 1927, be and are hereby confirmed except in so far as amendments in recommendations have been made at this meeting of the Council.

The following Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee in respect of meeting of 7th December, 1927, were submitted:-

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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held on Wednesday 7th December, 1927.

Present:- Mr. T. McCarthy, Chairman, presiding.

Also present:- Messrs P. Hayes, W. Thorpe, Sean O'Byrne, and A. Mernagh.

Messrs W. F. Barry, County Surveyor and T. A. Frizelle, Assistant Secretary, were also in attendance.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

PAYMENTS.
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Treasurer's Advice Note for £6021: 7: 7d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.
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The state of Rate Collection was submitted as follows:-

Lodged 1st moiety 1928 Rate: J. J. O'Reilly 97.79;

E. J. Murphy 96.59; T. Rowe 96.12; J. Curtis 92.82; J. Quirke 92.14; J. J. Sinnott 89.35; J. Doyle 89.24; M. Deegan 88.51; B. Cleary 88.19; P. O'Byrne 87.51; P. Furlong 86.28; W. Cummins 86.26; J. Cummins 85.97; S. Gannon 85.49; P. Walsh 83.51; P. Fitzpatrick 83.42; C. McCarthy 82.32; P. Donohoe 81.71; T. Sutton 81.14; J. J. Kelly 81.06; M. Kelly 80.61.

The amount of first moiety outstanding was £8466: 16: 8d .

Warrant for Second moiety is £67398: 2: 7d of which only £789: 7: 1d has been lodged.

Collector Walsh

The following report under date 6th December, 1927, from T. A. Frizelle, Deputy Checker of Rate Collectors' Accounts was read:-

"On checking Collector Walsh's Accounts yesterday evening I noticed that receipt No.198 Bannow, amount £11: 13: 5d for 1st moiety 1928 Rate had the Ratepayer's name in the Collector's writing and that the number thereon was a numbered slip gummed in corner of receipt. On close inspection I observed that the receipt had been neatly gummed in from the back and was not the

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original receipt. I discovered that the Collector had substituted receipt No.228 for No.198 the amount of the former being 1/2d and as receipt No.228 was for a vacant building no name would appear on the original receipt.

"I challenged the Collector and he stated that he sent receipt No.198 to ratepayer although the amount had not been paid him and that he altered receipt No.228 to correspond with No.198 in order to keep himself right at checking. On further questioning he stated he was not sure whether or not the amount for No.198 was paid him.

"Collector subsequently admitted having altered receipts No.87 Kilcowan (1/2d) to correspond with 78 Kilcowan £9: 1: 9d and also to altering No.192 Bannow (1/4d) to correspond with No.170 Bannow £30: 12: 4d.

"I questioned him as to whether there were any cases in which he received payment of rates without giving official receipts and he admitted there ~~were~~ were four such cases; in two of which he received only part payment. These amounted in all to £17: 11: 6d".

"The total sum represented by receipts altered by Collector amounted to £51: 7: 6d and the sum which he admits having received, and for which he did not account, retaining official receipts in his Collecting Books is £17: 11: 6d :
Total £68: 19: 0d.

"I notified Collector I was reporting matter to Finance Committee meeting to-morrow, the 7th instant, and I retained his Collecting Books, instructing him to lodge the £68: 19: 0d which he did this morning".

The Secretary had suspended the Collector and notified his Sureties.

The Assistant Secretary reported that after making the foregoing report Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, had notified him that he had paid rates to Mr. Walsh who had not given him official receipts therefor. The Assistant Secretary stated that some of these amounts

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had not been accounted for by Collector who retained official receipts in his Collecting Books.

Collector Walsh on being question about these items admitted amounts up to £36: 12: 4d, stating he had forgotten that these sums were due for lodgment. He lodged £40 in respect of amount due.

In reply to the Chairman the Assistant Secretary stated there were receipts in Collector Walsh's Books making up the amount outstanding on his Warrant.

Walsh appeared before the meeting and admitted having "done wrong". He had now lodged in full amount due to the Council by him.

The Chairman pointed out to Walsh it was a very serious matter for him to have altered the official receipts.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Mernagh, that Mr. Walsh's suspension be confirmed.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Thorpe, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, that advertisements be inserted in local papers requesting any Ratepayer in the County who had paid Poor rates without obtaining official receipts therefor to communicate with County Secretary immediately.

It was also unanimously decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Thorpe, that Assistant Secretary call on some of the large ratepayers in the County from time to time whose rates were shown by Collectors as outstanding to verify Collectors returns; mileage allowance to be paid at 5d per mile.

Reports of any irregularities discovered to be reported to Finance Committee at first available meeting.

ADVERTISING

The Chairman stated that as decided at a recent meeting he had interviewed Newspaper Management with a view to reverting

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to former arrangement of having An Advertising Contract to cover advertisements of County Council and County Committee of Agriculture. He had offered the Newspaper Management £125 and they stated they could not accept less than £150.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Mernagh, that a sum of £135 be offered to Newspaper Management of the three local Newspapers for a year's Advertising of County Council and County Committee of Agriculture as from 1st January next.

RATE BOOKS =====

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman that the Secretary be empowered to employ the temporary staff to write up Rate Books and Collectors Receipt and Demand Note Books.

SALE OF 5% COMPENSATION STOCK. =====

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman that the Department of Finance to requested to sanction the proposal of the Council to dispose of £250:0:0d 5% Compensation Stock granted to the Council with Malicious Injury Decrees for Enniscorthy and Gorey Courthouses as the amount will be required for the rebuilding and furnishing of the buildings"

LIBRARY COMMITTEE. =====

The Minutes of Library Committee in respect of meeting held on 22nd October and 29th October, 1927, were submitted.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting of 7th December, 1927, be received and considered".

RATE COLLECTOR WALSH

Under date 9th December, 1927, the following was read from this Collector:- "I hereby tender my resignation to the Wexford County Council as Collector of Poor Rate for Collection District No.3 in the County of Wexford. I am prepared to offer any assistance possible to the Rate Collector appointed to the position until the warrant is closed."

Mr. Thorpe proposed and Mr. Murphy seconded, the following resolution :- "That Minute of Finance Committee of 7th December, 1927, relative to Collector Walsh's accounts be discussed in Committee."

Colonel Quin objected and urged that any discussion in the matter should take place "in the open".

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, in reply to Mr. Thorpe said if they found other monies not accounted for by Collector Walsh, through his failure to issue official receipts, it was possible there would be Court proceedings, and, in view of this, it would be well to have the discussion in the matter in camera.

The resolution of Mr. Thorpe was then put and passed.

In the course of the discussion Mr. Doyle pointed out that Mr. Walsh was appointed at a time when it was very difficult to get a Collector for the district.

Mr. Whyte - When the job got too hot for the man who took it up Mr. Walsh came along and did the work and I don't think we ought to be too hard on him.

Colonel Quin proposed:- "That Collector Walsh be dismissed from his office as Rate Collector for No.3 District."

Mr. Thorpe proposed and Mr. Boggan seconded the following:-

"That resignation of Patrick Walsh, Collector for No.3 Collection District be accepted subject to his being responsible for any further monies found due by him and also subject to his warrant

being closed in a satisfactory manner."

After some further discussion this resolution was put and passed.

The following resolution was then moved by Mr. Gaul, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne and adopted:-

"That the Finance Committee be empowered to make arrangements with a Rate Collector for an adjoining District to close the outstanding amount in Collector Walsh's district and, if this is not possible, to appoint a temporary Collector - remuneration to be at the rate of 7d in the £ on amounts collected"

As regards the new appointment Colonel Quin moved, Mr. Thorpe seconded the following:- "That remuneration to be paid new Collector for No.3 Collection District be at the rate of 6d in the £ without pension rights".

Mr. Sean O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Gaul seconded the following:- "That new collector for No.3 Collection District, vice P. Walsh, resigned, be paid at the rate of 6d in the £ with pension rights".

Mr. Corish held that it was necessary to have notice of motion to discuss the question of remuneration.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, however, held that the motion was in order.

A poll was then taken on the amendment - 6d in £ with pension ~~rights~~ and which resulted as follows:-

For:- Messrs P. Byrne, Cline, Colfer, Connors, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Mernagh, Pender, Sean O'Byrne, Shannon and The Chairman - 12.

Against:- Messrs Boggan, Cloney, Doyle, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Murphy, O'Donoghue, Quin, Thorpe and Whyte - 11.

Messrs Cooney and Walsh were not present when vote was taken.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried and on being put as the substantive resolution it passed. nem. con.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Quin:- "That the Minutes

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of Finance Committee Meeting for 7th December, 1927, be
and are hereby confirmed except regarding matters in which
recommendations may have been varied by this meeting"

ROADS COMMITTEE.
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The following Minutes of Roads' Committee Meeting of
28th November, 1927, were submitted:-

The monthly meeting of the Roads Committee of Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 28th November 1927.

Present:- Col Gibbon (Vice-Chairman) presiding, also Messrs W. Boggan, P. Colfer, R. Corish, James Hall, Sean O'Byrne, Col Quin and James Shannon.

The Secretary, the Co. Surveyor, Mr Elgee, Solicitor and the six Assistant Surveyors were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

ABSENCE OF CHAIRMAN.

Mr McCarthy (Chairman) wrote that it was not possible for him to be present at meeting as he had to meet Dr Maguire Insurance Commissioner in New Ross.

REPORT OF COUNTY SURVEYOR.

The following monthly report was read from County Surveyor:-

"On the 19th inst, the Special Committee inspected the concrete road, and made recommendations to use "Ferrocete" cement on short section at Edermine, so that the opening of the road would not be unduly delayed. Specification provides for this and I have consulted Mr Quigley on the matter and he is satisfied. Three sections have been strengthened ^{with} ~~reinforcement~~ reinforcement which is also provided for in Specification. When the section at Edermine is completed there will be a continuous length of concrete from Ferrycarrig to Brownscastle, and the contractors are carrying on the job to Enniscorthy.

I have complaint of injury to wall and buildings at Edermine owing to contractor's lorry traffic being diverted on to the footpath adjoining concrete. I have notified the contractor's representative and the Assistant Surveyor to attend to this matter.

The concrete work in Wexford Urban which I am carrying out under direct labour is proceeding satisfactorily. Half width of concrete along quays has been carried out from Railway Company's Goods Yard to the entrance to the National Bank.

A section also of the Urban Main Road to the passenger station has been laid. In connection with the work on the quays, I have complaint from the Harbour Board and from Mr Scallan, County Registrar, with reference to the obstruction caused by the hoarding at the Courthouse and asking for its removal. I am quite satisfied to do this, but as erection was made by order of the Town Surveyor who has control, I have not done so. I have written to the Acting Town Surveyor on the matter.

On the 18th inst, the Co. Council Committee visited Sow Drainage District and made inspection in company with local people. On the 24th inst. a deputation met Mr Burke, Parliamentary Secretary, Board of Works, and discussed this and other drainage systems.

I have been in communication with the Railway Company with reference to the bridge at the railway crossing on the Slob Road, and submit letter from the Railway Company's Engineer. When I was in Dublin on the 24th inst, I interviewed Mr Quigley on this matter, and he suggested that the Co. Council ask the Railway Company to submit approximate estimate of the cost of doing work which he agrees should be done by the Railway Company though the Co. Council would be liable for the cost. Of course, if the work is to proceed there will be a Grant to cover the cost of the bridge and the completion of the roadway, but the Roads Department must have some more or less definite figure from the Railway Company before they could sanction the work.

I visited Courtown Harbour on the 23rd inst. and saw a large motor boat putting out to sea at very nearly low water. This boat had difficulty in getting out of the channel owing to the shoal but eventually succeeded. Other boats had no difficulty whatever in getting out. I understand that generally there is no difficulty in the boats putting out, and the sluicing work is as satisfactory as could be expected. I await visit of the Department's Engineer, Mr Hassard before going into the matter in more detail. Some time ago the Council had under consideration the purchase of diving outfit, but no decision was come to. I ask now

that this be purchased as it will be most useful at Courtown and
 and other Harbour works, and we have a ~~qualified~~ qualified
 man capable of using the apparatus. The cost will be about £150.
 I have prepared list of the duties of the Harbour Master for
 Courtown Harbour to be appointed at the next meeting of the Council
 and submit~~ed~~ same for your approval.

As directed by the Council, I wrote to the owners of heavy
 lorries asking them to vary the line of their traffic so as to
 cause as little injury to the roads as possible, and I submit reply
 from Messrs J.J. Stafford & Sons, Wexford.

I have placed with the Trade Department, order for a
 number of warning signs, including a number to be erected in the
 neighbourhood of schools, and shall have these erected as soon as
 they come to hand. I have not yet received from the manufacturers
 the signs to be erected controlling the speed limit, which were
 ordered some months ago and have been delayed pending Local Govern-
 ment's decision regarding lenses. I have now most of the direction
 signs erected, but in a number of cases the Automobile Association
 has not forwarded signs as ~~agreed~~ agreed upon and I have written
 them on the matter.

The Boiler^{Inspector} has recently examined all our roller and $\frac{1}{2}$
 traction engine boilers, and I submit his reports. All the reports
 are first class, and the Inspector states that the machinery is
 in receipt of careful attention.

At last meeting of the County Council the purchase of a
 ton truck or van to replace "Chevrolet" car was deputed to the
 Roads Committee and I shall submit particulars. I find that it
 will be practically impossible to obtain a "Ford" truck as the firm
 is now making a complete change of their models, and I recommend
 that a light "Morris" ton truck be purchased.

At a recent Finance meeting payment for "demurrage" charge
 on tar held up at Palace was authorised but Paying Order was held
 up pending further inquiries. I have now explanation from Mr T.
 Cullen, Assistant Surveyor which I consider satisfactory, and I
 recommend the issue of the Paying Order.

"The Roads Inspection Committee have recommended the removal of corner at the approach to Mountgarrett Bridge, and I brought the matter up before the Bridge Committee at their last meeting. I have arranged with the contractor for the building of the bridge to cut away the corner free of charge, but the Council will be responsible for making good the protection wall at the place. Of course work cannot be proceeded with until I have the permission of Major Place, to whom I have written asking for authority.

I have now dealt with payment to contractor for Gorey Courthouse with the exception of small hold back against minor defects which have to be made good. The contractor has handed me Fire Insurance Policy which covers the building until the 28th of May next, and it is made out in the joint names of the contractor and the County Council. The Roads Committee recommend the addition of box for the Press to be put into the Court, and also that the large room upstairs should be fitted with some plain furniture. The cost of these could be met out of 10% addition of the decree, and I ask for authority to do this.

I have had the repairs carried out at Gorey Union, and the repairs to the caretaker's premises at New Ross Courthouse are now proceeding. I have arranged for stove for New Ross Courthouse and am preparing particulars of the further repairs that will be necessary including lighting to completely fit building. There will be furniture necessary in the Office and Justice's room. To provide against this expenditure I ask to have transferred from the Public Works Fund a sum of £150.

I have received from the Wicklow County Surveyor letter with reference to erection of gullet at the County bounds at Donshill and have report from Mr Treanor on the matter. The work will cost about £20, and of course half the expense will be defrayed by each County. I ask for authority to have the work carried out.

I submit list of transfers between existing accounts or from Contingencies Fund which I consider necessary.

I have a list from each Assistant Surveyor of the men engaged at tar work and whose clothes were injured and shall submit particulars at meeting.

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WEXFORD-ENNISCORTHY CONCRETE ROAD.

In connection with this matter the following report of Committee was submitted:-

"A meeting of the Committee appointed to inspect the Enniscorthy-Wexford Road was held on Saturday 19th November 1927.

The following were in attendance:-The Chairman(Mr T. Mc. Carthy), Col Gibson and James Gaul, Co. Councillors, also the County Surveyor and the County Secretary.

The Committee inspected the road from Ferrycarrig to the Ballinaslaney turn near Oylegate, also between Oylegate and Coolnaboy, thence by the back road to Edermine where they inspected the work at the turn to Edermine Bridge.

There are thirteen cracks in all across the slab and which run from side to side. These are all in the long bays which would seem to indicate that it is a more advisable procedure to have shorter joints, which has now been arranged.

The cracks cannot be regarded as serious. They are commonly found in even the best laid concrete sections of important roads. When cleaned out and filled with pure bitumen, they take the place of a "made" joint.

There were three uncompleted gaps at the time of our visit, viz., -One at Coolnaboy, the second at Scurlocksbush and the third at Edermine.

The latter is about 200 yards long and if dealt with by a Portland cement mix would cause what the Committee considered rather too long a delay in opening the full section.

The Committee decided that this gap should be done with Ferrocrete instead of ordinary Portland cement to ensure that the full length from Ferrycarrig to Brownescastle at Edermine should be opened by Christmas.

The normal period of delay before opening to traffic under the specification is four weeks. Owing to weather conditions and slowness in maturing, the County Surveyor believes it necessary to extend the delay to a six weeks' period for Portland cement.

By utilising Ferrocrete for the long gap at Edermine, this sub-section will be completed and reopened at the same time as

the other two small gaps referred to. It is expected that all the surfacing will have been finished by the date of Roads Committee meeting on the 28th inst.

The work is proceeding satisfactorily and has received great care and attention generally."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall:-

"That report of Inspection Committee, Wexford-Ennisworthy Road in respect of inspection of 19th November 1927 and as submitted to this meeting be received and approved."
Hoarding at Wexford Old Courthouse.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Col Quin:-

"That the Co. Surveyor consult with Mr Hanrahan, Borough Surveyor, Wexford as to removal of hoarding at Wexford Old Courthouse and take such action in the matter as he may consider necessary."
Drainage Schemes.

The following report of Deputation to Mr Seumas Burke, Parliamentary Secretary, Office of Public Works, Dublin was submitted:-

"The Deputation appointed by County Council to wait on Mr Seumas Burke, Parliamentary Secretary in charge of the Office of Public Works, were received by him at 51 Stephen's Green, Dublin on 24th November 1927.

The following representatives of the Co. Council were in attendance:-The Chairman(Mr Thos McCarthy), Vice-Chairman(Col Gibbon), Mr M. Doyle, the Co Surveyor and the Co. Secretary.

Representatives of the following Drainage Schemes were in attendance:-Cahore - River Sow - Ballyteigue - Kilmore and Ford o' Lyng.

The Deputation was introduced by the five T.D's for the County Wexford.

The proceedings which lasted nearly two hours were private but the following case was presented by the Co. Council:-

"The Arterial Drainage Act 1925 and the Drainage ~~Act~~ Maintenance Act 1924 are the two principal statutes dealing with

Drainage Schemes. The latter Act is, for the moment, of most interest to the Wexford County Council as under Section 3(1) of that Act, the Office of Public Works have already made a Charging Order transferring the Kilmannock Scheme to the Council and have in contemplation the immediate issue of Charging Order for the River Sow system.

The people of Kilmannock are not satisfied with the reconstruction carried out by the Office of Works and have voiced their disapproval of the amount spent on restoring the Scheme through their representative on the County Council, Mr N.J. Murphy, who complained that no attempt was made to consult the local people and that the work was too expensive.

The Co. Council are experiencing the greatest difficulty in collecting the Drainage Rate in this instance.

As regards the Sow System, a Committee of the Co. Council met the Trustees and others on 18th November 1927 and carried out as much inspection as they could fit into one day.

It appears that the drainage of the main river at the upper end has not been properly carried out. Clumps of old rushes showing that the roots were not removed, are apparent. These could not have been growths since the work of last year. The water is practically stagnant at some places.

Near the junction of the Ballina River, ^{the rate of flow} is about half a mile per hour which ^{seems} ~~is~~ reasonable. The side drains do not appear to have had proper attention. Where private drains have been effectively dealt with, the water from them is not able to get away owing to the obstruction in the side drains.

The Trustees contend that with the exception of the ~~upper portion~~ lower portion of the main river, an incomplete job has been done; that they understood the system when completed would effect an actual replacement as existing when first constructed. They also claim that the expense was out of all proportion for the amount of work carried out.

They are here to make their case.

Mr Cullen, Killisk, and others interested in the south side of the system (to the northward of Ballina river), hold that

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although the drains on their lands were constructed by the Board of Works they do not figure on the tracing supplied by the Office of Public Works to the County Council or on the original Award. None of the drains on this portion were cleaned and they are now in an extremely bad condition. They undoubtedly appear to have been part of the original Scheme and must certainly have been constructed since 1841. Mr Cullen is present and can explain his grievance.

As regards the Cahore Drainage Scheme, owing to a dispute between the Trustees and the occupiers of land as to the cleaning up of the parallel side drains no real attempt has been made to put this Scheme into even a passable state. The whole system is in a deplorable condition and the Council feel that the money necessary to make it reasonably effective would place on the local people a burden which it is impossible for them to carry.

Representatives concerned with the system are here.

The Co. Council contend that it is unjust and inequitable to hand over schemes in the condition quoted. They protest against Charging Orders being made for Schemes regarding which grave dissatisfaction exists locally and fail to see why they should be expected to take on the responsibility of trying to collect Drainage Rates from a number of disgruntled people.

They also believe that it will be necessary to appoint a Drainage Inspector whose remuneration should come out of drainage rates as the Co. Surveyor and his staff are unable to reach on the work. The Co. Council recognise that the Office of Works have power to make Charging Orders over their heads but say, that in respect of the Schemes now referred to, it is most unreasonable to make orders ensuring continual friction with local ratepayers and that it never was the intention of An Dail to place them in what seems an impossible position.

There are other Schemes existing in the south of the County with which up to the present the County Council have not been brought into touch."

The representatives of the various drainage districts present put before Mr Burke their views on the manner in which the work at the River Sow had been carried out and the position of the various districts at present.

It was agreed that further inspections would be made the Office of Works Engineers.

Votes of thanks to Mr Burke and the five T.D's of the County were passed on the motion of Mr McCarthy seconded by Col. Gibbon.

The Chairman mentioned that he had put the following points before Mr Burke:-

1. When improvements are to be made to any drainage district plans, specification and cost to be formally approved and signed at an advertised meeting of the Drainage Scheme concerned.
2. The Co. Council to refuse to take over any district until all channels, drains and sluices of the original and subsequent Schemes have been put in proper repair and in a state of thorough efficiency.
3. Those responsible for drainage areas which cause public damage through flooding caused by non-maintenance to be compelled to abate that flooding.
4. Technical advice on drainage districts to be made available for Trustees from the Office of Public Works.
5. Where land situated in approved drainage districts and which is subject to drainage rate is split up under Land Acts, maps showing the re-allotment of drainage rates to be provided free to the Trustees by the Office of Public Works.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall:-

"That the report of deputation from Co. Council re Drainage Schemes be received and adopted."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Colfer:-

"This Committee regrets that some of the members of the Co. Council appointed on the deputation to the Office of Public Works regarding Drainage Schemes, and who undertook to attend were

not present with the deputation. As a result of their non-attendance, we fear the case of Kilmannock District is closed to further discussion."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr O'Byrne:-

"That we express our thanks to Mr Burke, ~~for~~ Parliamentary Secretary and to the Office of Public Works for their kindness in receiving our deputation relative to drainage schemes and for the extended hearing given to the views of the members of the deputation and others concerned in the various schemes. We would ~~remind~~ remind the Office of Public Works of the promise made to the deputation to send one of their engineers to inspect the various schemes of the County and would request that as long notice as possible be given to County Council to enable arrangements to be made ensuring attendance at inspection of the special Drainage Committee of the Council, the Trustees of the Schemes and others interested therein.

Regarding Cahore district, we desire to point out that our County Surveyor and others are of opinion that there is a possibility of considerably improving the drainage there by having an outlet at about half way up the main channel, through a subsidiary channel, and we commend this suggestion to the particular attention of the Office of Public Works. The Special Drainage Committee of the County Council desire to discuss with the Engineer the flooding caused at the Ford o' Lyng."

WEXFORD-ROSSLARE SLOB ROAD

The following letter under date 21st November 1927 was read from Mr John F. Sides, Chief Engineer, Great Southern Railways addressed to the County Surveyor:-

"With reference to yours of 17th inst, I am prepared to recommend the Company to agree to the proposal of the County Council on the following terms (which I may say are on the lines of the usual arrangements made by Railway Companies with Public Road Authorities wishing to construct new underbridges):-

(1) The plans can either be prepared by you subject to the Company's approval, or by the Company subject to your approval as to heights and widths.

In England it is usually found more convenient to have the plans and specifications prepared by the Railway Company.

(2) When the plans and specifications have been agreed upon, your Council can obtain tenders for the work and let it to any contractor, who in the opinion of the Railway Company has had sufficient experience of similar work to ensure it being carried out satisfactorily.

(3) The work would be carried out under the supervision of the Company's Engineer and your Council would make payments direct to the Contractor on my certificate.

(4) Your Council would have to undertake to bear the whole cost of upkeep of the bridge in perpetuity, or in the alternative, agree to pay the Company either a fixed sum annually, or a lump sum to commute this liability. At the present stage it does not seem to be necessary to go into the terms as regards commutation.

I do not think there would be any difficulty about the land for the diversion, and if Messrs Meldon or the South Slob Commissioners or both, would agree to abandoning the level crossing the Company would probably consider the release from the liability for maintaining the level crossing, sufficient compensation for the land to be conveyed to the Council.

As regards the dimensions, I had the Bridge (No. 235) over the drainage Canal measured up a few years ago, and I found that the water level in the drainage canal on 17th January, 1924 was within 8' 1½" of the underside of the main girder of the bridge.

It is not possible to construct a bridge to carry modern loads over a twelve foot clear span with a less depth between rail and underside of girder than 2 feet. This dimension in the case of the existing bridge is about 2' 0½". It would appear therefore that it will not be possible to get more than 7' 6" headroom if you keep your level of road 6" above the observed water level of 17th January 1924. Whether that was a maximum water level or not I have no means of knowing. .

From these particulars it would appear that the Scheme is scarcely practicable.

I may say that my letter is written subject to the approval of my Directors and I cannot undertake to say that they would agree to the terms I have suggested, but I will get a definite ruling on hearing further from you."

The Co. Surveyor stated that since receipt of this letter he had made check measurements with regard to water-levels. That morning he had received from the men in charge particulars of measurements from which he (County Surveyor) ascertained his previous measurements were correct. He found they would be able to get 9 feet of headroom which he regarded as ample for the class of traffic to be taken by that road. As regards abandoning the level crossing he believed this to be out of the question.

The Chairman proposed and Mr O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

That the Co. Surveyor communicate with the Great Southern Railway Company and explain that the County Council would not object to the roadway which will be of concrete being subject to flooding in exceptional times. We regard the head room available as suitable for the traffic. As the level crossing will be required to take the traction engines and threshing machines of the Slob Company the Council could not agree that the crossing should be abandoned. If agreement can be arrived at with the Railway Company, we are satisfied that the plans, etc of the bridge should be prepared by the Company and that they should carry out the work on the understanding that plans and specification of the contract should receive the previous approval of the Council."

Heavy Lorry Traffic.

The Co. Surveyor submitted the following letter from Messrs J.J. Stafford & Sons, Stonebridge, Wexford dated 21st Nov. 1927:-

"We have your letter of the 18th inst. regarding the condition of the roads and shall be only too pleased to co-operate in the way you suggest.

We are sending copy of your letter to each of our

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lorry drivers giving them instructions at the same time to fall in with your suggestions."

Boiler Reports.

The following is copy of letter from Mr C. O'Neill, Chief Engineer, New Ireland Assurance Company under date 8th November 1927:-

"Policy No.E/60193. I beg to advise that I examined all the boilers insured under the above policy on yesterday, November 7th 1927 under working conditions and found them in good order and in receipt of careful attention."

Diving Suit.

It was decided that the County Surveyor include in next year's Estimate the cost of diving suit and also cost of some system of grab dredging which would be suitable for Courtown Harbour.

Chevrolet Motor Car.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr Shannon:-

"That the minimum amount of repairs be carried out on County Council "Chevrolet" motor car in order to keep car in running order until particulars of new Ford van be available and in order to enable the County Council to decide if new Ford van would be most suitable to purchase."

Demurrage Charges.

"Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, stated that 23 tons of tar arrived at Palace East Railway Station on 9th June, 40 tons on 10th June, 61 tons on 13th June and 64 tons on 14th June, a total of 188 tons. It was all removed by the 21st June. From the number of engines and the condition of the roads it was impossible to have the haulage dealt with more expeditiously than had been done. There was a Holyday claimed for in the Demurrage a/c and on which no work was carried out. The Railway Company would not allow the Council to unload the tar or leave it on their premises.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr O'Byrne:

"That the Co. Surveyor point out to the Railway Compy that all possible steps were taken to unload the tar and that if Co. Council had been allowed to put the stuff on the Company's premises pending removal, no demurrage charge would have been incurred. In the c rcumstances, the Co. Surveyor^{is} to request the Railway Company not to persist in claiming damages for demurrage.
Dangerous Corner Mountgarrett Bridge.

The Co. Surveyor stated he had received a letter from Major Place agreeing to allow the County Council to carry out the necessary work to have an easement at corner.
Gorey Courthouse.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Corish:-

"That the recommendation of the Co. Surveyor as to placing Press Box in Gorey Courthouse and procuring furniture for large room therein be approved."

As regards penal clause n contract for erection of this Courthouse the County Surveyor pointed out that contractor had lbst no time in commencing work and push ng it forward afterwards. The t me allowed, ow ng to weather conditions and unforeseen c rcumstances was a bit tight. There was no doubt but the work had been very well carried out.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr Boggan:-

"That in view of the expression of opinion from the Co. Surveyor we agree that the penal clause in contract for erection of Gorey Courthouse be not enforced against the contractor, Mr John Brown^Co."
New Ross Courthouse.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr Shannon:-

"That we agree to allocate £150 from amount raised for Public Works to provide for lighting and furniture for New Ross Courthouse."

In connection w th above Courthouse, letter was read from Town Clerk, New Ross under date 23rd November 1927, stating that

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they would supply water for domestic purposes to the Courthouse at an annual rent of 10/-.

This was considered satisfactory.

DUNISHAL GULLET.

On the motion of Col Quin seconded by Mr Corish, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we approve of erection of gullet at Dunishal cost £20 of which half is to be contributed by Wexford Co. Council and the second half by Wicklow Co. Council."

TRANSFERS.

The Co. Surveyor stated he would submit the list to next meeting of Roads Committee.

Workmen's Clothing and Boots Injured by Tar.

The Co. Surveyor submitted a list of men recommended to receive compensation in each Assistant Surveyor's district. The total was £46 and 36 men were ~~concerned~~ concerned.

Mr Corish proposed and Mr Shannon seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That we approve of payment of compensation to workmen for clothes, etc. destroyed at tar-spraying work as per list submitted by County Surveyor, amount to be paid out of Grant work and to be approved by Department of Local Government."

ROADS INSPECTION COMMITTEE.

The Report of Roads Inspection Committee was submitted as follows:-

Wexford County Council.

Roads Inspection Committee's Report.

Met in Enniscorthy, 17/8/27.

Present—Col. Quin, Messrs. J. O'Byrne and J. Hall; also Co. Surveyor (Col. Quin's motor).

New Ross Road (19, 20, 21E) Ballymackessy Bridge. Preparations for Grant work at intervals.

Ballybrennan Quarry (46E)—Met Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor. Examined site for loading bank, and interviewed occupier.

Clonroche, Etc. (22, 23, 24E)—Grant work (Bitumen grouting in progress near Palace turn); good work.

The attention of the Committee was drawn to the injury to workmen's clothes from tar while at this class of work. It is recommended that overalls and boots be obtained for such workers.

Ballyanne (9 and 8R)—Inspected bad corner at Scark (Junction of 8 and 91R). Ballyanne—drainage from adjoining premises coming out on road—nuisance. Sprayer at work.

Poulmounty and Ballywilliam (4, 83, 81 and 5R)—Inspected repair work on road to Poulmounty Bridge and thence to Ballywilliam; the road is much improved, but will require more expenditure.

New Ross (3, 2, 1R), Camblin Road (23R)—Inspected recent tar repair work. Road improved and this method of repair should be continued.

Wexford Road (12, 13, 14, 15R)—Recent tar repair work; the work as far as it goes is satisfactory and should be continued.

(16, 17 and 18R)—Tar spraying work; good. Inspected work at Ballyvergin Cross. When completed will be most satisfactory.

(13 and 12W)—Recent grant work, Knockeen to Ardcaurisk. This is good work and the road is now in first rate order.

Enniscorthy via Macmine (9, 10, 58W and 330, 329, 317 and 303E)—This road now takes most thro' traffic between Wexford and Enniscorthy owing to closing of direct road for concrete laying. Pot holes tar treated, but some recent work without tarring owing to delay in obtaining tar.

Met in Wexford, 30th Sept.

Present—Mr. J. O'Byrne. Mr. Thorpe met Committee near New Ross. County Surveyor also present.

Ferrycarrig Bridge (5W)—Inspected concrete work near Bridge—this section approaching completion.

Taghmon (8, 11, 14, 15W)—Committee was to have met Mr. Colfer in Taghmon, but he did not turn up.

Inspected tarred footpath at lower end of town and recommended that French drain (25 yards) and pipe across road be put in to take soakage from field, which causes a nuisance on road. Opposite National Bank premises and elsewhere in the same street there are rocks projecting above the road surface and these should be removed.

Foulksmills (16W and 22R). Tinna-carriek (new Quarry) (21, 20, 19 and 166R)—Met Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, and inspected quarry-work in progress and quarry is now well opened. Idenited house adjoining is most useful for lorge, store and shelter.

Ballinaboola—New Ross (15, 14, 13 and 12R)—Met Mr. Thorpe by appointment at junction of 12R and 99R where fence had been cut without permission of owner.

Committee met Mr. Gleeson (Roseville, New Ross), the owner, and settled with him as to further work to be done, which includes cutting back corner and erecting concrete post and wire fence.

Camblin Road (23R)—Recent filling of potholes with tar and screenings is improving this road, and Committee recommend the continuance of this work as much as possible and as funds permit. Cope of parapet walls should be repaired.

Arthurstown (24, 32, 33, 34R)—Several corners have been improved on this section, but there remains much more to be done. Some of the fences are hardly low enough, and hedges require cutting. At Dunbrody Bridge the parapet should be lowered where it obstructs the view. Arthurstown Corner, at Dispensary—The projecting enclosure should be removed or at least rounded off. The Committee considers that the Health Board should purchase the building if possible, and provided reasonable terms can be obtained.

Duncannon (35 and 36R)—Corner at Riverview should be rounded off. Duncannon Harbour in good condition; the new railing should be scraped and coated with mastic paint. Steps should be cleaned.

The Hook (37, 38, 40, 41, 42, 43R)—Inspected new wall where road carried away by sea. Concrete appears weak.

Slade Harbour—Examined into complaint by local people. Road at end of slip liable to flooding should be raised, pipe holes through wall lowered and ope made into gullet. Three new mooring rings and one new bollard required, and roadway on wharf levelled up. The new concrete at approach to sewer adjoining harbour has been partly carried away and must be restored; gap in parapet of road to be built up and recess undermined by sea made good with concrete.

Fethard (45, 284, 283, 31R)—Side slip near Carnivan head much as formerly and side of road is fenced. Nothing can be done here at present; later if further slip takes place either a concrete retaining wall must be built or the road diverted inland.

New Ross (via Baliniry and Dunmain) (30, 29, 28, 27, 26, 54, 25R)—North of Fethard at junction of 30, 31 and 39R the road should be widened on the E. side as far as telegraph post. The corner at signpost should be eased off and fence lowered.

Mountgarrett Bridge (1 and 2R)—Committee questioned the width of opening span on temporary bridge and interviewed Mr. Roche, Ballyanne, regarding same. The span will be 28 feet, and sufficient. The logs, etc., deposited on side of road opposite temp. br. should be removed.

Ballyanne Bridge (3R)—Insanitary state of drains again noted. The trees on both sides of Pill above bridge should be cut down so as to give clear view on corner.

Poulmounty-Ballywilliam (4, 83, 81R)—Noted improvement due to recent work on these roads; further expenditure necessary if funds permit. Signpost in Ballywilliam should be removed to opposite corner.

New Ross (85, 9, 91, 90, 53R)—Gobinstown corner on 85R should be eased off on first available opportunity. Corner at junction of 9 and 91R (Scark) should be cut away, gullet extended and road widened, the owner to give pipes. In the Maudlins, New Ross, the stone depots extend on to roadway in a dangerous manner and should be removed.

Committee met in Enniscorthy, 4th October.

Present—Messrs. J. O'Byrne, J. Hall, the Co. Surveyor and Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, were also present. Mr. Gaul met the Committee in Wexford and accompanied them for the remainder of the inspection.

Castle Ellis Cross (27, 28, 31 and 32E)—Near Cooladine Cross there is an objectionable pond of water protruding on the road margin; this should be filled up in whole or in part and the Assistant Surveyor should see the owner of adjoining premises about it. The fences, etc., in Ballymurray Quarry are now in satisfactory condition and the quarry face well opened. The Assistant Surveyor was directed to arrange with the owner of field in regard to drainage coming down lane.

Near Ballaghkeen (Junction of 32 and 171E) there is a dangerous turn, and details of improvement were arranged with the County and Assistant Surveyors. The side drains adjoining should be cleaned out immediately. Castle Ellis Cross—Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, met the Committee here and details of improvement were arranged with the Co. Surveyor. The adjoining land owner was present.

Blackwater and Ballyconnigar, etc. (33, 193, 194E)—Near the town on 33E there is a dangerous S. turn which can be greatly improved by widening out the travelling surface and trimming hedges, even without altering the fences which at one corner are a protection to yard and house. Instructions were given to the Assistant Surveyor.

Cush Gap—Inspection made of improvement works and local people interviewed. These doubt that the concrete blocks will protect the banks, but County Surveyor is of opinion that the foreshore will be built up as at Courtown, and it was decided to await the effect of the Winter's storms before taking any further action. A couple of the blocks are broken, but still serviceable. At Ballyconnigar the protection wall has been extended; possibly it may require to be raised later. Some of the timbers in footbridge require repairs, which the Assistant Surveyor is already arranging for.

Wexford (55, 56E, 4, 3, and 1W)—The flooded hollow in Curracloe was inspected, and it was decided that the road should be raised. The timber flooring on bascule of New Bridge should be tar sprayed and sanded.

Kerlogue Quarry (23W)—Extensive work in progress. A large quantity of fine sand, due to screening out the chips for spraying work, is available in this and other quarries. It is recommended that this be disposed of at a reduced rate (unless required for road work).

Kilmore Harbour (27, 28, 29, 30, 31W)—With exception of gaps in breakwater the harbour is in good condition. At junction of 295 and 14E there is a large heap of road scrapings and manure, which should be removed, and in future no dump should be allowed here. The end of breakwater at harbour mouth has been made good. The drainage at end of pier has been made good and the damaged quays repaired. The cost of repairs should be at once got from the ship-owners causing damage.

Carne Pier (219, 218, 223, 226, 251, 256, 254, 37, 38W)—The grass plot at junction of 246W with 38W should be removed. At the Pier the Co. Surveyor explained the proposed repair works.

Wexford via Cross of Lough and Tagoat (247, 37, 36, 32W).

Committee met in Enniscorthy. 5th October.

Present—Messrs. J. O'Byrne, J. Hall and J. Gaul; the Co. Surveyor was also present. Brownwood Quarry was inspected and the Pioneer Company's work at plant examined.

Cherryorchard Quarry (295E)—Work in progress, but ganger not present. Charge hand stated he had gone to a rock cutting on road.

At junction of 295 and 14E there is a large heap of road scrapings which should be removed, and in future no dump should be allowed here.

The Committee made detour from Ballyhouse by Hollyfort. (288, 289, 290 and 31E), but did not find the ganger.

Kiltealy (14, 15, 16, 17E)—Side channel being cut in road on hill at Monart. The whole of road to Kiltealy much improved by work in recent years. Hedges in places require cutting.

Bunclody (39, 30, 37, 57E)—From Doonan's Cross Roads to Butler's Cross the road has been water torn and there are loose stones; otherwise the road is good. Tyland Quarry was inspected, but no work is now proceeding; there is a large quantity of b. s. available.

Enniscorthy (10, 9, 8, 7, 6, and 1E)—The dangerous blind corner near the National Bank (10E) was examined and the Committee approves of the Co. Surveyor's suggestion to have the wall lowered and a railing placed on top. The landlord is satisfied to have the work done, but the occupier has not yet given permission. The matter is in the hands of the Assistant Surveyor. A section of the road between Bunclody and Clohamon which has been treated with "cold bitumen" macadam was examined and approved. The entire length of road to Scarawalsh has been much improved, and the finished sections are in first rate order. At Scarawalsh Cross the bitumen grouting work was in progress, and is a good job. The corners will require to be eased off and fences lowered to give a clear view.

Ferns Road (2, 3 and 4aE)—On the Ferns side of Scarawalsh Bridge the two blind corners have been removed and concrete post and wire fences erected; it is an extremely good improvement work, and when the slopes over the bridge have been regraded as intended the whole will be entirely satisfactory. The road to Ferns is completed in first-class manner.

The recently tarred footpath in Ferns was inspected, and is a good job.

Enniscorthy (130, 154, 153 and 155E)—The corner at Solsborough (153E) was inspected and the proposed alteration approved of.

The Committee met in Ferns, 14th October.

Present—Messrs. J. O'Byrne, J. Hall and J. Gaul; Co. Surveyor and Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, also present.

Bunclody Road (34 and 35E)—An inspection was made of the dangerous corner in Strahart. Mr. Ennis explained the proposed alterations, and informed the Committee that the owner of the premises was willing to sign an agreement if paid compensation. The Committee discussed the price, and authorised Mr. Ennis to have agreement made out, and fixed a limit for the compensation. The work is most necessary.

Ferns-Gorey Road (5E, 15, 14 and 13G)—Bitumen grouting work was proceeding near the Rectory turn at Ferns. The work is satisfactory, but there is great difficulty in carrying out this class of work owing to constant traffic of lorries and motors. If possible the road should be closed when grouting work is being carried out.

Broadford Bridge is now completed and well trunked over, and is a good job. The section to Bay Bridge is in first-class order, and the improvement work at the corner near the bridge is entirely satisfactory.

From Bay Bridge to Camolin (15G) is in very poor condition; material is being got out for improvement work under Grant, but cannot be completed this year. In the meanwhile the large potholes should be filled and the road levelled up.

The gulley traps in Camolin should be frequently cleaned out.

Ballydaniel Bridge—This bridge has been widened and the bad bends on it and adjoining parapet walls have been eased off. As good a job as possible has been done short of entire rebuilding. Mr. P. Byrne accompanied the Committee to inspect the fallen retaining wall at Ballinclare Bridge. This is a serious case and the wall must be rebuilt at once. The old mortared masonry was of little strength, and adjoining portions must come down. The corner at junction of 137G and the sharp bends on the old line should be eased off when rebuilding. The Assistant Surveyor is obtaining estimates for the work.

About one and half miles of bitumen grouted work has been done under Grant on this road, and the old work from a mile south of Clough into Gorey has been resprayed. When the sections through Camolin to Bay Bridge and from Scarawalsh to Enniscorthy are done there will be an excellent road from Gorey to Enniscorthy.

The Committee inspected Gorey Court-house and are quite satisfied with the work. The County Surveyor was directed to arrange about fuel and temporary lighting pending taking in the electric light. Furniture will be required in the Jury Room.

Gorey-Arklow Road (2, 3, 4G)—This road is generally in good condition; sections remain to be bitumen grouted and material is being prepared for this.

The corners at junction of Coolgreany road have been well rounded off and post and wire fence erected. It is a good job.

The Committee inspected site of proposed store at Inch Creamery and does not consider it will be any obstruction to road or view.

Coolgreany (61G and 27G)—The placing of a stone depot at a bad bend on the "Long Lane," which a former Committee objected to, is again noted; this must be stopped.

The new footpath at the "Ball Alley" in Coolgreany is finished, and is a good job.

Tara Hill Quarry (62, 74, 83 and 81G)—Work was in progress at Tara Hill Quarry and a large quantity of material is now prepared for Grant work.

Courtown Harbour (105, 106 and 22G)—The Committee interviewed Mrs. Stapleton (widow of the late Harbour Master) with reference to her giving up possession of the house and store. She intends to leave shortly and there will be no difficulty in having the house available for the new Harbour Master when appointed.

The foreshore and protection walls are now in good condition; all the blocks, except those in the angle near the slip, are well covered. One of the sluices in the gate is now damaged, and consequently no sluicing can take place. We directed the temporary sheeting of the opening and working the scour with the three remaining sluices. The Committee recommends that another lifebuoy be got for use on the shore and that it be housed on the harbour side of the new concrete parapet wall. The old boats should be broken up for distribution as firewood.

The Gorey-Courtown Road is now much improved, but until remade will not stand the Summer traffic. The work under "Tourist" Grant at the Gorey end is a good job. Very good work has been done in rounding off corners at junction of 21 and 167G and the adjoining bend. Post and wire fences have been erected.

Craanford (9 and 10G)—The improvement work at Craanford is an excellent job; the protection wall on 119G should be extended about 2ft. high and 6in. thick, and the thorn bush in the adjoining

premises cut down to improve the view.

General—As it would be impossible to make an exhaustive inspection of the county, the Committee selected representative routes, covering important works and places that had been referred to at County Council meetings. The following points require special mention:

(1) Delay in putting in hands side cleaning and drainage work; this matter refers to areas in the south part of the county.

(2) Damaged walls and parapets should be repaired as soon as possible after injury, and old standing damages should be made good at once if funds permit. In some cases special proposals may be necessary, and the Assistant Surveyors should be required to prepare a list of these so that the Council may deal with them in rotation.

(3) Dangerous corners and bends should get special attention. In many cases good work has been done, but pending larger expenditure the Committee considers that projecting briars and branches should be cut and hedges lowered, and there should be no difficulty in obtaining permission of the owners. During the Winter all owners of hedges should be noticed and required to cut them.

(4) In some places stone depots project on the travelling surface of the road; this should not be allowed.

(5) On a number of occasions the Committee noted gates opening out on to the road and causing a dangerous obstruction. This should not be allowed, and if the existing laws do not cover the point the Local Government Department should be requested to have the law amended.

Generally over the county the condition of the roads has much improved. When the work under existing Grants is completed the whole "National Routes" through the county will be in first-class order. Of the remaining trunk, Enniscorthy-Bunclody and Wexford-New Ross, are being brought up to a high standard.

The Wexford-Rosslare Harbour Road will require very extensive work, and a special Grant should be sought for this. Extensive tar patch work has been done out of "maintenance," and the road is as well maintained as possible with the funds available.

Of the first-class Main Roads, that from Wexford to Gorey is the most important and will require a large expenditure to put it in good order. The "maintenance" proposals are insufficient to deal with it, particularly the Wexford end, but as on the Rosslare road good work has been done with tar patch work.

The Committee noted throughout the County the great improvement due to the use of tar in patch work and filling potholes, and recommend that this system of repair be extended in the future.

There is a marked improvement in practically all the roads of the County. The Committee noted that the road staff and workers generally are attentive and interested in their work. Minor defects are noticeable here and there; but this is in great part due to the very great amount of work that had to be done and to the lack of funds to meet special improvements. The County Machinery has been maintained in the best condition, and has been worked to its full capacity.

(Signed),

JAMES GAUL,

WILLIAM THORPE,

JAMES HALL,

SEAN O'BYRNE,

R. P. WEMYSS-QUIN, Col.

"The People," Wexford.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Shannon:-

"That the Report of Roads Inspection Committee submitted to this meeting be received and recommended to the County Council for adoption.

PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME.

The Co. Surveyor stated he had this Scheme for 1928 in course of preparation and would complete it as soon as possible.

DONANORE QUARRY.

The question of responsibility of repair of wall of road adjoining Donanore Quarry which was damaged by a falling tree was referred to County Surveyor for report to next meeting.

STEAM ROLLER PLANT AT NIGHT.

Arising out of a discussion initiated by the Chairman as regards unrolled material allowed to remain overnight and the position of steam-rolling plant during the night, the Co. Surveyor stated he had directed that a light should be placed at the warning notices which were used during the day directing attention to the fact that roads were being steam-rolled.

CLERK OF WORKS WEXFORD-ENNISCORTHY ROAD.

The Co. Surveyor stated that at a previous meeting mention was made that Mr Michael O'Hanlon, one of the Superintendents on Wexford-Enniscorthy Road, had engaged in private work by having a contract for haulage to this road with the sub-contractors who were supplying cement. He (Co. Surveyor) approached Mr O'Hanlon who denied that he had anything whatever to do with the matter. He said it was his sons who were absolutely in charge of this work. He (Co. Surveyor) made an appointment with Mr O'Hanlon and discussed the matter with him. At that time, the Co. Surveyor was in doubt as to whether he would suspend Mr O'Hanlon pending the Roads Committee meeting. In view of the explanation he was satisfied not to put the suspension in force and had decided to let the matter come before the Roads Committee in the usual way. Mr O'Hanlon was directed to put his case in writing which he did. In his letter of 10th of November 1927, Mr O'Hanlon pointed out that the haulage contract

was being carried out by his sons, Thomas and Vincent.

The lorry which was used was their property.

The following is an extract from the letter:-

" I have absolutely nothing to do with my sons and their lorry."

In reply to this the Co. Surveyor wrote as follows to Mr O'Hanlon under date 16th November 1927:-

"In reply to your letter of the 10th inst, and further in regard to my conversation with you to-day, I have made inquiries and am satisfied that you have not given me a fair statement of the case in your letter nor in your conversation with me. I have been informed that you have yourself directly paid men engaged with the cement haulage and I do not consider this proper. Accordingly I have no option but to suspend you from duty as Clerk of Works on this job pending decision of the Roads Committee on the 28th. inst. If you have any case to make you should attend the Roads Committee on above date and I am sure the Committee will consider your case."

Continuing the Co. Surveyor stated that he had never heard of Mr O'Hanlon actually paying any of the men concerned in the haulage to the road, but one man named George Browne (who was working at the concreting of Wexford Quay) stated he was paid personally by Mr O'Hanlon. In view of that statement he (Co. Surveyor) considered he had no option but to suspend Mr O'Hanlon because in his opinion, Mr O'Hanlon deliberately intended to deceive. He suspended him and told him that any further explanation he had to make should be made to the Roads Committee. He (Co. Surveyor) was informed that O'Hanlon had ^{paid} several men but he had a clear statement in the one case.

Mr O'Hanlon came before the meeting and stated that the contract for haulage was taken from Messrs Glorney, Dublin by his sons. They were asked to quote a price in competition with others. He (Mr O'Hanlon) knew nothing about the contract and had no interest in it whatever. He had been accused of paying men on the road but he had never done so. He admitted having paid the man named George Browne one Saturday afternoon in his own house when his ^{own} work was

finished for the day. He paid this man on behalf of his son as the man wanted the money and his son was not then in the house as he was looking after lorries. He had never received any cheques for this contract in his own name: these cheques were made out by Mr John Browne, who was Glorney's agent in Wexford, in the name of O'Hanlon Brothers.

The Co. Surveyor stated that Mr O'Hanlon's work on the road had been satisfactory.

Mr Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said he was informed by Mr John Browne, agent for Glorney that Mr O'Hanlon took this contract although Mr Browne told him not to.

Mr O'Hanlon in reply to Mr Birthistle denied that he had anything to do with the contract and said he never got a cheque from Mr John Browne in respect of it. He never made any agreement with men named Sutton and Kehoe for haulage.

After further discussion, the Chairman said he would take a show of hands on the following (1) Was Mr O'Hanlon's action undesirable? (2) Was the Co. Surveyor justified in suspending him? (3) Shall Mr O'Hanlon's appointment be determined and if so, shall he be paid a fortnight's wages in lieu of notice?

On No 1 seven voted in favour. Mr Hall did not vote.

On No. 2 all members present voted in favour and on No 3 five voted in favour, others who did not vote stating they were in favour of dismissal without notice.

FORD OF LYNG.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor, said he had not heard further from Messrs McMahon & Tweedy, Solicitors for Mrs Waller. He understood that the place would be inspected by the Board of Works Engineer and it would be better defer further consideration until his report had been received. Messrs Meldon had asked for particulars of levels from the public road down to the drainage canal.

It was decided that the Co. Surveyor supply the necessary information as to levels.

CAMBLIN EMBANKMENT - PROPOSED DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Under date 26th November 1927, the following (17912/26) was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"We beg to inform you that we have had the above-named District inspected by an Engineer and his report ~~E~~ shows that no appreciable improvement in the drainage conditions could be effected for an expenditure less than £1502 and that even this sum would only suffice for the improvement of about 90 acres. This is equivalent to an expenditure of £16-13-9 per acre which is a totally uneconomic proposal.

In the circumstances, the scheme, in our opinion, is not a feasible one, but if the Co. Council desire us to proceed further in the matter we will have a valuation of the district made with a view to ascertaining the extent of the benefit from the proposed works.

We shall be glad to know the Council's views in due course. We may add that should the scheme be proceeded with on the present estimates, it is probable that a substantial contribution from the Council would be required to make the scheme economic to the occupiers of affected lands."

It was decided that communication from Office of Public Works should be referred to next meeting of County Council.

DANGEROUS CORNER AT BALLYGALVERT.

It was decided that Messrs Shannon and Thorpe should act as a Committee in connection with above and after consultation with Mr O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor that they should report to next meeting of the Roads Committee.

PETROL PUMP LICENCES.

In connection with the action of Mr John Murphy in changing site of petrol pump in John Street, New Ross from the original position agreed to by the Council without obtaining the consent, and which had been referred to New Ross Urban Council, the following resolution adopted by the Urban Council at their meeting of 22nd November 1927 was read:-

"That the County Council have sole control of the road

on which the pumps are erected and as they and not the Urban Council gave permission for the erection of them this Council considers it the duty of the County Council to decide whether the position of the pumps is in order, and we accordingly refer the matter back to that body.."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Col Quin:-

"That the question of change of site of petrol pump at John Street, New Ross, the property of Mr John Murphy be adjourned until the Roads Committee have before them the plan of the site showing original and altered positions of the pumps in conformity with regulations adopted by them on 14th November 1927."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Colfer:-

"That licence for petrol pump be issued to Mr Harry Ellis, 28 John Street, New Ross."

In connection with application of Mr M. Harte, Campile for licence for petrol pump, Mr O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, reported that there was a clear width of 21 feet of road at the pump and it could not cause an obstruction. The tank projected about one foot under the road.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr O'Byrne:-

"That Mr Harte, Campile be informed that unless he supplies at once to the Co. Council the plan which he was requested to furnish in connection with his application, the Roads Committee will refuse to accede to his application for licence for petrol pump."

COURTOWN HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS.

Under date 8th November 1927, the following was read from Mr David Bolger, Courtown Harbour:-

"Will you please bring the following facts before your County Council re the conditions of Courtown Harbour. We have reason to believe that if the ~~Government~~ County Council make a move in the matter that the Government will do something to alleviate the conditions prevailing at Courtown Harbour for some years past.

"We hold that if the sluice-gates were put in proper order and that if the river bed or basin were cleaned up that we would be able to get to sea at most times.

Nowadays it is only ~~at~~ very occasionally we can put out and it is rather hard on us to see boats from other quarters fishing at practically Courtown Pier Head while we have to remain ashore. The sluice gates are at present of no use whatever and there is an island formed of mud, stones, etc. in the middle of the basin.

As stated before if the Co. Council makes a move we have reason to believe the Government will finance the work."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr O'Byrne:-

"That Mr Bolger be informed the Council have arranged for the County Surveyor to meet an Engineer from the Ministry of Fisheries at Courtown Harbour and report as to what improvements can be made to help the fishing industry there."

GOREY-COURTOWN ROAD.

Mr Denis Allen T.D. forwarded for the consideration of the Committee the following letter (RG/32) under date 22nd November 1927 from the Roads Section of the Local Government Department:-

"With further reference to your letter of the 16th inst relative to a Grant towards the improvement of the Gorey-Courtown Road, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he would be glad to have the views of the Wexford County Council on the proposal to expend a sum of £6500 on the road in question."

The Co. Surveyor stated that if the Government would provide the £6,500 Grant, work on the road could begin at once.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr O'Byrne:-

That the Co. Council at their next meeting consider in conjunction with Co. Surveyor proposal for expenditure of proposed Grant of £6500 on Gorey-Courtown Road."

APPLICATION FOR ERECTION OF BUILDING.

The application of Michael Horan, 16 Boyce Terrace, Arklow for permission to erect a building at Inch, Gorey was further considered.

The County Surveyor submitted further plan of the structure and mentioned that the Roads Inspection Committee were of opinion there would be no obstruction to the view caused by its erection. This was also his own opinion. The house would be more than thirty feet from the centre of the road.

A resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Col Quin recommending the Co. Council not to offer objection to the erection of the building.

STRAND ROAD AT ROSSLARE

Under date 24th November 1927, the following was read from Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Co. Council:-

"I am glad to say that everything is now in order as to this road and all parties have signed the Transfers of their respective plots to the Council, and I will be glad therefore if you would procure Paying Order at the next meeting for the various sums for the purchase money as under, viz:-

Patrick Swan £90: Margaret O'Brien £20: Jas Murphy £250:
M.J. O'Connor & Co, Costs as agreed upon £15-15-0: Total £375-15-0.

I am not quite clear whether the expenses in connection with the stamping and transfer fees of these Transfers are to be paid out of the Grant for the Road or out of the ordinary Council funds. If they are to be paid out of the Grant, I will afterwards require payment by Paying Order for the amount of stamps and transfer fees on the different conveyances. I cannot tell this until I have the Deeds stamped and the transfer fees paid."

The Secretary stated he had informed Mr Elgee that the expenses in connection with the stamping of Deeds and transfer fees were to be paid out of the Grant.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Colfer:-

"That improvement work at Strand Road, Rosslare be commenced as soon as possible."

ROSSLARE ROADS.

Under date 14th November 1927, the following was read from Mr N. J. Kelly, Strand Hotel, Rosslare:-

"As a fairly big ratepayer in this district, I beg to ask you can anything be done to improve our roads between Wexford and Rosslare and especially our Village Road here.

I have had hundreds of complaints from visitors (who motored from all parts of Ireland) stating that our local roads are a disgrace to the County Wexford.

Surely our roads in the South are as important as those in the north of the County where they are always kept in perfect order. I shall be grateful if you will give this matter your early kind attention, as the roads in question are really ruining the motor tourist traffic to Rosslare."

It was decided to inform Mr Kelly that the County Council were proceeding with the work at Strand Road immediately and that the other roads of the district would be attended to as soon as possible.

GOREY HILL QUARRY.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor mentioned that he had received copy of Court Order relative to new road at Gorey Hill Quarry. This provided for a road width of 14 feet in ^{the} clear and it did not include the fence. The note in the Judge's book corroborated this.

The following recommendation was agreed to.:-

"That Messrs Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors for Miss Palmer, owner of Gorey Hill Quarry be informed that the County Council are prepared to erect a mound fence at Quarry at Gorey Hill provided they can secure a fourteen feet roadway in the clear as provided by Court Order."

DRAINAGE BILL.

The following resolution from Roscommon County Council was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Col Quin:-

"That this Council notices that a Drainage Bill has been presented to Dail Eireann under which some expenses in relation to Drainage Districts are proposed to be charged against all the ratepayers in the county. As it propose^s also to levy and collect the special drainage rates on the drainage districts with the poor Rate, they must be lodged to the Bank A/c receiving the

ordinary Poor Rate, so that if the special rates on drainage districts are in arrear from any cause the drainage expenses would automatically be paid by the Treasurer out of the Poor Rate of the County-at-large.

The Council are strongly opposed to any contribution from the County-at-large Fund being made imperative and also to the payment of drainage expenses being made out of any but drainage monies kept in a separate Account.

These views are to be expressed to all this County's representatives in Dail Eireann with a ~~request~~ request that they may endeavour to amend the Bill in accordance therewith."

BALLYBRENNAN QUARRY.

In connection with the proposal to purchase from Mrs Susan Deacon, a small plot of land adjoining Ballybrennan Quarry Mrs Deacon wrote that William Freeman had no claim to the plot.

Mr Elgee advised the meeting not to take further action in the matter until they had an opportunity of considering the claim which he understood Mr Freeman was about to make and the meeting adopted the suggestion.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That Minutes of Roads Committee in respect of meeting held on 28th November, 1927, be received and considered".

WEXFORD ENNISCORTHY ROAD.

In reply to Colonel Gibbon, the County Surveyor stated that no further cracks had appeared in the road since the inspection of the Committee. Of course before taking over the completed work they would have to walk the entire length of the road and **Chain it**. In that way they would come across all cracks in the road. The road from Wexford to Edermine would be opened before Christmas.

Hoarding Old Wexford Courthouse

The County Surveyor said he had communicated with Mr. Hanrahan, Borough Surveyor, regarding this matter but had received no reply.

Mr. Corish said that Mr. Hanrahan had that morning engaged a mason to examine the walls etc., of the old Courthouse.

WEXFORD ROSSLARE SLOB ROAD.

The County Surveyor said he had received an estimate for £900 from the Railway Co., for construction of Under Bridge. This money would come out of the grant and he (County Surveyor) considered he should be authorised to make application to the Local Government Department for a grant for the cost of bridge and also for the completion of the lower portion of the road. Unless this was done the money expended to the present would be waste^{ed}

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That the County Surveyor be authorised to apply to the Local Government Department (Roads' Section) for the necessary amount to build under bridge on Wexford-Rosslare Slob Road and to complete the bottoming and surfacing of the lower portion of this road!"

Colonel Gibbon said that when the road was complete the Council would undoubtedly have power to prohibit heavy traffic belonging to the public, but on the other hand, if there was heavy

farm traffic from North Slob people, particularly, in connection with beet growing on the slob, the County Council would not be able to prevent it, and the maintenance charges for this road would be very expensive having regard to the present foundation.

The County Surveyor said the road was constructed for light traffic only. If it ~~would~~ was to be subject to heavy lorry traffic continuously it would require a concrete surface. He did not think that the far end of the road near Rosslare would have beet traffic over it. The heavy traffic on the road would be limited to about a mile of its total length.

CLERK OF WORKS - ENNISCORTHY WEXFORD ROAD.

The Secretary read correspondence from Messrs O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, on behalf of Mr. O'Hanlon. Messrs O'Connor and Co., denied that O'Hanlon had any connection with the Cement haulage contract; they requested permission to attend the County Council meeting so that Mr. O'Hanlon's position could be fully explained.

Mr. Elgee said that the determination of Mr. O'Hanlon's services was a matter for the County Surveyor as it was the latter who employed him and fixed his wages. There was no resolution on the books of the Council appointing Mr. O'Hanlon whose wages were paid out of Government Grant.

Colonel Gibbon having explained the facts of the case as put before the Roads' Committee, Mr. Corish mentioned that what enabled him to arrive at a decision was the statement that Mr. O'Hanlon had made a contract for haulage of cement to the road with Mr. Browne who was Messrs Glorney's agent in Wexford.

Mr. Birthistle said he could produce the evidence of a man named Meyler that he had been "taken on" by Mr. O'Hanlon for haulage work and had been paid in his (Meyler's) own house by Mr. O'Hanlon on three occasions.

Colonel Gibbon contended that from a legal point of view and, assuming that O'Hanlon was the servant of the Council, they were entitled to dispense with his services by the payment of

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a fortnight's wages in lieu of notice.

He then moved the following:-

"That the correspondence from Messrs O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, on behalf of Michael O'Hanlon be referred to our legal adviser to look after the interests of the County Council in any legal action that may be taken. That the dismissal of Mr. O'Hanlon with a fortnight's wages in lieu of notice (which is in our power as an ordinary employer) be approved".

Colonel Quin seconded.

Colonel Gibbon said he was opposed to Mr. O'Hanlon or his legal adviser being heard by the Council.

Mr. Jordan asked if O'Hanlon brought legal action and succeeded would it be the County Council or the County Surveyor who would be liable?

Mr. Doyle - We decided when the matter was first brought forward that the appointment be made by the County Surveyor. It would have been quite all right for the County Surveyor to have taken action himself. But the County Surveyor having brought the question before the Roads' Committee threw the matter to a certain extent on the County Council. If the man has a grievance, and can prove that he was not connected with the haulage contract, the action of the County Surveyor and that of the Roads' Committee has brought the County Council into it and the responsibility rests on their shoulders.

It was then decided to hear Mr. Fintan O'Connor, Solicitor for Mr. O'Hanlon, who pointed out that there was no foundation for the serious allegation that Mr. O'Hanlon was interested in any way in the cement haulage contract. On one or two occasions (Mr. O'Hanlon) had paid the men who were employed by his sons, the holders of the contract, but the amounts to be paid had been provided and made up by his sons and were only handed to the workmen to oblige his sons who at the time were engaged in other work. They were never paid out of O'Hanlon's pocket but only in the way that a man would oblige another. But even if Mr. O'Hanlon had been contractor there

was nothing in it which could interfere with his duties as Clerk of Works on the road. The haulage contract ran from 4th June to 16th November, the last named date being the one on which ~~Mr~~^{Mr} O'Hanlon was dismissed. Mr. O'Hanlon had given satisfaction in his position as Clerk of Works and no complaint as to his work had been made. As for the lorry which had been employed in the haulage this was owned by O'Hanlon Bros., and had been purchased out of a legacy left their mother.

Mr. O'Hanlon admitted having handed money on three occasions to George Browne but this had been done for his sons who had made up the amounts and had them ready so that all he (Mr. O'Hanlon) had to do was to hand over the amounts.

Messrs O'Connor and Hanlon then withdrew.

Colonel Gibbon said it was very undesirable that a man portion of ~~his~~^{whose} work for the County Council was to take samples of cement for the Council should be concerned even indirectly with a haulage contract for this cement.

The County Surveyor said he had lost confidence in O'Hanlon and that was the reason why he did not wish his services retained not of his concern with the haulage contract. When he discussed the matter on the first occasion with Mr. O'Hanlon the latter should have told him that he had paid George Browne.

Mr. Birthistle - Mr. John Browne told me that Mr. O'Hanlon took this haulage contract from Glorney and that he (Mr. Browne) mentioned to O'Hanlon that he was on dangerous ground when he was taking it.

Daniel Meyler was called before the meeting and said he was employed on this haulage contract by Mr. Michael O'Hanlon and paid him in his (Meyler's) house on three occasions.

Colonel Quin proposed and Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded

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the following resolution:- "That the Minutes of Roads' Committee meeting of 28th November, 1927, relative to the determination of the employment of Mr. Michael O'Hanlon be, and is, hereby approved.

A vote was taken with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Sean O'Byrne, Clince, Shammon, P. Byrne, Colfer, Mernagh, Connors, Corish, Gaul, Cooney, Hayes, Hall, Quin, Gibbon, Jordan, Boggan, Cloney and the Chairman - 18.

Against:- Messrs Pender, Whyte and Murphy - 3.

Did not vote:- Messrs Doyle, Thorpe, O'Donoghue and Walsh - 4.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

PETROL PUMPS NEW ROSS.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Thorpe, seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That as the New Ross Urban Council were consulted when Mr. John Murphy, John Street, New Ross, applied for licences for petrol pumps they should now state^{if} they have any objection to the pumps remaining in their present position.

GOREY-COURTOWN ROAD.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Quin:-

"That the County Surveyor call the attention of the Department of Local Government (Roads' Section) to letter of 22nd November, 1927 (RG/32) to Mr. Denis Allen T.D. and inform them that he is prepared to commence work on this road immediately notification be made to the County Council that the grant of £6500 is forthcoming"

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Colonel Quin:- "That the Minutes of Roads' Committee in respect of meeting of 28th November, 1927, be and are hereby confirmed"

SPECIAL MEETING COUNTY COUNCIL.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Colonel Quin:- "That a special meeting of the County Council be held on 2nd January, 1928, for the purpose of

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considering County Surveyor's estimate for roads and public works and to agree to Road Estimate for next financial year. That the Roads' Committee meet on the afternoon of 2nd January, 1928, for the purpose of considering their ordinary Road business"

CORRAMACORRA ROAD.
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Mr. Hayes moved and Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem.con.:- "That the following Committee be appointed to inspect Corramacorra road with the County Surveyor and Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor for the district, and report to next meeting of the Roads' Committee in respect of proposed reconstruction and repair of this road:- Messrs Corish, Hayes, Gaul, Boggan, Rossiter and Colonel Gibbon.

It was decided that the County Surveyor arrange date of inspection.

MONASOOTH LANE.
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Messrs Denis Flusk and Patrick Foley came before the meeting in connection with the above lane which was situate between Camolin and Carnew and was about a mile in length. There were ten farmers and their families on this land and three or four other farmers were also constantly using it. Then there was the traffic of the general public as it was a link between two roads. The persons concerned were anxious that the lane should be put in contract.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That the following Committee be appointed to inspect Monasootha Lane with the County Surveyor and report to next meeting of the Roads' Committee:- Messrs Jordan, P. Byrne, Pender, Sean O'Byrne and Hall.

It was decided that date of inspection be fixed by County Surveyor and that the Assistant Surveyor for the district should be in attendance.

COURTOWN HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS.
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Under date 28th November the following (D/5/20) was read from the Department of Fisheries. :-

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"With reference to your communication dated 22nd instant, relative to the need for certain improvement work at Courtown Harbour; I am directed by the Minister for Fisheries to state that Mr. A. Hassard, the Department's Engineer, whose time has been hypothecated for other duties for some time to come, will, as soon as business permits, arrange a conference and inspection with the County Surveyor"

DREDGING AT KILMORE HARBOUR.
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Under date 9th December the following (D/73/1) was read from the Department of Fisheries:-

"With reference to previous correspondence relative to the request for dredging at Kilmore Harbour, I am directed by the Minister for Fisheries to state that as the Wexford County Council is willing to pay a moiety (say £200) of the cost, he is prepared to contribute a sum not exceeding £200 from this Department's funds towards the work.

"The Commissioners of Public Works have been requested to make a dredger available at as early a date as may be practicable; and they will no doubt apply for the Council's contribution when operations are about to be started".

PETROL PUMP LICENCES.
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the Roads' Committee be fully empowered to deal with all applications for erection of petrol pumps"

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE.
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The following Minutes of meeting of Scholarship Committee of 10th December, 1927, were submitted:-

A meeting of Co. Wexford Scholarship Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 10th December, 1927.

Present:- Very Rev. W. F. Murphy (President, St. Peter's College, Wexford) presiding; also present:- Rev. T. Talbot, Rector, Horetown, Colonel Gibbon and Mr. J. Kelly M.T.

The Secretary to the County Council was also in attendance.

A letter was read from Mr. N. J. Murphy, M.C.C., stating that he did not intend to take any further action as regards the proposal to ask the County Council to award University Scholarships to Ecclesiastical students in residence in Constituent Colleges.

PRIMARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

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Under date 28th November, 1927 letter (F.16734) was read from the office of National Education suggesting amendments in the Scheme of Scholarships from Primary Schools for 1928.

The Committee having considered the various suggestions in this communication and regarding these as reasonable, made the necessary alterations in Scheme so as to comply with the requirements of the Office of National Education.

The Scheme for 1928 will, therefore, be as follows:-

SCHOLARSHIPS FROM PRIMARY SCHOOLS, 1928

The above Council will, for year 1928, offer Three Scholarships for Boys and Three for Girls, of the value of £40 for first year and of £50 for second, third and fourth years. Three Bursaries of the value of £15 each for four years are also offered.

In the event of lack of competition for Scholarships or Bursaries by boys or girls, the Council shall have power, should they so desire, to award their Scholarships and Bursaries to the best candidates, irrespective of sex.

Competition for above is limited to children whose parents or guardians reside in the rural districts of the county, and who are rated on a valuation not exceeding £50.

Scholarships and Bursaries are tenable only by pupils who

reside in the Rural Districts of the County. Scholarships can be obtained by all pupils of Elementary Schools residing beyond a radius of two miles from an approved or recognised Secondary School. Students who reside within the two miles limit of an approved or recognised Secondary School can be awarded Bursaries only.

Student to whom a Secondary School is accessible from his or her ordinary residence, owing to convenient railway or other means of communication, shall not be eligible for the award of a Scholarship of greater value than £30 per annum.

Children whose parents or guardians are, in the opinion of the Council, able to provide for Secondary Education shall not be eligible for the award of Scholarships or Bursaries.

The question of a candidate's eligibility under this clause shall be determined before the date fixed for the examination.

Candidates admitted to the examination shall not afterwards be rejected on the ground of their parents "means", save in exceptional circumstances and with the approval of the Minister.

Renewals of Scholarships and Bursaries will be made each year by the Council, but such renewals are to be subject to the receipt of reports as to the conduct and progress of the holders which are accepted as satisfactory by the Council and by the Minister of Education.

Scholarships and Bursaries shall be awarded in order of merit on the results of an Examination conducted by the Ministry of Education. This examination shall be partly oral and partly written, and shall be held not earlier than 1st June nor later than 1st July.

The Examination shall be confined to candidates whose age on 1st August in 1928 is not more than 14 years.

Candidates who attend the Examination and secure not less than 40 per cent of the gross marks allotted to the six subjects in which they were examined will be refunded the necessary expenses incurred in attending the Examination.

Every candidate for award of Scholarship or Bursary must

fill up a Special Entry Form to be obtained from the Secretary, County Council, Fortview, Wexford, and which must be accompanied by

- (1) Certificate of Birth
- (2) Certificate of Poor Law Valuation
- (3) Testimonial of character from Teacher or School Manager
- (4) Medical Certificate of Health
- (5) Recommendation as to character signed by applicant's clergyman.

No Entry Form will be received after Saturday 14th April, 1928.

In the event of any dispute or difference arising in connection with the Scholarships or Bursaries, or with the holders thereof, or candidates therefor, the decision of the County Council shall be final and binding, subject to the approval of the Minister of Education.

Subjects of Examination.

The following shall be the subjects of examination:-

(a) Irish; (b) English; (c) Arithmetic; (d) History and Geography; (e) Algebra; (f) Geometry; (g) Drawing; (h) Nature Study; (k) Needlework.

To be eligible for the award of a Scholarship a candidate must secure not less than 30% in each of the essential subjects, (a) Irish; (b) English; (c) Arithmetic; (d) History and Geography and not less than 50% of the aggregate marks assigned to these subjects and not less than 40% of the aggregate marks assigned to Irish and English.

A candidate must also obtain 40% of the aggregate of the maxima in two of the subjects; Algebra, Geometry, Drawing, Rural Science or Nature Study and Needlework and not less than 20% in each of the two subjects selected.

Candidates at the Scholarship Examination may answer in either Irish or English in Arithmetic, History and Geography, Algebra, Geometry, Drawing, Rural Science or Nature Study and Needlework. Excess marks not exceeding 10% of the marks scored may be awarded to a candidate who answers a paper in these subjects wholly in Irish except in the case of Mathematics when such excess

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The Programme in each of the above subjects will be the sixth Standard Primary School Programme, with such modifications as may be found in the Appendix herewith

Appendix

Programme

In all subjects the programme of the Primary Scholarship Examination is the programme prescribed for Standard VI pupils in the official Programme of the National Schools with such modifications as are mentioned below:-

(a) IRISH (200 marks).

Oral
(100 marks)

- (1) General conversation.
- (2) Reading as prescribed for Standard VI.
Conversation on passage read.
- (3) Recitation - 80 lines of poetry.

Written
(100 marks).

- (1) Composition as prescribed for Standard VI
- (2) Exercises in the more important portions of etymology and syntax.

(b) ENGLISH (200 marks)

Oral
(100 Marks).

- (1) To read and explain passage from suitable Reader(etc., as prescribed for Standard VI.
- (2) Recitation - 80 lines of poetry.

Written
(100 marks).

- (1) Composition as prescribed for Standard VI
- (2) Exercises in more important portions of etymology and syntax including analysis and parsing.

(c) ARITHMETIC (200 marks).

As prescribed for Standard VI

(d) HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY (200 marks)

History
(100 marks)
As prescribed for Standard VI

Geography
(100 marks)
As prescribed for Standard VI

- (e) ALGEBRA (100 Marks)
As prescribed for Standards V and VI
- (f) GEOMETRY (100 marks)
As prescribed for Standards V and VI.
- (g) DRAWING (100 marks)
As prescribed for Standard VI.
- (h) RURAL SCIENCE OR NATURE STUDY (100 marks)

Primary Schools' Programme. Boys - Syllabus A and B
Rural Science or Syllabus A and B Nature Study.
Girls - Syllabus C and D Nature Study.

NOTE Girls who have studied Syllabuses A and B of
either Rural Science or Nature Study may take
the examination papers for boys on these
syllabuses.

- (i) NEEDLEWORK (100 marks)
As prescribed for Standard Vi

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Obligatory Subjects:- (a); (b); (c) and (d).

Optional Subjects:- any two of the remainder.

An approved School shall be such school, either extern
or residential, for the giving of secondary education or the
giving of instruction or training in agriculture, forestry,
trade, commerce, domestic economy, teaching or any other
subject of a vocational character as may be approved of by
order of the Minister for Education.

CASE OF JOHN KENNY, BUNCLODY.
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Under date 8th December, 1927, the following was read
from Patrick Kenny, Irish Street, Bunclody:-

"In further reference to the above which my boy won
last September, 1926, I now wish to make a formal and definite
claim on his behalf.

"I have had legal opinion on the matter and I have been
informed that under the circumstances as existing at the time
of the award of the Scholarship - the benefit of the Scholarship
(which I now claim) cannot be lawfully or honestly withheld.

"As of course you are already aware my son was in the
College, Drumcondra, when you notified him of the award - and
it was impossible for him to avail of the University.

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"He had, very naturally, ~~accepted~~ offer which opened to him and to which his exam entitled him.

"It has been a source of the greatest difficulty for me to keep my boy in College and with a view to securing some at least of the money which is his due, I beg that you will give this claim your earliest and earnest consideration.

"I will agree to accept the benefits of two years of the Scholarship if paid at an early date.

"Unless you are prepared to arrive at an early and honest settlement of this very serious matter I will be compelled to seek redress in another way.

"The aim of these Scholarships is to help the poor man's son - well, in my case help was never so badly needed as now, to pay his way in College.

"Trusting you will give the matter your early attention"

The correspondence dealing with Mr. Kenny's case having been considered by the Committee the following recommendation was agreed to:-

"We recommend the County Council to obtain the advice of their Solicitor as to whether the University Scholarship Scheme under which Scholarship was awarded John Kenny would allow the County Council to make any contribution towards the cost of Mr. Kenny's training at St. Patrick's Training College, Drumcondra, Dublin, from University Scholarship Scheme fund. In the event of a favourable opinion we recommend a payment of £30 in all under this head. Should the opinion of the Solicitor be to the effect that such payment cannot be made legally we consider the County Council might allow of one year's post-graduate course in University to enable Mr. Kenny to obtain a Degree in Education, or, that he should be allowed to take up his University Scholarship at the conclusion of his course at the Training College, Drumcondra, Dublin".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"That Minutes of Scholarship Committee in respect of meeting held on 10th December, 1927, as submitted to this meeting be and are hereby confirmed".

ANCIENT MONUMENTS COMMITTEE.

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The following Minutes of Meeting of above Committee held on 17th November, 1927, were submitted:-

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ANCIENT MONUMENTS COMMITTEE.
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A meeting of above Committee was held on 29th November, 1927 in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, to consider the following letter from Secretary of the General Council of County Councils under date 17th November, 1927:-

"I am directed to inform you that the County Councils' General Council have appointed the Chairman (Senator Kenny), the Vice Chairman (Count O'Byrne), The Mac Gillycuddy of the Reeks, Mr. M. Doyle, Mr. Sean O'Byrne and Mr. C. M. Byrne to co-operate with representatives of the Historical and Antiquarian Societies in urging upon the Commissioners of Public Works the necessity for securing legislation to preserve the ancient and historic monuments of the Country.

"Kindly let me know at your convenience whether you desire me to make arrangements for the reception of the deputation. If so, it would be desirable to suggest a choice of approximate dates which would be suitable to the convenience of the other members of the deputation".

Rev. R. Fitzhenry P.P., presided at the meeting and there were also present:-

Rev. W. Hanton C.C., M. Cloney, M.C.C., and Miss K. A. Browne.

The Secretary to the County Council and the County Surveyor were also in attendance.

It was decided to communicate with the various County Councils in An Saorstát and request them to adopt a resolution in favour of legislation by which outstanding National Monuments would be brought under the Control of the Office of Public Works on behalf of the State and that local monuments would be preserved by the County Council. In this connection the Ancient Monuments Committee would desire to point out that their intention is that in regard to the local monuments it would be only necessary to keep them intact in their present condition. The Committee are not in favour of any considerable outlay but certainly suggest that steps should be taken to arrest acts of Vandalism so common all over the Country. By vesting outstanding National Monuments

in the State and the local monuments in the County Councils which they regard as essential there would be some guarantee for preservation. The present statutes dealing with Ancient Monuments are practically on a voluntary basis and ensure preservation only in very isolated instances.

It was decided to approach the Royal Society of Antiquarians with a view to the preparation of a Schedule of Monuments which might be taken over by the State and it was further decided to ask this Society if they would be good enough to enlist the services of their members in various Counties to compile a list of Monuments of local interest.

The Committee are of opinion that when approaching the Office of Public Works with a view to urging them to secure the requisite legislation it is absolutely necessary to be able to put up a Scheme which would give in detail a list of Ancient Monuments to be looked after by the State and also by County Councils.

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The Chairman proposed and Mr. Clince seconded the following resolution:- "That Minutes of Ancient Monuments Committee in respect of meeting held on 17th November, 1927 be and are hereby confirmed. That copy of letter from Capt Fitzpatrick., Hon., Secretary Royal Society of Antiquaries to Rev. R. Fitzhenry P.P., Lady's Island, under date 5th December, 1927, be furnished the Secretary General Council of County Councils for his information!"

PROPOSED TRANSFER OF ROAD GRANTS.
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Mr. Corish said that as regards the Government allocation of £150,000 for the relief of Unemployment most of this would be spent in industrial areas and was earmarked for housing sites and sewerage and water works. He asked that in connection with the **proposal** recently made by the Council that certain grants which had been made for roads, and which could not be utilised at the moment, would be utilised for the improvement of other roads which were requiring attention at once and which would be the subject of grants later on. When these latter grants had been received the amounts now utilised would be replaced. For instance the road between Wexford and Castlebridge was in a deplorable condition and something should be done with regard to it. There were at present 39 men in Castlebridge unemployed.

The County Surveyor said there were four or five roads which could be improved at once. Castlebridge-Wexford road would take £3500 to improve. Wexford-Rosslare Road on which he could give immediate employment to a large number of men around Drinagh Cement Works and from the neighbourhood of the town £6,000; Camblin road near New Ross £1800. Poulmonty Road - a leading line from New Ross through Co. Carlow - £2500. These grants would deal with large centres of population where unemployment existed and would provide work which would not be relief for the sake of relief.

After further discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne:- "That Messrs Corish, Jordan, Cooney, Walsh, S. O'Byrne, the Chairman and Vice Chairman be appointed a deputation from this Council to wait on Mr. R. Mulcahy, Minister for Local Government, with a view to obtaining his consent to transfer of Government Grants from Road a/cs on which expenditure cannot arise for several months to other Road a/cs on which expenditure can with advantage be immediately undertaken. This action to cover a guarantee that Road a/cs from which transfers are now made will be recouped when further grants in respect of roads which it is now proposed to immediately improve are available. That the Department of Local Government be requested to sanction the payment of the out-of-pocket expenses of the members of the deputation. "

It was decided that Mr Corish arrange for the reception of the deputation by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

ROAD GRANTS.

Under date 6th December, 1927, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (RGM/201) that the Minister for Local Government was in communication with the Minister for Finance with a view to making available for financial year 1928-29 a grant towards the upkeep of main roads. It could be assumed that the grant would be calculated on the amount allowed by the County Council for the upkeep of main roads for 1927-28.

The Secretary reported that since last meeting of the Council a sum of £8190: 19: 11d had been received from the Department of Local Government for road grants.

PROPOSED ADDITIONAL REMUNERATION TO MR. T. MOORE, COUNTY SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT.

Under date 28th November, 1927, the following letter (R/RS/32) was read from the Department of Local Government & Public Health:-

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"With further reference to your letter of 23rd instant, with enclosure, relative to a proposal of Wexford County Council to charge to grants an allowance of 7/6d per week to Mr. Moore, Clerk in the County Surveyor's Office, while grants from the Road Fund are being received, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he cannot see his way to sanction the proposal. Apart from the objection to creating a standing charge on the Fund in respect of the allowance there would be difficulty in apportioning the amount to the various Works Numbers.

"In view of the considerable grants which have been made available for road improvement in County Wexford - and which improvement redounds to the advantage of the ratepayers - the Minister considers that the small sum involved might reasonably be borne by the rates."

The Chairman said he considered that notice of motion should be given in this matter.

Mr. Gaul gave the following notice of motion for consideration at next ordinary meeting of the County Council:-

"That Mr. T. Moore, Clerk in County Surveyor's Department be paid by County Council additional remuneration of 7/6d per week for extra work while road grants are being received by the Council.

SALE OF LABOURERS' COTTAGES.

Circular letter under date 29th November, 1927 (H.215/21501/1927) Miscellaneous) as to representations made by the General Council of County Councils in connection with proposed general sale of Labourers' cottages to occupiers was read. Also Draft Sale Scheme for County Kildare referred to therein.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That communication from Local Government Department relative to proposed sale of labourers' cottages be adjourned to next meeting. In the meantime that our Secretary have printed and circulated to members of the Council for their information copy of Co. Kildare Draft Scheme".

REVOCATION SEALED ORDER GOREY WATER WORKS.

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Revocation of Sealed Order of the Minister for Local Government under date 7th December, 1927 (57462-1927) fixing on 18th August, 1920, area of charge for expenses for the purpose of providing a water supply and maintaining same at Gorey Garden City, on Gorey Urban District Electoral Division, was read.

DRAINAGE SCHEMES.

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Sow District

Under date 29th November, 1927 the following copy of a note of the proceedings (22986-27) when the deputation from Wexford County Council was received by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance on the 24th November, 1927, was furnished by the Office of Public Works:-

"The Deputation was introduced by Mr. Corish, T.D., Mr. Esmonde, T.D., Mr. Doyle, T.D., and other members of the Dail, and included the Chairman and Secretary of the County Council and representatives of the different Drainage Boards in the County. The representations made were not confined to the case of the Sow Drainage District, but dealt also with the Kilmannock District, the Cahore District, the Ballyteigue District, and the proposed Ford of Lyng District.

"The Parliamentary Secretary pointed out that no information has been given to him that the question of any district other than the Sow was to be raised, and therefore he was not prepared to give any definite replies on the other districts, but that he was willing to listen to any representations about them and to consider the matters raised and see whether any action could be taken.

1. The Sow District

It was stated that the work on the Sow District had been badly carried out and that certain drains which should have been restored in the townland of Killisk had not been restored although they were part of the Drainage District. It was pointed

out in reply on behalf of the Board that the drains in question were not marked in the Award Map as part of the Drainage District and were not mentioned in the Schedule, and that therefore the evidence was that they were not part of the Drainage District and the Board had no power to restore them.

"On the point of the method of carrying out the work certain definite allegations were made in a written report of which a copy was left with the Parliamentary Secretary, and he promised that an Engineer from the Board should make an inspection when an opportunity occurred and inquire into the facts.

"It was emphasised on behalf of the ratepayers that they did not wish to pay any more than was already assessed on them but that they wished to have value for their money, which they thought they had not got, and it was stated on behalf of the County Council that they were unwilling to take over the district and collect rates from ratepayers who were unwilling to pay for the reasons given.

II. Kilmarnock Drainage District

Some dissatisfaction was expressed with the way in which the works had been carried out in the Kilmarnock District, but no definite points were raised, and it did not appear that any definite action was asked for.

III. Cahore Drainage District

Mr. Corish, T.D., stated that he had interviewed the Land Commission on the question of the payments to be made by landlords and tenants respectively in respect of this district, and ~~xx~~ that an Inspector from the Land Commission was about to go on the lands.

Major Pounden, one of the members of the Drainage Board, stated that he had a suggestion to make for a partial restoration of the District, and two of the ratepayers in the District had also suggestions to make. It was settled that these Gentlemen should discuss the details of their suggestions with the Chairman and Mr. Olley later on in the day.

IV Ballyteigue Drainage District

"Colonel Gibbon, one of the Trustees, complained that he had not received the information which he had been promised from the Board of Works and that Mr. Olley had not consulted him or the other members of the Board, as had been requested, when inspections were made. After some discussion it appeared that the immediate point which Colonel Gibbon wished to make was that the Board of Works should give the Trustees an estimate of the cost of re-opening the sluice on the old dam at the southern end of the Ballyteigue District; and it was agreed that such an estimate should be given.

V Ford of Lyng District

"The point made by the Deputation here was that the works carried out by the Company for reclaiming the Wexford sloblands had constituted an injury to the drainage of the district and that injury was greatly increased by the Company's neglect to maintain the drains. They asked that the Government should initiate action and force the Company to fulfil its engagement.

The Parliamentary Secretary pointed out that the Government had no function in the matter, but after further discussion agreed to inquire into the facts and ascertain if any information was available to the Government which would conduce to clearing up the situation.

"It was pointed out by Sir P. Hanson that the proposed new Arterial Drainage District was intended to overcome the difficulties of the situation by voluntary arrangement and contribution from all parties concerned but that that scheme had been delayed by the action of the County Council. Further inquiry into this scheme also was promised."

The Secretary stated that as regards delay in ~~giving~~ the Ford of Lyng Scheme the Council had not been able to clear up the question of the ownership of the channel marked B and D on the map. In their letter of 26th August, 1926, the Office of Works pointed out that this point should be cleared up before

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up before a drainage Scheme for the district is further considered.

Mr. Peter Cullen, Killisk, and another Ratepayer interested in the Sow Drainage system, attended, and produced for the Council an award of 21st December, 1853 which Mr. Cullen held covered the drainage of his lands and those of others in the town land of Killisk.

Under date 8th December, 1927, the following signed by all the Trustees of the Sow Drainage Scheme was read:-

"We wish to place before you, as briefly as possible, all the necessary information re the restoration work carried out in the River Sow Drainage Area.

"The Trustees of the above Drainage area, early in 1925, sent a request to the Commissioners, Board of Works, for grant etc., and as a result, an inspection was made by Mr. Olley in May of said year.

"He was accompanied in that inspection by several of the Trustees. He stated distinctly to these Trustees, on that occasion, that in his opinion, the amount yearly expended by the Trustees was almost useless and that any further outlay would be practically waste, unless the whole drainage system was restored to its original state - that is when the work was completed under the Award 1853.

"The Commissioners, Board of Works, were evidently satisfied the expenditure was necessary and reproductive, as they estimated that they were prepared to sanction a loan of £2400 with a grant of £800 - Total £3200.

"The Trustees, after due consideration and from Mr. Olley's statements - on the understanding that the whole drainage area was to be restored to its original state, forwarded their acceptance to the Office, Board of Works.

"In view of the powers reserved to The Commissioners, Board of Public Works, in several Drainage Acts, the Trustees considered that they were debarred from insisting on a formal agreement and that their position and authority had ceased.

"The work was commenced in August 1925 and continued, with some interruption - owing to labour disputes - to December 1925, when the work was closed down, during the progress of a "strike".

"About March 1926, the work was re-opened.

"During the progress of the work the Trustees made representations to those in charge that, in their opinion, the work was defective.

"Failing to get any satisfaction, they forwarded a formal complaint in July, 1926, to the Office, Board of Works - copy of which is enclosed.

"To this letter, they only received a formal acknowledgment. But as the letter was taken as a censure upon Mr. Davis, who was in charge, the Trustees sent a statement exonerating Mr. Davis - copy enclosed.

"Early in October, 1926, the Trustees sent another letter to the Commissioners Board of Public Works - copy enclosed and to this also only a formal acknowledgment was received.

"The Trustees still claim that the Sow Drainage area has not been restored to its original state.

"The reasons are set forth in the letters of the Trustees to the Commissioners, Board of Public Works, supplemented by their statement to the County Council and which the Deputation from the County Council, who inspected a portion of the Sow drainage area, will be in a position to verify.

"The Trustees beg respectfully to suggest that the only means of disproving the statements made or that the complaints are not well founded, is that the County Council procure from the Office, Board of Public Works, a copy of the original plan, levels, depths etc., as set forth in the original Award 1853 "

The following is copy of letter forwarded by Trustees to Office of Public Works in July, 1926:-

"As the work on the river Sow is drawing to a close

we, on behalf of the Trustees of the Sow Drainage area, beg to call your attention to the fact that the work contemplated and agreed upon has not been completed.

"It was understood by us that the river Sow was to be restored to its original state - as when the work under the Award 1853 was completed - and it was under that condition, that we accepted the loan and undertook to repay same.

Further we claim that for the money expended an adequate return has not been secured.

This fact is well known to you re the money spent last year.

Though the work has been better carried out this year we claim that for the class of men employed it was impossible almost to secure a full return for the amount spent. We can give further proof of this statement if necessary.

In view, therefore, that the river Sow has not been restored to its original state, that an adequate return has not been secured for the amount of money spent, and that we had no control over the spending of same, we claim that it is not just to saddle us with the rate necessary to repay Loan as well as a future maintenance rate.

Therefore, we beg that you would have a further inspection made and that the matter be re-considered before the work be closed down".

Copy letter from Trustees to Office of Public Works exonerating Mr. Davis in charge of restoration work (July 15th, 1926):-

"We have been informed that our letter to the Commissioners, Board of Works, has been taken as a censure upon Mr. Davis who is in charge of improvements on the River Sow.

"We beg to state that nothing of the kind was intended.

"The majority of the men employed were taken from the Labour Exchange and as these were town-workers, it is our opinion

that they were not suited for what was agricultural work.

"As regards Mr. Davis no better results could have been obtained considering the class of workers employed".

The following is copy of letter furnished Office of Public Works by Trustees in October, 1926:-

"We beg to state that we are surprised at not receiving a reply to our letter of July 6th, 1926.

"In that letter we asked for an inspection of the restoration work then in progress.

"This has not been done.

The visit made by Mr. Olley could not be said to be an inspection, as he only saw the river at three or four points and did not inspect the Drains.

We also claimed in our previous letter that the river was not restored to its original state. As proof of this in our estimation if there were any depth removed from the bed of the river it seem impossible that the weeds, in such a short time, could grow to such a height.

"We are certain that the drains were not restored to their original state, as in two instances the work was so defective that the ratepayers concerned had to spend a considerable amount of labour to make these drains fairly serviceable " ".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne:- "That further consideration of Sow Drainage System be adjourned until next meeting. That our Secretary be instructed to apply to the Office of Public Works for copy of Original Award in connection with this Scheme under date 26th April, 1853. That we request the Office of Public Works to furnish as long notice as possible of the visit of their Engineer to inspect the drainage Schemes of the County in order that arrangements may be made by which he can be accompanied by the members of the Drainage Committee and the County Surveyor.

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Cahore District

Under date 1st December, 1927, Mr. J. J. Sinnott, Newtown, Clonevan, wrote:-

"It is possible for the Tenants to put up a Scheme which would be reasonable in cost, and would considerably relieve the flooding.

"This could be done by opening a cutting at the old "Sluice" mid-way on the drains on the bounds of Ballinoulart and Bog-a-Warren, the distance from the sea to Embankments is 560 yards. If necessary for Sluice gates to be erected the gravel and sand for building is on the Strand right by. It is the opinion of every old man in the district that the lan can never be drained by the present out-let at Cahore even with the drains cleaned but the out-let at the sluice working with Cahore would relieve all flooding.

"Mr. Olley, Board of Works Engineer, admitted at the discussion which we had after General meeting on 24th that the opening of this Sluice would be a success.

"A mile further up Timmacree Bogs are drained by a cutting in the sea-banks with no Sluice gates or any protection and it is very successful.

"If this grant was provided the work of opening this cutting could be carried on any time in the Winter months and dragging operations could be proceeded with then when all the top water would be running out at the Sluice.

"Thanking you for your interest in the matter. .

It was decided that copy of this letter should be furnished the Office of Public Works.

Under date 8th December, 1927 (5642) the Department of Local Government wrote in regard to application for Government grant for Cahore that it seemed that a fresh proposition which included a scheme for making a fresh opening to the sea was introduced by the County Council deputation to the Office of Public Works and this was being considered. But in any event no works could be undertaken until next Spring.

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CAMELIN EMBANKMENT PROPOSED DRAINAGE SCHEME.
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In connection with letter from Office of Public Works (26th November, 17912-27) stating that as the improvement in the drainage conditions could not be effected without an expenditure of less than £1502 and which would be equivalent to an expenditure of £16: 13: 9d per acre which was a totally uneconomic proposal.

Mr. Murphy mentioned that he would call a meeting of those concerned and put before them the views of the Office of Public Works.

COURTOWN HARBOUR MASTERSHIP.
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The following applications were received from the Office of Harbour Master Courtown:- Messrs Denis Murphy, Seamount, Courtown Harbour; Richard Garland, Courtown Harbour and Charles Grannell, Bay View, Courtown Harbour. The three candidates submitted references.

The Chairman decided that it would be as well to take a vote without having any candidate proposed or seconded.

This course was agreed to and the poll resulted as follows:-

For Murphy:- Messrs S. O'Byrne, Cline, P. O'Byrne, Corish, Pender, Colfer, Mernagh, Hayes, Shannon, Cooney, Connors, Whyte, Boggan, Gaul, Walsh, Jordan, Murphy and the Chairman - 18.
For Garland :- Colonel Quin, Colonel Gibbon and Thorpe - 3
For Grannell - Messrs Doyle, Hall, Cloney and O'Donoghue - 4.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. P. O'Byrne:-

"That Denis Murphy, Seamount, Courtown Harbour, be elected Harbour Master of Courtown - remuneration 15/- per week with free house on which County Council will pay poor rates and on condition that Mr. Murphy enters into personal bond of £50 with two solvent sureties for the due and faithful performance of his duties. That appointment be determinable

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by a fortnight's notice in writing at either side."

DUNCORMACK TELEPHONE CALL OFFICE.
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Under date 26th November, 1927, the following was read from Department of Posts and Telegraphs:-

"With further reference to your letter of the 18th instant, I beg to inform you that the matter has been fully considered, but it is regretted that the Department is not in a position to open a Call Office at Duncormack Sub Post Office at a lower guarantee than that quoted in my letter of the 11th ultimo".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Whyte:-

"That Messrs Jordan and Corish, T.D's be requested to wait on the Parliamentary Secretary for Posts and Telegraphs and insist on the re-opening of Duncormack Telephone Call Office as soon as possible."

COMMISSION ON POOR RELIEF.
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In connection with the report of the Commission on the relief of the Sick and Destitute Poor including the Insane poor the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Pender, seconded by the Chairman:-

"On behalf of this County Council we consider the present a most inopportune time to suggest the abolition of County Boards of Health".

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY ON HEALTH INSURANCE
& MEDICAL SERVICES.
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It was decided, owing to the lateness of the hour that recommendations made by the above Committee should be considered at next meeting of the Council.

PROPOSED RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS.
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In connection with Scheme submitted by Wexford County Council to General Council of County Councils relative to above the following under date 17th November, 1927, was read from

Secretary, General Council of County Councils:-

"I am directed to inform you that the resolution of Wexford County Council relative to the reorganization of County Council Schemes for University Scholarships so as to secure the greatest possible advantages from these Scholarships from a National standpoint, was referred to the Executive Committee for the purpose of formulating a Scheme.

"The Council considers that this matter is one of great national importance. It is probable that the Executive Committee will appoint a Special Committee including Educational experts to advise on the best methods of attaining the desired result"

RE-SURFACING NEW ROSS BRIDGE.

The following resolution was received from New Ross Urban Council:-

"That as Free Government Grants are still available for the improvement of main roads, we respectfully suggest to the Wexford County Council the advisability of re-surfacing the New Ross Bridge (which is part of Main Road T.7) and its approaches in concrete and that the opening span be re-surfaced in creosoted wood blocks jointed in bitumen to replace the present deal planking. If those suggestions are adopted we consider that the corrosion of the metal fabric of the bridge caused by surface water will be arrested and that the present maintenance and repair charges will then be reduced to a minimum."

On the motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Thorpe, it was decided that the resolution be referred to County Surveyor for report to next meeting of Roads' Committee.

The County Surveyor mentioned that he had decided upon avoiding the laying of loose grit on the bridge up to the opening span because this was carried by the traffic and helped to grind away the timber on opening span.

POISONS & PHARMACY ACT LICENCE.

The following resolution was adopted on 10th Nov 1920

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Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act 1908 be granted to Mr. William B. Jackson, Main Street, Gorey.

PROSPECTUS NATIONAL LOAN.
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The attention of the meeting was called to the prospectus of National Loan and to letter from the Secretary to the Department of Finance in connection with the matter.

RATE COLLECTORS' POUNDAGE.
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That we hereby authorise payment of the balance of poundage due Rate Collectors in respect of collection to the 30th September, 1927."

TAKING DOWN SLATES NEW ROSS COURTHOUSE.
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Mr. James Connolly, Priory Street, New Ross, wrote offering for the old slating and timber on the roof of old bridewell New Ross £12: 10: Cd. He would take these down and remove to his yard leaving Courthouse premises in a clean and orderly state.

Mr. John Furlong, Plaster, Bewley Street, New Ross, offered for the same work at £10.

The tender of Mr. Connolly being the more advantageous to the Council was accepted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Shannon.

WATER WORKS AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES.
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Mr. Doyle said he was not aware that any application had been made from the county for a portion of the grant of £150,000 voted by the Dail for the relief of unemployment. In his opinion Wexford was as deserving of a portion of the grant as any other county. Unemployment was as prevalent in it as in any other part of the Saorstát. For that reason he strongly urged the Council to adopt a resolution asking for a sum of money to be allocated for the County from the grant. As a

specific instance of the necessity for an allocation, he suggested that the money be sought for a sewerage scheme for Rosslare. Such a grant would afford great relief to unemployment in the district, the extent of which was well known to the County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyor from the number of applications received for employment in connection with the work being carried out in Rosslare at the moment by the Council. He did not suppose that they would get the full amount of money necessary for such a scheme, but he understood that for works of such a nature the grant would be made applicable. If the Council passed a resolution on the lines he suggested it would help their deputies in seeking portion of the grant. Such a sewerage Scheme if its cost had to be entirely borne by the rural district would be a heavy burden on the rates and a considerable increase in them, and if a grant in aid were obtained the burden would not be so great. He also understood that applications for allocations would have to be made early, otherwise the amount would be exhausted.

The County Surveyor suggested that in the application for a grant they should seek a sum for a water supply and ~~for Taghmon~~ sewerage system for Taghmon.

Mr. Doyle - I am not adverse to the spending of the money in any part of the County.

Mr. Cooney stated that New Ross Urban Council made an application to which they did not get a favourable reply. They were told that the money required should come out of public funds.

Mr. Doyle stated that any details required, such as the number of unemployed in Rosslare district, for the purpose of strengthening the application, would be obtained by him.

Mr. J. Gaul, seconding Mr. Doyle's proposition, said the work was absolutely necessary.

Mr. W. Boggan, supporting the proposition said that if an adverse report were made by the sanitary authorities the

Local Government Department would take action to compel the Council or authority responsible to take action.

County Surveyor - They have a habit of doing that.

The Chairman also supported the proposition and said that before a grant would be given a scheme with plans and specifications should be formulated and everything in readiness before the application was made.

Mr. Doyle - I believe they are ready already. The Engineer of the Board of Health has prepared them.

Chairman - The amount of the grant will depend on the amount which the local authority will put up.

Secretary - The local authority here will be the Board of Health.

Mr. P. Hayes supported the County Surveyor's suggestion for the inclusion of a sewerage Scheme for Taghmon.

Mr. J. Shamon - I don't think there is any town or village as badly served as Taghmon.

The proposition was unanimously adopted, with the inclusion of the suggestion in regard to Taghmon.

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Wm. J. Shamon
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CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY.
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I certify the foregoing to be a correct
record of the Minutes of Proceedings of Wexford
County Council in respect of Meeting held on
12th December, 1927.

(Signed) W J Kuzelle

Secretary County Council.

Dated this 15th day of December, 1927.

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.
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MEETING HELD ON 14TH NOVEMBER, 1927.
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N. J. FRIZELLE,
SECRETARY.

FORTVIEW,
WEXFORD.

The monthly meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in Co. Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 14th November, 1927.

Present:- Mr. T. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs William Boggan, Patrick Byrne, James Cline, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, James Gaul, Colonel C. M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, David Kavanagh, Aidan Mernagh, Nicholas J. Murphy, John O'Byrne, M. M. O'Donoghue, John Pender, Colonel Quin, James Shannon, William Thorpe, James E. Walsh, and John White.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, the County Surveyor and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter was received from Mr. M. Doyle, M.C.C., apologising for non-attendance as he was unwell.

THE LATE CARDINAL O'DONNELL.

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On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Colonel Quin, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we express our sincere regret at the demise of His Eminence, Cardinal O'Donnell, one of the greatest Irishmen of our time, a ripe scholar and an outstanding patriot of the truest type. We desire our sympathy to be conveyed to Most Rev. Dr. Codd, Lord Bishop of Ferns, the Clergy of Armagh, Dr. O'Donnell, Dublin (brother of deceased) and Mother M. Benedict, Loreto Abbey, Gorey (sister of deceased).

LATE MR. KENNEDY.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"That the following letter from Mr. James Gaul, M.C.C., be inserted on the Minutes of this day's meeting:-

I beg to acknowledge your vote of sympathy passed to me by your Council occasioned by the death of my Late Brother-

"I am extremely grateful to yourself and staff
for your kind expression of sympathy also".

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

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Finance Committee

The following Minutes of Meeting of Finance
Committee of 13th October, 1927, were read:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in Co. Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 13th October, 1927.

Present:- Mr. Thomas McCarthy (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs Sean O'Byrne, Aidan Mernagh, William Thorpe, Patrick Hayes and J. E. Walsh.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary and County Surveyor were in attendance.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Letter was read from Colonel Gibbon apologising for his absence at meeting owing to other business.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £11,146: 18: 0d was examined and signed.

STATE OF RATE COLLECTION.

The state of Rate Collection to 11th October, 1927, was considered showing the following percentages lodged:-

E. J. Murphy 85 per cent; J. Quirke 76; J. Curtis 76; J. J. Sinnett 70; T. Rowe 67; J. J. O'Reilly 66; P. J. Fitzpatrick 65; J. Cummins 65; B. Cleary 64; J. J. Kelly 64; W. Cummins 63; P. Furlong 62; Sean Gannon 61; M. Kelly 60; P. O'Byrne 60; M. Deegan 60; J. Doyle 59; T. Sutton 58; P. Walsh 57; P. Donohoe 56; C. McCarthy 46.

PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE.

Under date 8th October, 1927, Mr. J. J. O'Reilly, Rate Collector, wrote asking for payment of poundage for collection to March 1927 which he had closed.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hayes:-

"That as Collector J. J. O'Reilly has closed his collection in respect of March 1927, amount of poundage due to him in respect of said period be paid to him"

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Mernagh, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

Harbour lights.

After some discussion Mr. Thorpe withdrew his resolution and the amendment was unanimously agreed to.

GOREY COURTHOUSE.
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Under date 1st October, 1927, the following letter was read from the Secretary, Gas, Water & Electricity Supply Co.,

"We are informed by our Manager, that the water supply to Gorey Courthouse has been used by the Contractor, and connections have been made to use same.

"We have had no payment for supply since 1921-1922 although the water has ~~since~~ been used by the caretaker and we wrote you in 1922 when you stated in reply that the Council were not responsible (this was after it was burned down). Will you kindly let us know if it is the County Council who are liable for the rentals for water?"

The following was read from Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council:-

"I am in receipt of yours of the 3rd instant with copy of one from the Secretary of the Gorey Gas, Water and Electricity Supply Company, Ltd, as to the supply of water to Gorey Courthouse and with reference thereto I write to say it appears to me that as the Caretaker has been using the water all the time he has been in the premises that the water should be paid for, but the question then arises whether the man whom the Secretary describes as Caretaker is our Caretaker at all or not, or whether he was in as Caretaker for the Owner of the premises before we took them over.

"In any event the County Council would only be liable for the Water Rate from when they took it over, that is about two years ago. With regard to the water used by the Contractor while he was rebuilding the Courthouse I think ~~he~~ he should pay for the water used by him."

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That Co. Council accept responsibility for payment of water rate for Gorey Courthouse only from the time the new Courthouse was opened. That the Secretary, Gorey Gas, Water & Electricity Supply Co., be informed that the Contractor for erection of Courthouse is responsible for payment of water used by him"

The following, under date 7th October, 1927, was read from Mr. Thomas O'Ryan, Gorey Branch Gaelic League:-

"The Gorey Branch of the Gaelic League has instructed me as their Secretary to apply to you for use of Courthouse for the purpose of holding "Eire Og" classes twice weekly; instruction to be given by Mr. O'Donovan, Irish Teacher."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Thorpe:-

"That we recommend the Council to allow "Eire Og" classes to be held in Gorey Courthouse provided Mr. O'Donovan, Irish Teacher, takes responsibility for the care of the premises while classes are being held".

PROPOSED TELEPHONE CALL OFFICE AT DUNCORMACK. =====

Under date 11th October, 1927, letter was read from Ministry of Posts & Telegraphs that the estimated receipts from a telephone call office at Duncormack would not justify the extension except under a guarantee of £31 per annum for a term of seven years.

After discussion the meeting decided they could not recommend the Council to assume responsibility for the amount of the guarantee asked for".

COURTHOUSE CARETAKERS. =====

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That we recommend the Co. Registrar to fix the

following salaries for caretakers of Courthouses of New Ross, Enniscorthy and Gorey:- £13 per annum in each case with free apartments; Co. Council to be responsible for actual cost of coal and light for court premises. Courtkeepers not to be allowed to keep live stock or poultry without special permission. That Assistant Surveyors hold their offices in these Courthouses.

That the Finance Committee would be glad to discuss with the County Registrar the question of caretaking premises if he approves.

Letter under date 12th October, 1927, was read from Mr. Denis Corish, District Court Clerk, New Ross, that Mrs Corish had withdrawn her application to be appointed caretaker of New Ross Courthouse.

SANCTION OVERDRAFT CO. COUNCIL.

Under date 11th October, 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (Finance Committee G.46715/27 Wexford County) that the Minister had sanctioned the County Council overdrawing their account up to the extent of £28,000 for the period from 1st October to 31st December, 1927 with Interest at the agreed rate.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (COMBINED PURCHASING) ACT, 1925.

Under date 10th October, 1927, the Department of Local Government (S.47258/1927) wrote requesting payment of the amount assessed on Wexford County under above Act.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That £141: 14: 1d assessed on Wexford County under Combined Purchasing Act 1925 be paid to Local Government Department at first opportunity".

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES) ACT 1926.

Under date 16th September, 1927 letter (S.41205/1927) asking

for payment of £25: 18: 10d assessed on Wexford Co., for year ended 31st March last was received.

It was decided that this matter be further adjourned pending an explanation of the delay in appointing medical officers to Bunclody and Carrigbyrne Districts.

IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION - PUBLICATION OF OFFICIAL GUIDES.
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Under date 9th October the Secretary, Irish Tourist Association, wrote asking that the Council would give them the sole rights for at least two years to issue their official guide, the Council not to be responsible in any way financially.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That we recommend the Co. Council to agree to the request of Irish Tourist Association to grant them for two years the sole rights to issue official guide to the Co. Wexford on the understanding that the Co. Council will not be responsible in any way for publication etc."

RECOUPMENT OF PROSECUTORS & WITNESSES' EXPENSES.
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In connection with outstanding account of £60: 14: 10d for recoupment of Prosecutors and Witnesses Expenses, the Secretary stated that these expenses were in respect of half year ended 30th September, 1920.

The Secretary stated that these vouchers were burned in an armed raid in October 1922. The Auditor stated that the certificate which he had to sign to enable recoupment to be made provided that he should have seen the vouchers. Secondary evidence in the shape of a certificate from Co. Council's Treasurer showing that the payments had been made was submitted. The Auditor, however, was precluded from accepting this as conclusive.

It was decided that the Secretary interview Messrs Jordan and Corish relative to having the matter put before the Department of Finance in order to secure recoupment.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"That the Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee of 13th October, 1927, be received and considered".

Courtown Harbour Mastership

In reply to Colonel Quin, the County Surveyor stated that the Harbour Master was in charge of the whole place, acted as a sort of caretaker and reported to the County Surveyor in connection with any small repairs, took charge of the men and kept their time. He also looked after the public weighbridge there and acted as Secretary to the local Harbour Committee.

Mr. O'Donoghue contended that the night watchman, Andrew Byrne, was able to perform the duties.

The County Surveyor stated he reported to the Finance Committee that he did not believe Mr. Byrne was suitable for the position.

The Chairman held it was absolutely necessary to have some responsible person in charge of the Harbour.

Mr. Boggan proposed the following, which was seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"That a Harbour master be appointed for Courtown at a salary of 10/- per week, with free house, on which the County Council will pay rates. That the Harbour Master be obliged to look after the lights of the Harbour when required without extra remuneration."

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded:-

"That the County Council advertise for a Harbour Master at Courtown, remuneration 15/- per week, and free house on which the County Council will pay rates. That the Harbour Master be responsible for attending, when required, to the Harbour lights without extra pay".

On a show of hands the Chairman declared this last mentioned resolution carried.

Mr. Hall demanded a poll.

A poll was taken on Mr. Boggan's proposal (which was regarded as the amendment) with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Boggan, Colonel Gibbon, Hall, Kavanagh, Murphy, O'Donoghue, Colonel Quin, Thorpe, Walsh and Whyte - 110.

Against:- Messrs P. Byrne, Clince, Colfer, Connors, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, Pender, Shannon and the Chairman - 13.

Mr. Jordan was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost and, on his resolution being put to the meeting, it was carried without dissent.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the appointment of Harbour Master at Courtown be made at the December meeting of the County Council. That the position be advertised and that the County Surveyor draft a list of duties."

Proposed Telephone Call Office at Duncormack.

Mr. Whyte proposed:-

"That in connection with the request from the Ministry for Posts and Telegraphs for the provision of £31 per annum as an annual guarantee for re-opening Duncormack Telephone Call Office, we consider that the amount obtained by this Department from the sale of the poles formerly used for this line should be sufficient to provide at least one year's guarantee. We are of opinion that the amount asked for is entirely too high and suggest that the Post Office Department should accept a guarantee of £20 per annum which would probably be put up by the local people concerned."

Mr. Murphy seconded: Passed.

Courthouse Caretakers.

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Cooney seconded:-

"That we recommend the County Registrar to fix a salary of £13 per annum, with free house, coal and light, for the caretakers of Enniscorthy, Gorey and New Ross Courthouses. "

After considerable discussion a poll was taken with the following result:-

For:- Messrs P. Byrne, Clince, Colfer, Connors, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Mernagh, Pender and Shannon 11.

Against:- Messrs Boggan, Colonel Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Kavanagh, Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, O'Donoghue, Colonel Quin, Thorpe, Walsh, Whyte and the Chairman13.

The motion was declared lost.

Irish Tourist Association - Publication of Official Guides.

In connection with proposed publication of Official Guides, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That we recommend to the Tourist Association that the Official Guide for County Wexford be printed in the County".

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee of 13th October, 1927, as submitted to this meeting, be and are hereby confirmed, except in so far as same have been amended by resolutions adopted at this meeting".

The following Minutes of Finance Committee of 27th October, 1927, were read:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 27th. October 1927.

Present: In the Chair:-Mr T. McCarthy (Chairman), also, Messrs Sean O'Byrne, A. Mernagh, Wm Thorpe and P. Hayes.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary and the Co. Surveyor were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

TREASURER'S ADVICE NOTE.

Payments amounting to £9041-4-0 were examined and passed.

RATE COLLECTION.

The following state of Rate Collection for ^{first} ~~second~~ moiety of Rate to October 27th 1927 was submitted:-

E.J. Murphy 91: J.J. O'Reilly 85: J. Quirke 84: J. Curtis 82: J. Doyle 77: T. Rowe 77: P. Fitzpatrick 74: J.J. Sinnott 74: W. Cummins 71: J. Cummins 71: P. Furlong 71: M. Deegan 70: B. Cleary 70: T. Sutton 69: J.J. Kelly 68: S. Gannon 68: M. Kelly 67: Patrick Walsh 65: P. O'Byrne 64: C. McCarthy 60: and P. Donohoe 58.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Hayes:-

"That any Rate Collector who has not 80 per cent of first moiety of his warrant for 1927-28 collected by 7th November be directed to attend the meeting of Finance Committee to be held on 10th November next."

Under date 26th October 1927, Mr E. J. Murphy, Collector for No. 17 District wrote that he was doing all he could to close his warrant. All outstanding amounts were in the hands of his Solicitor for collection. Civil Bills in these cases would be heard early in November.

Mr B. Cleary, Collector for No. 21 Collection District wrote that he would not be able to close on 31st October as he found it very difficult to collect money. He could not under present circumstances raise money from the Banks for the purpose of closing.

He would, however, make a special effort to close as soon as possible. He would put all outstanding rates after this week through the Courts. His brother had been very ill and he (collector) had not been able to be out since last checking day.

CARETAKERS DISTRICT COURTS.

Mr Scallan, Co. Registrar attended in connection with the proposed appointments of caretakers for Enniscorthy, Gorey and New Ross District Courts.

It was agreed that the remuneration in each case should be at £13 per annum with free apartments, County Council to be responsible for actual cost of coal and light for Court premises. Courtkeepers will not be allowed, unless they obtain previous special permission to make any alterations in existing premises or put up any structure or building, to keep live stock or poultry or take in lodgers. Caretakers are in each case to be responsible for the cleaning and lighting of fires in offices of District Court Clerks and Assistant County Surveyors, also court rooms or offices when used on County Council business.

The Committee expressed their appreciation of the manner in which the Co. Registrar had met their recommendations in view of the fact that appointments of the three caretakers were to be made by him.

BONDS OF RATE COLLECTORS.

The Committee adopted a resolution that bonds for Rate Collectors shall, in all cases terminate on 31st May in each year and that the Secretary arrange with Insurance Companies concerned accordingly.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

Under date 18th October 1927, Mr Robert Ranson, Junior House, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth wrote:-

"In your letter of the 19th September you informed me that your County Council does not allow Scholarships to ecclesiastical students. I would be very glad if you could let me know as soon as possible if there is any possibility of the Scholarship

"being allowed to me. After all, I think it is very unfair not to allow me this Scholarship simply because I am an Ecclesiastic. I am doing exactly the same course here in Maynooth as I would be doing in the University, and for that reason I would like to be able to avail of the Scholarship. It would be much different if I were attending an ecclesiastical college in which Degrees were not conferred.

I hope you will let me know definitely as soon as possible and would be grateful if you would use your influence in my behalf."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-

"The Finance Committee regret they cannot see their way to recommend the County Council to rescind their ruling refusing University Scholarships to students taking an ecclesiastical ~~course~~ career."

INQUIRY- RESTRICTIONS ON VEHICULAR TRAFFIC.

Under date 12th October 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (8187/27 Igh) stating that £51-11-9 was due by Wexford County Council to ~~them~~ them in connection with the Inquiry held on 10th November 1926 into proposed restrictions in vehicular traffic and requesting that a Pay Order for the amount should be forwarded to the Department.

The amount was made up as follows:-Advertising £39-9-3: Shorthand Writing £8-19-6: Inspector's services £3-3-0, making total of £51-11-9.

It was decided to recommend the County Council to pay the amount.

REGISTER OF ELECTORS-CLAIM BY DEPARTMENT OF POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS.

Under date 25th October 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (F. 48188/1927 Ilgh(R.S)) that £13-6-0 was due by Wexford County Council in respect of the free postage of Forms E.A.I, the distribution of forms of claim through Post

Offices and the insertion of postal addresses in the Register of Electors.

~~WEXFORD~~ Recoupment of a moiety of the amount ^{would} ~~be~~ be made in due course.

Supplemental claim for the payment of the amount was read from the Registration Officer.

It was decided that the amount be paid.

CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.

Under date 12th October 1927, letter was read from the Secretary, Central Midwives Board, stating that the proportion payable by Wexford County Council under Section 13 of the (Midwives (Ireland) Act 1918 was £19-3-8 which amount had been certified by Auditor.

It was decided that the amount be paid.

LOCAL APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION

MEDICAL OFFICERSHIPS FOR BUNCLODY AND CARRIGBYRNE.

Under date 22nd October 1927, the following letter (D.4/388 /27) was read from the Secretary Local Appointments Commission:-

"I am directed by the Local Appointments Commissioners to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th inst relative to the complaint of the Wexford Council regarding the delay in recommending suitable candidates for the posts of Medical Officers for the Carrigbyrne and Bunclody Dispensary Districts.

In reply, I am to state that, while every effort is made by the Commissioners to reduce to a minimum the period which must elapse between the date upon which a request is received by them for a recommendation to a vacant post and the date upon which the recommendation is submitted to the Local Authority, the procedure which must be followed to enable the Commissioners to discharge the statutory obligations imposed upon them necessarily occupies a considerable time even in the most favourable circumstances. In this connection it is of importance to remember that an adequate interval must be allowed between the date of advertisement and the latest date for receiving applications, that after

that date has passed, candidates have to be summoned to interview by Board of Selection and the reports of these Boards scrutinised by the Commissioners, and that when these processes have been completed, the selected candidate has to be cleared in respect of age, health and character before the Commissioners can forward their recommendation to the Local Authority.

The procedure in filling local appointments which was introduced by the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act was entirely new, and involved the consideration of both by Local Authorities and the Commissioners of many points of doubt and difficulty inevitable at the outset of any new scheme of the kind and not likely to recur in the future. Moreover, by the time the Commission was set up, a large number of appointments had fallen vacant throughout Saorstát Éireann which had been temporarily filled in view of the introduction of the new Act. The statutory applications by Local Authorities for the filling of these posts were all presented to the Commission shortly after the passing of the Act, before the Commission had adequate opportunity of working out the new procedure to a satisfactory conclusion. In addition, therefore, to other difficulties, the Commissioners were faced with the problem of having to deal with an abnormal arrear of cases before the Local Authorities and they themselves, could become acquainted with the lines on which the new system should be worked. At the inception of the system, delays were caused in many cases by the failure on the part of Local Authorities to supply complete particulars of an appointment in the first instance; by delays on the part of referees to reply to communications addressed to them regarding the health and character of selected candidates, and by other causes outside the control of the Commissioners. Steps have, however, been since taken and further measures are in contemplation by which it is hoped that these delays may be avoided in future.

In the particular cases referred to in the letter under reply, the Commissioners desire me to point out that the period

which elapsed between the receipt from the County Board of Health of the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the filling of the Carrigbyrne vacancy and the issue of the Commissioners' recommendations was approximately three and a half months. The extra delay in this case was mainly occasioned by reason of the fact that the candidate originally selected for recommendation ultimately decided to decline the post.

This necessitated a further review by the Commissioners of the Report of the Board of Selection and the usual inquiries which had been completed in the case of the first selection had again to be undertaken in regard to the candidate finally recommended.

The case of Bunclody is on a somewhat different footing. Although the Board of Health first communicated with the Commissioners on the 29th December 1926, sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health was not communicated to them until 4th March 1927. It was only when the advertisement was about to issue that the Commissioners were informed that the late Medical Officer for that district also held a Dispensary appointment in the adjoining district of Clonegal in Co. Carlow, and that it was desired to continue this arrangement. In the circumstances, it was necessary that a request should also be made by the County Carlow Board of Health in respect of the latter district, and this request was not received until 22nd April 1927. The recommendation of the Commissioners was issued to both Local Authorities on 16th August 1927. Some delay was occasioned by reason of the fact that the Selection Board set up to deal with the applications were requested, for reasons of economy, to deal also with a number of similar appointments which were advertised at the same time, and for which certain of the candidates for the Wexford vacancy were also applicants. In addition, a somewhat longer time than usual was occupied in completing the clearance inquiries.

The Commissioners trust that the statement conveyed in this letter will afford the Council all the information they require by way of explanation of the delay in regard to the appointments referred to in your letter."

The meeting considered that the explanation of the delay in filling the two appointments concerned was reasonable.

FOOD & DRUGS ACT- ADVANCE TO EX-OFFICIO INSPECTORS.

Under date 21st October 1927, letter was read from Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana asking if the Council had yet reached any decision concerning the advance of money to the Inspectors to enable them to carry out their duties in a more satisfactory manner.

On the advice of the Finance Committee, the Co. Council had agreed to forward to the Chief Superintendent in April last Pay Order for £20 for Imprest A/C, but the Chief Superintendent declined to accept the Pay Order which he requested should be handed over to the Divisional Superintendent at headquarters. The work under Food & Drugs Acts was generally carried out by this officer.

The Finance Committee considered this request on receipt but did not see their way to alter their decision to place the £20 in charge of the Chief Superintendent.

The position at present is that the Inspectors have to provide cost of samples from their own pockets and wait for recoupment for a considerable time.

The Committee did not consider this practice would tend to the efficient working of the Acts and after discussion, adopted the following resolution:-

Wexford "That Pay Order for £20 as Imprest A/c be forwarded to the District Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, to allow of advances to Ex-officio Inspectors under Food & Drugs Acts, expenditure to be vouched in the same manner as ordinary expenditure under these Acts at present.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE.

The Secretary reported that he had received on 26th inst, Minutes of Library Committee for 17th September 1927, also annual report of Librarian.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hall:-

That the Minutes of Finance Committee of 27th October, 1927, be received and considered.

University Scholarship Scheme.

In connection with the resolution of the Finance Committee declining to recommend the Council to allow Ecclesiastical students to hold University Scholarships, Mr. Murphy complained that the action of the Finance Committee was not reasonable. From Kerry County Council there were two students in Maynooth holding University Scholarships. Maynooth was a constituent College of the National University and it was unfair to prevent a student who might never become a clergyman from taking his Degree there.

After discussion Mr. Murphy gave notice of his intention to move at next meeting a resolution to allow of Ecclesiastical students holding University Scholarships from Wexford County Council.

Local Appointments Commission.

In connection with the letter from the Appointments Commission the following resolution was read from Waterford Corporation:- "That we call upon our Deputies in An Dail to co-operate for the purpose of repealing the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act 1926."

Mr. Thorpe proposed and Mr. Gaul seconded the adoption of this resolution.

After considerable discussion the Chairman proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Clince and adopted:-; Colonel Quin dissenting:-

That the Appointment Commissioners, if they have the power within the provisions of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act of 1926, submit to Local Authorities the names of all candidates, who in their opinion, are qualified

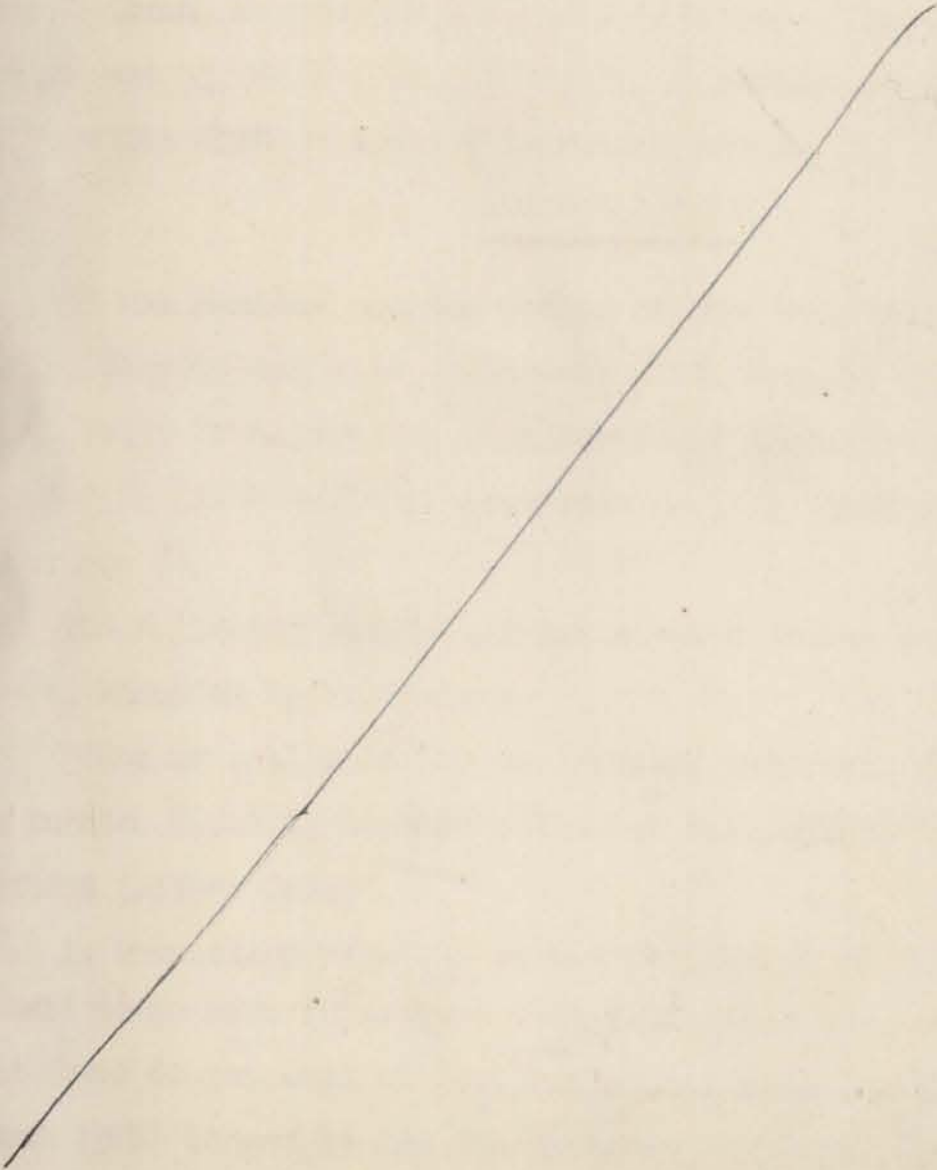
for vacant positions.

Mr. Thorpe and Mr. Gaul then withdrew their proposal to confirm the Waterford Corporation resolution relative to the repeal of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act 1926*.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded the following resolution/^{which} was adopted:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee of 27th October, 1927, be and are hereby adopted".

The following Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting of 10th November, 1927, were read:-



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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee of Wexford Co. Council was held in Co. Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 10th November, 1927.

Present:- Mr. T. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs A. Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, W. Thorpe, J. E. Walsh and P. Hayes.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary and County Surveyor were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

PAYMENTS.

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Treasurer's Advice Note for £5098: 0: 3d was examined and signed.

COURTOWN HARBOUR.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne:- "That we approve of payment of £6: 8 : 6d for repair of paddles of sluice gates at Courtown Harbour damaged in recent storm.

RATE COLLECTION.

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It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Thorpe, that Rate Collectors E. J. Murphy, Cleary and J. J. Kelly be allowed to transfer their Fidelity Guarantee Bonds from Irish National Assurance Co., to the New Ireland Assurance Co.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Walsh:-

"That we call upon the New Ireland Assurance Co., Dublin, to furnish Fidelity Guarantee Bond of Collector Sean Gannon without further delay".

In connection with the recent resolution of the Finance Committee to have interviews with collectors who had not ~~collected~~ 80 per cent of first moiety of rate (March 1927 to March 1928) lodged by the 7th November, five Collectors - Messrs P. Donohoe, Sean Gannon, John J. Kelly, Patrick Walsh

and Bernard Cleary appeared before the meeting with their Books.

Outstanding items in the latter were examined by the Chairman.

Mr. Donohoe (District No.12) who had 72.81 per cent collected stated that he was doing his best to get in the money but many people were waiting to thresh their corn. Numbers of ratepayers in his district were dependant upon pig raising and the bacon and pork trades were very depressed at the moment and people were not making anything out of it.

The Chairman pointed out to Mr. Donohoe that the latter would have to take more drastic steps than he had done up to the present in order to close his collection.

In reply to Mr. Walsh the Collector said he had not made seizures under his own warrant but he had proceeded in the Courts and had even sent one defaulter to Jail. He ~~understood~~ undertook that, in future, he would use the powers which he had under his own warrant.

It was decided that Mr. Donohoe should have at least 85 per cent of warrant for first moiety collected and lodged by the end of November.

Mr. Gannon (District No.10) pointed out that in one case in which the land had been taken over by the Land Commission and divided amongst a great number of farmers there was £110 due. The persons who had taken various portions of the estate were not satisfied to pay until they knew the exact valuation fixed for their holdings by the Valuation Department. He never used the powers under his own warrant.

It was decided to direct Mr. Gannon, who up to the present had 75.17 per cent of first moiety collected, to have at least 85 per cent of first moiety warrant ~~to~~ collected and lodged by 24th November.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Thorpe:-

"That we request the Land Commission, when taking over Estates, to arrange with the General Valuation Department to

have valuations for the new tenants fixed as soon as possible and issued to the Council without delay. In many cases in this County Rate Collectors have been hampered in the discharge of their duties by lack of knowledge of the valuations for incoming tenants."

P. Walsh (District No.3) with 76.84 per cent of first moiety collected, stated in reply to the Chairman that a large number of people were waiting payment for their corn to meet their rates. In reply to Mr. Walsh the Collector said that he had not exercised the powers of his own warrant.

Mr. Walsh - If you make one or two examples under your own warrant you will find it will have a salutary effect.

The Collector said he was aware that those who had not paid up to now were not able to do so except in very exceptional cases.

It was decided that Mr. Walsh should have ~~received~~ by 24th November at least 87 per cent of first moiety warrant collected and lodged.

Mr. J. J. Kelly (District No.14) who had 78.84 per cent collected, stated he had never previously performed such an amount of travelling in connection with his collection. The people were not able to pay at present but he would get most of the rate when ratepayers had received amounts due them for corn. He had not utilised the powers under his own warrant but had obtained decrees against a number of defaulters in the Courts.

It was decided that Mr. Kelly should have at least 89 per cent of his collection lodged by 24th November.

Mr. Cleary (District No.21) stated he had now 80% collected. He had not been able to lodge the full amount to bring him to that figure as the bank was closed when he reached Wexford. Up to the 9th November he had lodged 79.05 per cent. He had used the powers under his own warrant but had not been very successful,

It was decided that Mr. Cleary should have 90 per cent of his warrant collected and lodged by 24th November.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Thorpe:- "That in view of the large amounts which have been found outstanding on Rate Collectors' warrants at the close of each financial half year, we direct the Collectors to use the powers given under their warrants and must insist that these powers will be ~~so~~ exercised in the future so as to secure the closing of the collections within a reasonable time"

ENNISCORTHY AND GOREY COURTHOUSES.

Under date 7th November, 1927, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Co. Council wrote enclosing draft from the Ministry of Finance for £730: 12: 9d made up of £720 expended on Enniscorthy Courthouse as per the certificate of the County Surveyor and £10: 12: 9d amount awarded him (Mr. Elgee) for Costs and Expenses in connection with the application for the Award. He asked that Pay Order for the £10: 12: 9d should be made out in his favour.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Walsh:-

"That the Council be recommended to pay Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, £10; 12: 9d amount of Costs and Expenses allowed to him in the application for Compensation Award for Enniscorthy Courthouse"

The Secretary reported that he had received from the Ministry of Finance Certificates of Inscription - 5 per cent Compensation stock - £200 for Enniscorthy Courthouse and £50 for Gorey Courthouse.

It was decided to recommend the Co. Council to sell this stock through Mr. James Keating, Stockbroker, Rowe Street, Wexford.

LOCAL ADVERTISING.

In connection with advertising in the three local papers the Committee decided to request the Chairman to negotiate with the proprietors of the papers with a view to having a contract entered into as it was considered the present arrangement of 6d per line for advertising was not satisfactory.

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UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

Mr. Thomas Keegan, 6, Francis Street, Wexford, County Council University Scholar, wrote applying for extension of his Scholarship for a further year to enable him to obtain the degree of B.A and the Higher Diploma in Education. He had already secured the B.Comm. Degree.

Professor George O'Brien (Economics) National University wrote strongly recommending the Council to accede to the application.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Thorpe:-

"That the Co. Council be recommended to extend University Scholarship of Thomas Keegan, B.Comm., 6, Francis Street, Wexford, for a further year to enable him to obtain B.A.degree and also Higher Diploma in Education."

TEMPORARY CLERKS - CO. COUNCIL OFFICE.

Under date 31st October, 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.48363-1927 Wexford County) sanctioning the temporary employment of Messrs J.Maloney and P. Hawkins as Clerks in Co. Council Office for a further period of twelve months from the 1st October, 1927.

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The Chairman proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting of 10th November, 1927, be received and considered".

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Clince, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne:and adopted:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee of 10th November, 1927, be and are hereby confirmed".

Roads Committee.

Minutes of Meeting of Roads Committee of 31st October, 1927, were submitted as follows:-

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The monthly meeting of the Roads Committee of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 31st October 1927.

Present:-Messrs T. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding: also, Messrs W. Boggan, P. Colfer, R. Corish, Col Gibbon, James Hall, Sean O'Byrne, Col Quin and James Shannon.

The Secretary, the Co. Surveyor, the six Assistant Surveyors and Mr Elgee, Solicitor were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following monthly report was submitted by the County Surveyor:-

"The Roads Inspection Committee has finished its round of inspections, and draft report will be before the meeting of the Roads Committee. I submit bill for hire of motor covering the journeys taken.

On the 19th inst, the Secretary and County Surveyor accompanied by Mr Forbes, representative of the Forestry Department visited Camolin and inspected the Park Road. We shall deal with the result of the visit at the Roads Committee meeting. I submit bill for hire of motor for the inspection.

At last meeting of the County Council I was directed to make inspection of the Sow Drainage Area, but subsequently at the meeting it was decided that the Board of Works should be asked for complete plans so that I might check over the work on the ground with them. Up to the present these plans have not come to hand, and on looking over my former report I find that I informed the Council I was satisfied from observations on the ground that the works were not complete, and I have no reason to vary this opinion now.

Up to the present I have been unable to take levels and prepare plans for the suggested bridge at the railway crossing at the Slob Road, and I shall do so as soon as possible.

The construction of temporary bridge at Mountgarrett is

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now approaching completion. Up to the present there has been no dismantling of the old structure, nor has any concrete work been put in hands. The contractor is proceeding with the work, I believe, in a satisfactory manner.

A number of planks in New Ross Bridge are at present in a very defective condition, and I am taking steps to have them replaced and later shall submit details of same.

The Department of Industry and Commerce have notified us that fencing should be provided for protection of the Slip at the Quay at Kilmore. I may note that the place apparently required to be fenced now is one that never formerly had protection, though the Harbcur has been in existence, and under Government control for many years. I estimate that the work would cost in or about £10.

I have communications from the District Justice with reference to matters in the Gorey, Enniscorthy and New Ross Court-houses and submit copies for your consideration.

The County motor car for use in connection with the Machinery has now been in use for a number of years (since 8/8/22), and during that time has not cost anything for repairs other than those carried out by the Machinery Overseer himself. It is now in a worn out condition and will require a general overhaul at an estimated expenditure of £63. Even with this overhaul it will not be entirely satisfactory, and I recommend that a half-ton motor van be purchased instead of it. This will be of great use in bringing around machinery parts and so forth and will allow the machinery Overseer to visit the various machines throughout the county. Of course, in making a new purchase there would be an allowance made for the old car of about £20, and I shall submit particulars at the meeting.

At a former meeting of the County Council I was authorised to purchase overalls and boots for the tar workers. Owing to an error in the Trade Department's Schedule I priced the overalls very much below the actual cost, and accordingly these have not been obtained. The men working at the tar whose clothes have been

injured have asked to get some compensation against damage, and I would suggest that I be authorised to deal with this matter which will not be any great cost.

Recently I have dealt with payments to Road Contractors and have carefully gone through reports with the Assistant Surveyors. The payments will be dealt with at the Co. Council meeting on the 14th proximo, but, in the meantime, I submit list of Contractors who have defaulted in their work, and ask for authority to take proceedings against them. I have not included in the list contractors who are making any reasonable effort to carry out their work, but only those who have entirely defaulted.

In a number of instances I find that the proposals do not provide sufficient money for the proper upkeep of the roads. In some instances, I have sufficient balances on other accounts that may be transferred, but in other instances it will be necessary to supplement proposals from the Contingencies Fund. I shall submit list of these at the ~~xxx~~ meeting.

During the bad storm last night damage was done at the Old Jail premises. One of the large windows in the back hall was blown in, and I am now taking steps to have it repaired, pending possible reconstruction work."

Motor Hire.

It was decided that motor hire amounting to £17: 1: 0d for Roads Inspection Committee work and for visit to Camolin Park Road be paid.

Sow Drainage.

In connection with this matter, the following letter under date 21st October 1927 was read from Mr Peter Cullen, Killisk, The Ballagh, Enniscorthy:—

"As a person interested in the Sow Drainage question, which came before your last meeting, I would like to bring to your notice the fact that the drains responsible for the drainage of the townland of Killisk have not yet been cleaned. This matter was brought before one of your meetings over a year ago by Mr Michael Doyle (who had been in communication with the Board of

Works in connection with same). Mr Barry, Co. Surveyor then stated he visited these drains and reported that in his opinion they should have been included in the recent improvement scheme carried out, as he had no doubt that both these drains were originally sunk by the Board of Works. The same opinion was held by Mr Davis, foreman of the drainage work, who went so far as to forward an application to the Office of Public Works to have them included, as he considered them most important. The Office of Public Works refused to allow Mr Davis to expend the money on these drains pointing out that they were outside the Drainage area maintainable by the Trustees and were not included in the Final Award. I cannot see that this need have prevented them being included, as I am informed on good authority, that none of the drains which were cleaned were maintainable by the Trustees and only three of them were included in the Final Award. As you will observe (when you see the map as used by Mr Davis) all drains on the north side of the river were cleaned while the drains of which I write were left undone, although as stated, Mr Davis had marked them as important and recommended that they be done while the money was available, as in his opinion they should be cleaned in preference to several of these done on the north side.

Now, as the Charging Order is being prepared, I trust this matter will receive your attention with a view to having it remedied, as I consider that it is most unfair to expect people to pay rates for work which does not in the least benefit them while the work for which they are supposed to be paying is left undone. I also wish to inform you that the Office of Public Works gave me to understand that they would be prepared to have these drains done if we could prove that they were sunk originally by the Board of Works, so in view of Mr Barry's report to you, you must allow that our claim to have these drains cleaned (before we are called upon to pay drainage rates) is a just and fair one. Trusting your Council will give this matter due attention."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Col Quin:-

"That the five T.D's for the County, viz, Messrs O.G. Esmonde, R. Corish, M. Jordan, Dr Ryan and Denis Allen be requested to arrange for a deputation to be received by Mr S. Burke, Parliamentary Secretary, in charge of the Office of Public Works, in order to put before him the unsatisfactory position of the various Drainage Districts of the County, particularly that dealing with the River Sow, which it is understood is about to be handed over to the County Council under Charging Order.

That the Trustees of the various drainage schemes be requested to name a Representative who would accompany the deputation and that said Representative be furnished by the Trustees with all necessary information regarding each scheme."

New Ross Bridge.

It was decided that the Co. Surveyor be empowered to replace the defective timber in decking of New Ross Bridge.
Fencing at Kilmore Quay.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Colfer:-

"That a sum not exceeding £10 be placed in the hands of the Co. Surveyor for erection of fencing directed by the Department of Industry and Commerce to be provided at Kilmore Harbour."

Gorey and Enniscorthy Courthouses.

The Co. Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 27th October 1927 from Mr Fahy, District Justice relative to Enniscorthy Courthouse:-

"I saw the new building to-day and I would be glad if the following suggestions were adopted if not too late.

1. Enniscorthy District is easily the heaviest from the point of view of Court and Office work, and the District Court Clerk usually has two assistants. Under the circumstances the office proposed for his accommodation will scarcely be roomy enough. There is bound to be much access to the office from Solicitors' assistants, Gardai and members of the public. If therefore, the room on the left were set apart for the District Court Clerk's Office it would be more convenient and suitable in every way. It would mean transferring the Assistant Surveyor to the room on the right.

"2. An entrance, either small door or gateway from the side street where the building abuts on the wall, would be very serviceable- and if the Court Clerk's Office be on the left hand side of the building (facing its front) would be very serviceable.

3. A suitable Press box opposite the witness stand. "

The Co. Surveyor said there was no objection to the room on the left being given to the District Court Clerk and that on the right to the Assistant Surveyor.

With regard to the entrance from side street, Committee did not consider same necessary.

In connection with Press Box, the Co. Surveyor said he would provide a special place for the representatives of the Press.

As regards Gorey Courthouse, the District Justice wrote:-

"So far no coal has been supplied. The entire building "wept" copiously, I am told, in the recent damp weather."

The Co. Surveyor stated he would see to providing coal for the Courthouse. The building was only finished and it was only natural to expect that in the recent abnormally wet weather the walls would show signs of damp. As a matter of fact a letter had been read at the Finance Committee on 27th October from the caretaker that he had lit fires in the building in preparation for next day's Court.

The following under date 25th October 1927 was read from the District Justice relative to New Ross Courthouse:-

"I found it very difficult to-day to read documents on the bench in New Ross Courthouse owing to the poor light. It was very bad. Probably the dullness of the morning made the situation more noticeable. Another fault needing attention is the want of heating. There is a stove behind the bench and I think it would take very little to make it workable, provided of course the necessary fuel be also got.

Will you kindly arrange if possible to have both these matters attended to at once as owing to the near approach of winter the matter is now urgent."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Colfer:-

"That the Co. Surveyor be directed to have New Ross Courthouse lit with electric light and that he submit quotation from New Ross Urban Council as to cost of fittings."

As regards stove, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Colfer seconded by Mr O'Byrne:-

"That the Co. Surveyor examine old stove and have same repaired if this can be done at a reasonable cost; otherwise that a new anthracite stove be procured for New Ross Courthouse, cost with fittings not to exceed £20."

County Motor Car.

It was decided that County Surveyor submit to next meeting of Roads Committee particulars of cost of various makes of half-ton motor van.

Boots and Overalls for Workmen.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr O'Byrne:-

"That the question of compensation to workmen whose clothes have been injured through tarring operations be adjourned to next meeting of the Committee to enable the County Surveyor to submit particulars in each case which he recommends for compensation."

Defaulting Road Contractors.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Col Quin:-

"That the Co. Surveyor be instructed to proceed against the following Road Contractors should he find it necessary in order to have the roads for which they are contractors properly maintained:-

Enniscorthy District.- 72E James Molloy, Corragh, Bunclody: 152E- James Kenny, Effernogue, Ferns: 169E Joseph Hyland, Coolgarrow, Enniscorthy: 170E Same: 171E James Doyle Ballymurry, The Ballagh: 173E- Joseph Hyland, Coolgarrow, Enniscorthy: 176E William McGill, Ballingown, Blackwater: 177E James Rossiter, Tubberlamina, Blackwater: 178E James O'Brien, Ballytarsna, Oulart: 182E William McGill, Ballingown, Blackwater

Enniscorthy District(continued)

201E Edward Roche, Ballyvadden Garryvadden, Blackwater: 202E Richard Ormonde, Inch, Blackwater: 204E Bryan Murphy, Ballyhought, Blackwater: 205E Joseph Hyland, Coolgarrow, Enniscorthy: 253E Michael Foley, Killanne, Enniscorthy: 278E John Leonard, Moneytucker, Cain: 301E John Dempsey, Ballygilliestown, Davidstown: 302E Same: 328E Patrick Cosgrave, Ballybrennan, Bree: 353E Thomas Hayes, Cloroguebeg, Kiltale. Gorey District.

63G Patrick Higgins, Parkbawn, Gorey: 78G William Farrell, Kilmichael, Inch, Gorey: 125G Patrick Keane, Torduff, Killena; Gorey: 150 G Patrick Hughes, Mangan, Killena: 155G David Doyle senr, Ballinagar Clonevin: 177G Myles Ennis, Cahore, Clonevin. New Ross District.

61R Michael Bytne, Ballinaberna, Ballywilliam: 88R Richard McGrath, Knockroe, Palace: 122R Nicholas Pender, Raheen, Adamstown: 145R Terence Doyle, Timnecarrig, Foulksmills: 149R Thomas Cleary, Coolcliffe, Foulksmills: 153R Same: 171R Terence Doyle, Timnecarrig, Foulksmills: 186R Edward Byrne, Rath mney, Gusserane: 191R James Furlong, Coolroe, Ballycullane: 192R Same: 240R Edward Byrne, Rathimney, Gusserane: 247R Thomas Power, Grange, Fethard: 266R Patrick O'Neill, Shelbaggan, Ramsgrange: 282R John Egan, Ramstown, Fethard: 288R Patrick Kennedy, Ballyvergin, Adamstown: 289R Same. Wexford District.

141W James Wade, Danescastle, Barnow: 153W John Sinnott, Robinstown, Duncormack: 156W Edward Furlong, Knockstown, Duncormack: 171W James Murphy, Newbog, Murrintown. Road Proposals.

In connection with the amounts allocated for proposals for roads, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall:- "That the following transfers in respect of road accounts be and are hereby agreed to:-

Mr Callen's District- From H to I £80: From A/c 22 to 25 ££50.

Mr Ennis's District - From Contingencies to A/C I £110: From Contingencies to A/C 8 £90.

Mr Kehoe's District- From Contingencies to Slade Harbour £50.

Mr O'Neill's District- From A/C 6 to A/C 12 £30: From A/C 5 to A/C 12 £10: From A/C 23 to A/C 12 £20: From Contingencies to A/C 12 £100.

Mr O'Neill's District(contd)

From A/C A to A/C I £30: From A/C to A/C I £30: From A/C B to A/C I £10: From A/C D to A/C I £10. "

It was also agreed that a sum of £30 be allocated for repair of Edermine Bridge.
Storm Damage at Old Jail.

The meeting approved of the County Surveyor repairing any storm damage at Old Jail which he may consider necessary.

GOREY UNION BUILDINGS.

Under date 29th October 1927, the following was read from Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor:-

"Considerable damage was caused by last night's storm to above. I made inspection of place to-day with Mr O'Byrne M.C.C. when we decided to at once have roof over Chapel repaired and part over Sacristy re-roofed as that portion was completely demolished by collapse of chimney adjoining. I would strongly recommend the taking down of all chimneys not likely to be used, as most of them are in a bad way and a storm such as last night's might mean very serious damage if further collapses take place."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Corish:-

"That we approve of the necessary repairs being carried out at Gorey Union buildings and that as suggested by Mr Treanor the chimneys that are not likely to be used be taken down."

ROSSLARE SLOB ROAD.

The Co. Surveyor stated in reply to Col Gibbon that he had not yet had time to deal with the question of taking levels, etc. at the level crossing over old Slob-Wexford Road.

WEXFORD-ENNISCORTHY ROAD.

In reply to Col Gibbon, the Co. Surveyor said that the portion of the road to Ferrycarrig would be complete within a couple of weeks. The road was open from Arran Cottage to the cross at the Fox and Goose. He had inspected the road four times since Mr Quigley's visit.

Col Gibbon said it had been stated in the Press that he

was entirely satisfied with the thickness of the concrete. He was satisfied if Mr Quigley says that the contractors could not be forced to make the concrete thicker so as to give a minimum depth of six inches above embedded stones in the surface. He was then satisfied that it was preferable to have a less thickness than six inches as compared with digging up the foundation of the road to allow for the greater depth.

POSITION OF WEXFORD COURTHOUSE.

The Chairman ~~proposed~~ proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Col Quin and adopted:-

"That as the question of having the compensation for reconstruction of Wexford Courthouse applied to the renovation of the Old Jail ~~for the purpose~~ has been hanging over for a considerable time, the Council would be glad to have a definite ruling in the matter from the Ministry of Finance."

DANGEROUS CORNER AT BALLYGALVERT.

Mr Shannon pointed out that there was a dangerous corner near Boland's house at Donard, Ballywilliam which it was very necessary should be improved for the safety of the public.

It was decided that Mr O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for that district should furnish to next meeting of the Roads Committee report on same.

MOTOR LORRY TRAFFIC.

Mr Shannon mentioned that the roads used by heavy lorries were being badly cut up, mainly because the lorries went on the "one track." That day he found owing to this cause that tracks up to six inches had been caused. There were three large motor owners concerned- Odum's, Stafford's and Davis's. He suggested the County Surveyor should communicate with the three gentlemen in question and ask them to instruct their drivers not to go in the same line of the road. This might have the desired effect.

The Committee approved of Mr Shannon's suggestion.

REFLECTORS FOR WARNING SIGNS, ETC.

Under date 29th October 1927 the following was read from Trade Section of Local Government Department (Ref No. C 27):-

"Please note, as the results of tests made by Roads Department, it has been decided to have "24 hours" Reflectors fitted to the Warning and Danger Signs for which Macroon Engineering Company, Macroon, Co. Cork are the official contractors.

This reflector will cost 3¹/₂d fitted complete.

Nine to be fitted to each Warning Sign and twelve to each Triangle Danger Sign.

The work of supplying the Signs ordered from the Macroon Engineering Co. will now be proceeded with and Road Authorities who have not yet sent their orders for Signs are requested to do so at once."

Order-Referred to County Surveyor with instructions that he procure the necessary signs.

Under date 14th October 1927, Very Rev Canon Dunne P.P. Castlebridge wrote calling attention to having warning notices erected outside schoolhouses of which playgrounds~~2~~ open on to the road. In Castlebridge, the school children were in constant danger from motorists.

Rev W.F. Wilkinson, Rector, Killegney wrote under date October 21st 1927 that what might have proved a fatal accident took place on October 20th as some of the schoolchildren at Killegney were going out of the gate, as a passing motor ran into a number of them knocking down three and injuring one, providentially only slightly. He asked the County Council in view of preventing future accidents to the schoolchildren to provide and erect danger posts within say 20 or 30 yards on either side of the School.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr O'Byrne:-

"That the Co. Surveyor be instructed to erect danger posts in the neighbourhood of schools for the protection of school children."

BRISTOWES TARVIA, LTD.

Under date 29th October 1927, the following letter was read from Mr H.J. Jones, Solicitor, Waterford:-

"I have been instructed to take proceedings for recovery of the sum of £55-2-6 due by your Council to the above on foot of their contract. I notice that the balance of 25% is to be paid on the Co. Surveyor's certificate on the termination of the maintenance period. In order to save expense of both parties, namely having to proceed against the County Surveyor and then against your Council, I write to enquire whether your Council is prepared to waive the clause in the contract as to County Surveyor's certificate so that the action may be taken against your Council on a quantum meruit basis, the other conditions of the contract so far as possible in the absence of the certificate clause being regarded.

This is a case where the only question involved is whether the work charged for was properly done, and in my view your Council will not be prejudiced in the least by waiving the question of the Co. Surveyor's certificate and allowing the action to come for hearing as to whether my clients are entitled to be paid the amount claimed."

It was decided that copy of the letter be furnished to Mr Elgee, Solicitor for reply.

WORKING OF COMPRESSOR PLANT.

The Co. Surveyor submitted comparative figures as to working of steam drill as against compressor plant. The working of steam drill cost £29-10-2 for a 50 hour week or 11/9¹/₂d per hour and the compressor plant £24-17-0 for a 50 hour week or 9/2¹/₂d per hour.

The four quarries at which both equipments were employed were:-Kerlogue, Ballybrennan, Cherryorchard and Clonhaston.

The cost per foot for compressor plant was 2/2¹/₂d and for steam drill ~~11/9¹/₂d~~ 5/10¹/₂d per foot.

STRAND ROAD ROSSLARE.

Under date 27th October 1927, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (Ref R.G.32B) forwarding copy of letter from Rosslare Development Association relative to the condition of the road from Rosslare Railway Station to Rosslare and requesting to be furnished with the observations of the Co. Surveyor

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in the matter. So far back as March last, a Grant of £1000 was notified for the improvement of the road in question. The Minister asked what was the cause of the delay in completing this small matter.

The following under date 23rd October 1927 is copy of letter from the Secretary to Rosslare Development Association:-

"I have been instructed by the members of the Rosslare Development Association respectfully to call your attention to the shocking condition of the only approach from the Railway Station to Rosslare. It is more like a large open sewer than a public road and at times it is absolutely impassable.

For the purpose of remedying this outstanding grievance, you graciously granted £1000 over six months ago, but up to now nothing has been done, although the attention of the Wexford County Council has several times been called to our urgent need in this matter, also attention has been called to it in the public Press.

A similar sum was granted at the same time for a similar purpose, namely the Courtown-Gorey Road and this work has been completed. I would be very thankful on behalf of my Association if you would give this matter your immediate attention."

Mr Elgee said that a Mr Swan with whom the Council had agreed for the purchase of some land necessary to obtain the widening of the road had sold part of the plot to a Mr Rossiter who now refused to sign the conveyance of the plot to the Council. It would not be possible to proceed with the work unless Mr Rossiter's consent was forthcoming.

KERLOGUE QUARRY - COMPLAINT OF WORKMEN.

The following under date 17th October 1927 was read from William Doyle who was lately employed in Kerlogue Quarry:-

"While working for Wexford County Council at Kerlogue Quarry, after working for a period of nine weeks, at 5-10p.m. on 30/8/27 Ganger Boggan came to me while using a shovel for safety, I have seen every man that was put trimming stones using the shovel for that purpose. When Ganger Boggan came to me he said it wasn't with a shovel that ~~the~~ stones were trimmed.

I replied to Boggan that I was using the shovel only

"at times when the stones were hanging from the top. The purpose of using the shovel then was to be a distance away so as to keep the fall from catching the person.

Ganger Boggan replied that if I could not trim stones without a shovel I could get my coat and consider myself sacked. Ganger Boggan again replied that I had not stones enough trimmed and again told me to get my coat and go. I got my coat and went to the men that were working at the breaker. I told them to take account of what stones I had trimmed that Boggan had sacked me for not trimming enough stones and using shovel for same: then left the quarry. On the same date Boggan left the quarry at 10-30 for the direction of Wexford and returned in the evening. When Boggan came to me in my work there was a strong smell of liquor from him. I hardly believe that a man of his creed would have the nature of sending a man after two years hunger and a wife and seven children depending on the relief of the few weeks that was got in Kerlogue Quarry, and then to say that I was sent home to my wife and seven children without a just cause. Now taking everything into consideration, a man with a wife and children could not have many sixpences to throw away.

During my nine weeks working in Kerlogue Quarry there were three mornings when all hands were standing idle on account of Ganger Boggan not being there to open the door of the hut and Matthew Doyle who is working at Kerlogue Quarry took the chance and told all hands to go to the quarry without tools in case anyone would come along and make them believe they had tools.

There were eight men on the scene:-Pat McLoughlin, Joseph Maloney, James Browne, M. Broaders, James McLoughlin, T. Cousins, John Maguire and M. Murphy."

Doyle came before the meeting and adhered to the statement in his letter. He produced a testimonial from Ganger Murphy that during his service on the Drinagh-Rosslare Road he was a good time-keeper and an excellent workman.

Mr Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor said that on receipt of Doyle's complaint he had visited the quarry and from what he

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saw of the stones there was no necessity for a man to use a shovel.

The amount of material which Doyle had dealt with appeared to be particularly small. It proved that Doyle could not have been working very hard. This man had been previously working on the Drinagh-Rosslare Road and they had trouble with him there. He had every confidence in the manner in which Boggan was discharging his duty.

Col Gibbon said he passed the quarry constantly and he always saw Boggan there.

Boggan was then called before the meeting and said he had Doyle under observation for half an hour and considered he was not working as satisfactorily as he should. He directed Doyle, as the heap was only 4½ feet high, to pile the stones by hand. He (Boggan) showed Doyle how they should be trimmed. Doyle declined to carry out the instructions given and said he would go. When he (Boggan) was absent from the quarry he was in the Co. Surveyor's Office with the time sheets. He was always at the quarry before 8 o'clock and sometimes at 7-30. He was a few minutes late one morning in the summer when his bicycle broke down.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Quin seconded by Mr Colfer:- "That having heard the complaint of William Doyle and reply of Ganger Boggan we are satisfied that the latter was justified in dismissing Doyle when the latter declined to carry out instructions."

BALLYCALE MILL.

The following under date 24th October 1927 was read from Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor:-

"On Saturday morning, 22nd inst, road at Carriganeagh was badly flooded owing to sluice gates not being kept open. Some time ago, Mr Cousins, Mill owner, was written to or directed by you and Mr Elgee to make a spillway twelve feet by about eighteen inches. As this has not been done, road is in consequence subject to flooding and Mr Cousins should again be warned by Mr Elgee to have work as above carried out."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr O'Byrne:-

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"That Mr Elgee inform Mr Cousins, Mill owner, Ballycale, Gorey, that unless he erects at once spillway at his mill to prevent flooding of the county road at this point, the Co. Council will be compelled to proceed against him."

KILMORE HARBOUR DREDGING.

Under date 26th October 1927, the following was read from the Department of Fisheries (D /73/ 1):-

"With reference to your communication dated 17th inst on the subject of the proposed dredging at Kilmore Harbour, I am directed by the Minister for Fisheries to state that he regrets it is not possible to depart from the condition attaching to all State contributions for such purposes, and that, consequently, unless the Wexford County Council can undertake to pay at least one moiety of the expense involved, he will not be in a position to help them in the case."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Col Quin:-

"That we recommend the Co. Council to guarantee a moiety of the total cost of dredging Kilmore Harbour and which total has been estimated at £400, in view of the necessity of having the work carried out. The Council should point out to the Department of Fisheries that they consider they should have accepted the offer of 25% by the Council in view of the fact that the Council are working the Harbour at considerable loss."

TELEGRAPH LINE-CIVIC GUARD BARRACKS, BALLYWILLIAM.

The Department for Posts and Telegraphs wrote under date 20th October 1927 asking for the consent of the Wexford County Council to the erection of an overground telegraphic line from a point on the railway line to Civic Guards Barracks at Ballywilliam.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Col Quin:-

"That the County Council be recommended to agree to erection of telegraphic line from a point on the railway line to the Civic Guard Barracks, Ballywilliam as set out on sketch which accompanied letter from the Department of Posts and ~~Telegraphs~~

Telegraphs under date 20th October 1927 on condition that the poles in connection with the line are placed at points approved by the County Surveyor."

FORD OF LYNG

Mr Elgee, Solicitor submitted the following letter from Messrs McMahon & Tweedy, Solicitors, 13 Hume Street, Dublin under date 22nd October 1927 re above:-

"We are in receipt of your letter of 20th inst, enclosing portion of Ordnance Sheet showing where the flooding complained of takes place. The marsh edged brown on this map is part of the Estate of Mrs Waller who was formerly Miss Tynte. There never was a water channel on this property. The marsh referred to (and which is known as the Pill of Rathdowney) was an arm of the sea originally. Owing to its level it could never be reclaimed and is nothing more than a swamp. The Ford of Lyng is no part of our client's property. The map would seem to show a sort of channel on the land between the road which you have marked with crosses on the one side and the Pill of Rathdowney on the other. We do not know who owns this land which is contiguous to the road but it certainly is not portion of our client's property. We observe that the land at both sides of the road you have marked with crosses is shown on the Ordnance map as being "liable to floods."

We can see nothing to connect the flooding with any default or neglect on our client's part in the user of her property and are prepared to defend any proceeding you may see fit to bring against her."

Mr Elgee explained that he had written Messrs McMahon and Tweedy, Solicitors, that the flooding was caused owing to a channel which was originally on this property having been allowed to become choked up. He had not had any reply to his letter. They had been trying for the last 30 years to get this place drained but no work has been done at this particular place during that time. Now it seemed to him that having regard to the lapse of time the Council might not succeed in compelling Mrs Waller to do it. When he received a reply to his letter he would submit it to the Committee.

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CARRIGANEAGH QUARRY.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Colfer:-

"That the Seal of the County Council be affixed to the Agreement between the Earl of Courtown and the County Council relative to the acquisition of plot for the working of Carriganeagh Quarry."

GOREY HILL QUARRY.

Mr Elgee mentioned that he had not yet been able to obtain a copy of the Court Order as to roadway in connection with Gorey Hill Quarry. In the Judge's notes, the roadway was mentioned as to be of fourteen feet.

It was decided to defer action until a copy of Court Order was at hand.

BALLYBRENNAN QUARRY SUB-COMMITTEE.

It was decided that the sub-committee consisting of the Chairman, Mr Hall and Mr Shannon should interview Mrs Deacon, Ballybrennan re proposed purchase of land required for quarry purposes.

PREMISES ADJOINING NEW ROSS COURTHOUSE.

Mr James Rossiter, Upper Mary Street, New Ross tendered to repair the roof over the Bridewell at New Ross Courthouse for £115 or in the alternative to remove and stack existing slating and timber of the roof over the Bridewell for £48 and in the event of slating being removed, level off in cement the masonry on the outside of the masonry arches for £16.

It was decided that the Co. Surveyor readvertise for tenders for the removal of the slates and subsequent cementing of the masonry of the arches, the person whose tender was accepted being allowed to retain the slates.

John Burke, 29 Cross Lane, New Ross wrote offering £2-5-0 per annum for garden on north side of New Ross Courthouse taking into account the portion of the Bridewell opening thereon. He would be prepared to pay an increase that might be considered reasonable should the buildings be put into repair.

On the motion of ~~THE CHAIRMAN~~ Mr Colfer seconded by Mr

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Hall it was decided that the matter should be referred to the County Council.

GOREY WATERWORKS SCHEME.

Under date 25th October 1927, Mr T.D. Sinnott, Secretary County Board of Health wrote stating he was directed by his Board to apply to the County Council for the necessary permission to open up Gorey streets for the purpose of laying the mains and connections required for the scheme of waterworks which the Board had undertaken at Gorey. The Board would make the necessary arrangements for watchmen, lighting and third party Insurance.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall:-

"That the County Council be recommended to agree to the request of the Co. Wexford Board of Health as to laying mains and connections required for Gorey Waterworks Scheme on the terms and conditions of letter of County Board of Health under date 25th October 1927 and also on condition that streets are opened and surface replaced to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

GOREY COURTHOUSE AWARD.

Under date 27th October 1927, Mr Elgee, Solicitor, wrote forwarding Pay Order for £2100 being on account of the amount of £2515 conditional award in respect of the damage to Gorey Courthouse. The amount certified by the Co. Surveyor in respect of the building of this Courthouse was £1957-10-0 so that the amount paid is actually £142-10-0 over what has been expended to date.

The Secretary mentioned that the Ministry of Finance wrote (404/946a a-Form P.T.15B) that the National City Bank had been authorised to inscribe £200 in 5 per cent Compensation Stock in the name of the Wexford County Council. This amount represented a payment in respect of the 10% increase authorised under the provisions of the Damage to Property (Compensation) (Amendment) Act 1926.

Under date 20th October 1927, the Co. Surveyor submitted report as follows from the caretaker, New Ross Bridge, Thos Lee:-

"This morning (15th October), when opening the bridge for the motor vessel, Haparees to go through (she got through Railway Bridge at 10-55) at 11-5 waiting for her to come in sight, Neill McMahon, Fruit Merchant, Henrietta Street, Waterford, Car No. W.I. 535 told a chap named Ryan, Ustalo Terrace, Waterford, driver of B. Alyward groceries lorry No. W.I. 702 to take down the chains which he did and McMahon's motor drove in on the bridge. We had only screwed up the jacks and I went over to him and he refused to go back and said it was alright wasn't the bridge swung. I then went to Ryan and asked him did he take down the chains. He said yes Neill McMahon told him and admitted he knew no better and Ryan gave me McMahon's name and address and his own. When McMahon saw me taking the number of motor he backed out and I put up the chains. We were tied to time as there was a train due at 11-45 and I had no time whatever to spare. The bridge was turned in twenty minutes. When passing over he gave impudence and said we had a right to take our time.

I think you should prosecute as these Waterford people are the limit and think they can do as they like."

It was decided that Mr Elgee be instructed to prosecute on the report of the caretaker.

Mr Elgee said the difficulty would be to trace the by-laws dealing with the matter.

ENNISCORTHY URBAN DISTRICT - ELECTRIC LIGHTING POLES.

The Co. Surveyor submitted the following application from Mr Casey, Town Surveyor, Enniscorthy:-

"We propose putting up three wooden poles as standards for electric light and power mains at points (i.e.) from the last pole in Williams Row, which is in the Urban area, to a point just at Vinegar Hill Lane. The length of the line is 108 yards.

The poles will be placed alongside boundary wall of Old Church Graveyard. At the other point, five poles are to be erected from the existing pole at Boreen Hill and continue along roadway to Cross Roads at Summer Hill.

"Will you kindly let me have permission for the above purpose immediately as we desire to proceed with the work at once."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Colfer:-

"That permission be given Enniscorthy Urban District Council to erect wooden poles for electric light standards as per letter received from Mr Casey, Town Surveyor, Enniscorthy on trunk road provided that the work be carried out to the satisfaction of the Co. Surveyor and that the poles be removed at any time on notice from the County Council."

PETROL PUMPS.

Applications were received for licences for petrol pumps from Harry Ellis, 28 John Street, New Ross and Matthew Harte, Campile.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Gibbon seconded by Mr Hall:-

"That Messrs Ellis and Harte be informed that their applications for licences for petrol pumps will not be considered by the Roads Committee until they have submitted a proper plan drawn to scale showing the position of road and situation of pump and tank for same."

CINEMATOGRAH LICENCE.

Under date 22nd October 1927, John McGurk, Rosslare applied for Cinema Licence.

Mr Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor reported that the machine which Mr McGurk intended using for projection of pictures was a new Gaumont Cine de Luxe which was to be erected outside the Picture Theatre. He (Mr Birthistle) reported in favour of the application.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Shannon:- "That Cinema Licence be issued to Mr John McGurk, Rosslare Strand, subject to completion of the building receiving the approval of the Co. Surveyor and that no additional structural improvements or alterations be made at the premises without the consent of the County Council."

ERECTION OF BUILDING ADJOINING THE ROAD.

The following letter under date 5th October 1927 was read from Michael Horan, 10 Boyce Terrace, Arklow:-

I beg to inform you that I have started to erect a store adjoining the county road at Inch, Co. Wexford. At the time I started I was not aware that in order to do so it was necessary to apply to your Council to erect same until your Assistant Surveyor informed me of the facts. I now respectfully ask you to give me permission to do so. I can assure you that I will be only too willing to carry out any regulation laid down by your Surveyor."

The Co. Surveyor stated he did not consider that the building as proposed would be an obstruction to the road or to the view and the Roads Inspection Committee which had seen the place were of the same opinion.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Gibbon seconded by Col Quin:-

"That the application be adjourned until Mr Horan has submitted a proper plan of the proposed structure."

WASTE GROUND AT TAGHMON(97W).

The following report was read from Mr Birthistle, Asst Surveyor under date 30th October 1927:-

"Rev. T. Scallan P.P. Taghmon asks permission to enclose a waste piece of ground at the junction of 97W and 99W opposite the schoolhouse at Taghmon. I am informed he wishes to use the ground as an auxiliary playground for the schoolchildren. He proposes to erect a concrete wall around same.

I will submit a sketch to the meeting showing full details."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Colfer seconded by Mr Hall:-

"That the application of Rev T. Scallan P.P. Taghmon to fence off waste piece of ground in Taghmon be agreed to provided that the wall proposed to be erected does not exceed 4½ feet in height and that trees will not be planted on said ground."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Colonel Quin, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Minutes of Meeting of Roads Committee of 31st October, 1927, be received and considered:-

Wexford-Rosslare Road.

The County Surveyor reported that he had been dealing with this matter and found that the height of the proposed tunnel between the water level and the existing railway bridge would be 9ft 6 ins. This was the maximum head room and was rather low.

Colonel Gibbon considered it sufficient as the level crossing would remain for traction engines.

The County Surveyor in reply to Colonel Gibbon stated that he had not yet forwarded the plans to the Local Government Department as he had not had time to deal with them.

On the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr. Gaul, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That application be made to the Department of Local Government for a grant in order to finish the portion of the Rosslare-Wexford Slob road at the Rosslare end. That it be also pointed out to the Department that, in order to make the thoroughfare effective a tunnel would have to be made underneath the railway bridge and for which the County Surveyor had plans at present in hands. The Council would communicate with the Department later as regards this tunnel. In the meantime, they desire to point out that it is essential that the unfinished part of the road should be dealt with, as, otherwise, the work already done would be useless for traffic"...

Wexford-Enniscorthy Road.

In reply to Colonel Gibbon, the County Surveyor mentioned that eight miles of this road had been completed. The present frost was interfering with the work. He had arranged for thermometers to be placed at the various mixers to register frost, and his order was that they should be started

until the temperature had risen four degrees over freezing point, and in the evening that work was to be stopped when the thermometers registered below forty degrees.

In reply to Colonel Gibbon the County Surveyor said that one section of the road, Ferrycarrig to Arran Cottage, was four weeks completed, but he had arranged with the contractors not to open until the end of six weeks, as owing to the weather it was better to allow extra time. He expected that the road between Ferrycarrig and Oylegate would be open at the end of the present month.

Mr. Hayes - I am informed that there are a lot of cracks in the new road. What effect are they going to have on the road ? and what is the cause. ?.

Mr. Corish - Because the road is not reinforced.

County Surveyor - A big reinforced road at Clontarf is cracked but we don't know why.

Mr. Hayes - Are the foundations sinking ?.

The County Surveyor said the foundations were not sinking With regard to the cracks they would adopt the usual procedure and fill them with bitumen.

Mr. Boggan - Has Mr. Quigley, the Local Government Engineer's attention been called to those cracks?.

Colonel Gibbon - There was only one when he was there, and we showed it to him.

Chairman - He saw the crack, and he didn't think it serious.

County Surveyor - You can't avoid cracks, as far as I understand.

Mr. Boggan asked if any cracks had occurred in the concrete of Wexford Main Street.

Mr. Corish - Not one.

Mr. Corish - Who is liable now ? Is it we or the contractor ?.

County Surveyor - The contractor, under maintenance.

In reply to Mr. Corish the County Surveyor said that liquid cement would not be better than bitumen for the cracks.

It was decided that the inspection Committee, consisting of Mr. Corish, Colonel Gibbon, Messrs Gaul and Doyle should again visit the road on Saturday, 19 Nov.

Colonel Gibbon referred to the difficulty experienced by farmers in Edermine district in bringing their beet to the railway owing to the work on the Enniscorthy road. The agent of the company, Mr. Rossiter, was to have been written to to inform him how the beet could be got away, but Mr. Rossiter had told him (Colonel Gibbon) that he had no information and that the beet could not be got away.

The County Surveyor said he had arranged the matter and Mr. Martin, the Resident Engineer, whom he interviewed, told him he had seen all the men and had arranged with them as to haulage.

Colonel Gibbon said he did not think that that understanding had been carried out because one man was sent the whole way back to his farm with the beet.

The Chairman suggested that perhaps that occurred before the arrangement was made.

Colonel Gibbon said he was told it only occurred last week, and he had seen the County Surveyor before that about the matter.

Mr. Boggan said that the matter was one that should be remedied. The people had to get their beet away.

It was decided that the County Surveyor should find out if any grievance existed in this matter at present.

Tarvia Contract.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, said he had written Mr. Jones, Solicitor, that the Council would not waive any of the clauses in the contract. No proceedings had been taken against the Council up to the present.

Rosslare Strand Road.

Mr. Elgee mentioned that Mr. Swan with whom the Council had agreed to purchase the necessary land was in Rosslare last

week and some arrangement had been arrived at by which Mr. Rossiter's consent to the sale of the plot to the Council would be obtained.

New Ross Courthouse.

The County Surveyor mentioned that he would arrange to have copy of specification as to repairs with Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, in his office at New Ross, so that local contractors could inspect same.

For the repair of caretaker's premises at New Ross Courthouse, James Rossiter, Upper Mary Street, New Ross, tendered at £38: 5: 5d and Patrick Lynch, Builder and Contractor, New Ross at £32: 5: 0d.

The latter tender was accepted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne,.

In connection with the proposal of John Burke, ~~SQUARE~~ 29, Cross Lane, New Ross to rent garden etc., at New Ross, Courthouse for £2 per annum the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the proposal of John Burke to rent garden etc., at New Ross Courthouse be not accepted but that the council retain the premises in their own hands for storage of machinery etc."

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the Minutes of Roads Committee of 31st October, 1927, be and are hereby confirmed in so far as same have not been amended by resolutions at this meeting."

COURTOWN HARBOUR SLUICE GATES.

Col Quin stated that, when he last visited Courtown, he went to see the sluice gates and was informed that they were no good and that the boats could not get out. Probably there was a certain amount of exaggeration in the statement.

The County Surveyor stated that the sluice gates were not working properly and the bar was constantly changing. There would never be any satisfaction in dealing with this place unless by a little constant dredging.

Mr P. Byrne mentioned that it was very unfair to the fishermen that the harbour was not put into proper order. One of their Deputies had been informed through a question in An Dail that a Grant would be forthcoming in order to have the harbour put into such a condition as would make it of some use to the fishermen. He proposed:-

"That the County Council make representations to the Government to provide a Government Grant to carry out essential work at Courtown Harbour. That the County Surveyor make an inspection of the place as soon as possible in order to obtain data on which to base the application of the Council for a Grant."

Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded the resolution which was adopted.

On the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr P. Byrne the following resolution was adopted:-

"In view of the complaints made to this Council by the fishermen of Courtown Harbour, we request the Department of ~~XXXXXX~~ Fisheries to send down their Engineer, Mr Hassard, to consult with the Co. Surveyor at Courtown Harbour to see what can be done to enable the place to be put into a position to allow the fishermen to pursue their calling."

ROADS INSPECTION COMMITTEE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-

"That report of Roads Inspection Committee be printed and circulated to Co. Councillors and considered by meeting of Roads Committee to be held on 28th November 1927."

The following report of Sub-Committee re above was accepted and approved on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall:-

"The Sub-Committee appointed to interview Mr Deacon (owner) relative to purchase of plot at Ballybrennan Quarry met at the latter place on 31st October 1927. There were present, Messrs Thos McCarthy, James Hall, James Shannon and Thos Cullen, Assistant Surveyor. The plot in question is about a statute acre in area and extends between the road and the Boro river from the southern end of the quarry to the bridge at the northern end. After an inspection of the land proposed to be acquired the Sub-Committee met Mr Deacon and it was eventually decided to recommend the County Council to give him £35 for his interest. In agreeing to recommend this sum, the Sub-Committee took into account the fact that the Council had been using this field for a number of years free and that the quarry could not be properly worked without acquiring it."

GOVERNMENT GRANTS.

Mr Corish inquired from the Co. Surveyor if they were working on all the Grants they got from the Government. He wished to know if there was any money that they were not using at the moment. The reason he asked was that the Minister for Local Government had mentioned that there was a million and a half waiting to be spent, and that the County Councils were not taking any advantage of it. As far as he (Mr Corish) knew, the County Surveyor was only too anxious to take advantage of any money that was offering, but he wanted to know if there was any money that was not being used.

The Co. Surveyor said there was not. They were working on all the Grants but they had been held up. When he put forward a requisition for £16,000 for the Enniscorthy Road they only got £10,000 because apparently the Department had not the cash.

In further reply to Mr Corish, the Co. Surveyor said they were now held up by the frost and bad weather but they had

been working on all the grants. They had taken all the money allocated to them, but they had not expended it, and the reason they had not done so was that they had missed the two best months of the year as the result of late notification of the allocation of Grants.

Mr Hayes asked if the Co. Surveyor contemplated steam-rolling the road from the borough boundary of Wexford to Rosslare. If there was any money available he thought the Co. Surveyor should use it because some men in Kerlogue Quarry had been dismissed and the others were under notice to leave this week.

The Co. Surveyor said they had no money for that work at the present time.

The Co. Surveyor gave details ~~of~~ as to the amounts of the various Grants and how far work in connection with each had been carried out.

Mr Corish asked if the Co. Surveyor, in the interests of the unemployed, could take greater advantage of the Grants allocated.

The Co. Surveyor said they could not. The big portion of the money that had not been taken up at present was allocated for the road between Enniscorthy and Palace, and the time for the completion of that work was December 1928. They could not expect to do thirteen miles of grouting in one year.

Mr Corish-How much money have you at the moment available for tar-spraying-money you could not attempt to spend until June?

County Surveyor- From £12,000 to £14,000.

Mr Corish said he did not see anything wrong in view of widespread unemployment in applying to the Department and asking their permission to transfer money, for instance, for reconstructing work in a road which was deteriorating rapidly thereby giving much needed employment. They could replace the money next year from a Grant they would get. He then proposed the following resolution:-

"That in view of the widespread unemployment prevailing in this county, the Minister for Local Government and

"Public Health be requested to allow the Wexford Co. Council to utilise at once the portion of Government Grants allocated to Co. Wexford for the present year (and which cannot be expended on tar grouting work until next summer) for special improvement on trunk and main roads in order to relieve existing distress. That on receipt of Grants for roads which are the subject of special improvement work under this resolution, recoupment be made to the various Grant accounts from which sums have been withdrawn."

Mr Colfer seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

SEWERAGE IN SMALL TOWNS AND VILLAGES.

Mr Corish mentioned that complaints were received from ~~xxx~~ time to time from residents in small towns and villages in the county as to lack of sanitary accommodation. A sum of £150,000 had been set aside by the Government for the relief of unemployment. The Minister for Finance in dealing with the question, stated that so far as possible, they would get away from road work in connection with this Grant and give it to Public Bodies for sewerage and development of water schemes, etc. This was a unique opportunity for the Co. Council to make an application for a Grant for the sanitary improvement of such places as Taghmon.

The Co. Surveyor pointed out that the Council had before them several times the position of the sanitation of Taghmon. It was most necessary that something should be done in that locality.

Mr Corish proposed:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to get into touch with Mr Flood, Engineer to the County Wexford Board of Health, with a view to drafting a scheme for the improvement of the sanitation of Taghmon village, same to be put before the Minister of Finance as ~~seen~~ an application for a subsidy from the £150,000 Unemployment Grant."

Mr Boggan seconded.

Passed.

SOW DRAINAGE SCHEME.

In connection with above, the following letter (21202/27) under date 3rd November 1927 was read from the Board of Works:-

"We enclose for your information copy of a general statement prepared by our Engineer setting forth the work done in restoring the district in 1925-26 together with a tracing from which to follow the description. In consideration of the views which have been urged upon the County Council we are prepared, if the Council so desire, to defer the preparation of the Charging Order until the Council has sent a deputation to see us on the subject, provided the Council let us know early whether they propose to send the deputation or not after considering this letter.

The extent of the restoration work to be carried out in any Drainage District is a matter for our discretion (subject to the directions of the Minister for Finance). That discretion should be and is exercised in the interests of the owners of land in the district: the more complete the restoration carried out the larger the payments they will have to make, and it might well be that an incomplete restoration would be more in their interests than a complete one. It so happens however, that in the case of the Sow District a complete restoration was desirable and was carried out with the addition of some small improvements. The representations to the contrary which have been made by the Drainage Trustees are based on a misapprehension of the facts.

Work done in restoration 1925-26.

Main River Outfall to Castlesow Bridge cleared of obstructions.
From Outfall to Coolamain Bridge. A large number of heavy trunks

of trees removed from river, banks trimmed and shoals removed.

Coolamain Bridge to Aughar Bridge. Banks trimmed, shoals removed.

Aughar Bridge to Kilmallock Bridge do do

At Kilmallock Bridge Rock shoal removed.

Kilmallock Bridge to A on tracing. Banks trimmed, shoals removed.

A to Ballinkeele Bridge and to B on tracing, do.

B to top of D.D. Banks trimmed and river scoured.

All bushes and other growths on banks removed along whole length of river. All drains marked red were trimmed cleaned and deepened where necessary."

Under date 11th November 1927, the following was read from Mr Peter Cullen, Killisk, The Ballagh:-

"In reply to yours of 9th inst, I would like to draw your attention to the fact that so far as we on the south side of the River Sow are affected, the Trustees in charge of the river have done nothing on our behalf, as there is no representative on the Trustees Board from this side. The landlord (Capt Maher) has not acted for these past number of years so there is no one to look after our interests as he was the only one appointed from this side. The map of the work carried out by Mr Davis will show clearly that this side was neglected altogether and as far as we know, the Trustees were mainly responsible for same. As there are over twenty landholders affected by the drains in question it would be well to have the matter dealt with satisfactorily as all these will be opposed to paying Drainage Rates until there is something done on said drains, and as there is no use in depending on the Trustees in the matter, I should like to know what step you would recommend us to take. Any further particulars you may require I shall be delighted to give you at any time."

"The following deputation from the Trustees was received by the Council:- Messrs Walter Mernagh and Patrick Murphy, both of Clonmore and William Gahan, Oulartleigh.

Mr P. Murphy stated the Trustees maintained that the Board of Works had carried out an imperfect job. As regards the drains on the south side referred to by Mr Cullen, they were never in any other state than as at present though they looked to be part of the scheme. They were not on the original map which unfortunately had been lost. They were never cleaned by the Trustees and were not in the Award.

Col Gibbon stated that the truth of the matter with regard to some of these drainage schemes was that the Trustees who had a scheme handed over to them, never spent a penny in cleaning up the side-drains.

Mr P. Murphy pointed out that the river Sow was not sunk to the depth which existed when the scheme was begun. They were

obliged to pay 2/5d per acre for fifteen years for imperfect work. It was 70 years since the scheme was first begun and the drains on the Award were cleaned up to some extent every year since. The amount spent by the Board of Works was £3200, but the drainage was no better. No doubt, the work was carried out with the consent of the Trustees though there was no written agreement. The Board of Works sent down an engineer and he promised to put the river in the same condition as it was when the Scheme was first finished. This was not done. Those concerned were satisfied to pay the amount as the land was beginning to be of no use owing to the flooding. It was flooded still though not to the same extent. If they agreed to the payment of £3200, it was on the understanding that the lands would be free from flooding in the future. The main river was not able to take away the water. It was admitted that the flooding had decreased to some extent in consequence of the new work.

After further discussion, the following resolution was proposed by Col Quin seconded by Mr Boggan and passed unanimously:-

"That the following sub-committee be appointed to inspect and report re Sow drainage :- The Chairman, Col Gibbon, Messrs D. Kavanagh, M.M. O'Donoghue, N.J. Murphy and M. Doyle to meet at the Ballagh village at 11a.m. on the 18th inst.

It was arranged that the Trustees should meet the sub-committee.

Mr Murphy expressed his thanks to the Council for the lengthened hearing they ~~had afforded~~ had afforded the Trustees

It was decided that Mr Burke, Parliamentary Secretary be requested to receive on 24th November 1927 at 12 o'clock noon at the Office of Public Works, Dublin the following deputation from the County Council in connection with the various drainage schemes of the county, viz, the Chairman, Col Gibbon, Messrs David Kavanagh, M.M. O'Donoghue, N.J. Murphy and M. Doyle with Representatives of Trustees of Drainage Boards and others interested and that the five T.D's of the County be requested to introduce the deputation.

CAHORE DRAINAGE SCHEME.

The following resolution was adopted ^{on the motion of} ~~by~~ Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:-

"In view of the large number of unemployed persons in the Cahore district and the fact that, in our opinion it is impossible for the local people to provide sufficient funds to put the local drainage scheme into even fair order, we request the Department of Local Government, in conjunction with the Office of Public Works to provide a Grant for the purpose of carrying out much needed work on the drainage scheme of this district and which would also relieve the acute distress prevailing there."

ERECTION OF BUILDINGS, ETC.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Col Gibbon:-

"That in all cases in which a permit or licence is necessary from the County Council for a proposed building, erection, encroachment, plant, etc, the application shall be accompanied by the following in duplicate:-

- (a) written specification: (b) map of the locality in scale of 25" to the mile: (c) plan of the proposal in scale of 1" to 8'.
- (d) front elevation in scale of 1" to 8'. (e) cross section in scale of 1" to 8'. "

Col Quin seconded.

After considerable discussion, the motion was by consent altered to the following and passed:-

"That in all cases in which a permit or licence is necessary from the County Council for a proposed building, erection, encroachment, plant, etc, the application shall be accompanied by the following in duplicate:-

- (a) a general written description. (b) a map of the locality on a scale of 25" to the mile. (c) a plan of the proposal on a scale of one inch to eight feet (d) a front elevation on a scale of 1" to 8 feet. (e) a cross section on a scale of 1" to 8 feet."

APPLICATION FOR INCREASED REMUNERATION.

Application for increased remuneration from Mr Timothy Moore, Clerk in County Surveyor's Department, ~~for~~ which was ~~an~~ adjourned from last County Council meeting was read.

The application was grounded on the increased work which he had to perform in connection with grant work for roads. His salary was £3 per week without increments and when he was appointed (ed (in September 1923) there were no works on hand outside those covered by the normal county expenditure. His predecessor was paid £3-18-5 per week.

In support of the application, a letter was read from Mr J. F. Birthistle, Secretary of the Wexford Branch of the Irish L.G. Officials' Union which dealt in detail with the nature of Mr Moore's work.

In reply to the Chairman the Co. Surveyor said that every second week between Saturday and Thursday there was always a rush to get out pay sheets.

Mr Thorpe- Is there more of a rush now than in former times? Co. Surveyor- I believe there is because there are more items of payment.

Chairman- If we gave him an allowance for overtime in connection with these grants could we pay it out of grants?

Secretary- If the Local Government Department would agree to it.

Mr Hayes said he thought the application was a fair one. Mr Moore was appointed at 18/- per week less than his predecessor, and it was evident there was a large amount of work in his Department owing to grants and certainly he should be entitled to some consideration on account of the increased work.

Mr Hall-What was he appointed for? Was it for any special work and no work besides that?

Co. Surveyor- He was generally chief clerk of the office. Mr Thorpe-And isn't this part of the chief clerk's work? Mr Hall- If you advertised the position to-morrow you would have

Co. Surveyor- You might have twenty applicants and still would not have one of them serviceable. I know that this man is serviceable.

The Chairman remarked that no matter how good a salary they gave a young fellow, he was not going to continue being satisfied with it. The mistake in making appointments is in not providing for increments.

Mr Boggan- If this young man made a special effort could he not get through all his work within working hours?

County Surveyor- I don't think he could.

Mr Boggan- Are you quite sure of that?

Co. Surveyor- I don't see him wasting any time.

Mr Boggan- You aren't looking at him very often.

Co. Surveyor- No, but it is very easy to know if a man is a slacker and he certainly isn't that.

Mr Gaul proposed and Mr Shannon seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem.con. :-

"That Mr Timothy Moore, Clerk in Co. Surveyor's Department, be granted a sum of 7/6 per week while Government Road Grants are being received by the Council which amount is to be paid out of amounts provided for Grants, this proposal to be subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department."

OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEE NO. 5.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Hall seconded by Mr Colfer:-

"That as recommended by Old Age Pension Sub-Committee No. 5, Mr William K. Stamp, Market Square, Enniscorthy and Mr James Shannon M.C.C. Rathmure Lower, Enniscorthy be appointed members of the Committee in the room of Rev P.K. Lyle and Rev T. Cloney C.C. respectively who have left the district

ROAD GRANTS.

Communications received since last meeting were read from the Roads Section of the Department of Local Government notifying payment of the following Road Grants :-

£10,000: £12,039: £542: £1221: and also £81-13-4, the latter being on behalf of Enniscorthy Urban District.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON POOR LAW.

It was decided that the consideration of this report be deferred until Mr M. Doyle M.C.C. is able to attend.

ENNISCORTHY COTTAGES -TRANSFER TO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Col Quin:-

"That an Order be made under the Seal of the Wexford County Council transferring folios 6223 and 7559-Land Registry-Co. Wexford to the County Board of Health and Public Assistance for the County Health District of Wexford."

BALLINGLY QUARRY.

Mr Hayes raised the question as to the employment of hand-breaking in this quarry. The men who were disemployed were almost on the verge of starvation, and he thought something should be done to provide employment for them. The cost of hand-breaking in this quarry had been from 4/- to 4/6 per cubic yard.

In reply to Col Quin, the County Surveyor stated that machine broken stone cost 3/6 to 3/9 per cubic yard.

Mr Gaul and Mr Hayes pointed out that when men were disemployed the rates suffered to the extent of the amount that had to be provided by way of home assistance to their families.

After considerable discussion, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Thorpe seconded by Mr Hall:-

"That hand breaking of material be arranged for in all quarries under the County Council provided the work be done at a cost not exceeding 4/- per cubic yard."

University Scholarship Scheme.

The following results of the Autumn Examinations of students holding Scholarships from Wexford County Council during Session 1926-27 were furnished by the University College, Dublin:-
Howlett Michael J. Passed Part I of the Third University Examination in Medicine.
Stedmond Michael G. Passed the First University Examination in Engineering.

Keegan Thomas Passed the B. Comm. Degree Examination.

Whelan Patrick Passed the B.Sc. Degree Examination with Second Class Honours."

RAILWAY BRIDGE AT CHILCOMB.

In connection with this matter, the County Surveyor stated he had made arrangements with the Engineer of the Railway Company on the lines suggested in the correspondence which had been submitted to the ~~Company~~ County Council meeting on 10th October 1927.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT.

New licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act was granted to Mr Alexander Kinsella, 24 Main Street, Gorey on the motion of Mr Cline seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne.

PAYMENTS TO ROAD CONTRACTORS.

On the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Thorpe the following resolution was adopted:-

"That payments to Road Contractors submitted on Form 22 to this meeting, be and are hereby agreed to and that Paying Orders issue for same from this meeting."

ANALYST'S REPORT.

Miss Phyllis Ryan, County Analyst, submitted report in respect of the quarter ended September 30th 1927 from which it appeared 51 samples of drugs, 78 samples of food and 7 samples of water had been analysed: 3 samples of drugs, 5 samples of whiskey, and 2 samples of butter had been found to be adulterated and 5 samples of water had been condemned.

SMALL POX (IMPORTATION OF CLOTHING, ETC)
TEMPORARY REGULATIONS, 1927.

The following resolution from the Waterford and New Ross Port Sanitary Authority was adopted on the motion of Mr Thorpe seconded by Col Quin:-

"That We, the Waterford and New Ross Port Sanitary Authority desire to bring under the notice of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health the heavy expenses entailed, for which no provision has been made, by the operation

"of the Small Pox (Importation of Clothing, etc) Temporary ~~XXXX~~ Regulations, 1927, and to express the opinion that the interests of public health could be effectively safeguarded by the Minister insisting upon all second-hand clothing imported into the Free State being disinfected before shipment. The present practice of handling these articles at the Port before being disinfected is in itself a menace to public health.

We view with alarm, having regard to the slender ~~xxx~~ resources of this Board, the expenses incurred in carrying out these Regulations amounting to date to £35-16-6 or approximately at the rate of £350 per annum. Furthermore, we object to the principle of bearing the expense of disinfecting articles belonging to outside areas without any provision being made for recouping this Authority for the expenses so incurred."

It was decided to request the Authority to pay the travelling expenses of the members from New Ross District who attended their meetings.

Wm. Carthy
Dec 72 1927

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

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MONTHLY MEETING

10TH OCTOBER 1927.

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MINUTES.

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N. J. FRIZELLE

FORTVIEW

SECRETARY

WEXFORD.

The monthly meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 10th October 1927.

Present:-Mr Thomas McCarthy(Chairman)presiding: Also, Messrs William Boggan, Patrick Byrne, J. Clince, P. Colfer, J. Connors, Thomas Cooney, Ml. Doyle, James Gaul, J. Hall, Patrick Hayes, David Kavanagh, A. Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, M.M. O'Donoghue, James Shannon, Wm. Thorpe, James E Walsh, John White, ~~Col~~ Col Quin, and J. Pender.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor and Mr Elgee, Solicitor were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

NON-ATTENDANCE AT MEETING.

Col Gibbon wrote that he was unable to attend the meeting as he had to go to Dublin on urgent business in connection with the Carlow Sugar Factory.

THE LATE MR THOMAS KENNEDY.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Thorpe:-

"That we convey to our esteemed colleague, Mr James Gaul, our heartfelt condolence on the death of his brother-in-law, Mr Thomas Kennedy, Wexford."

The resolution was passed in silence and was suitably acknowledged by Mr Gaul.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

Finance Committee.

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting on 15th September 1927 were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 15th September 1927.

Present:-Mr T. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding: also Messrs Sean O'Byrne, P. Hayes and Aidan Mernagh.

The Chairman was not present at the opening of the meeting and the Chair was taken by Mr Sean O'Byrne on the motion of Mr Hayes seconded by Mr Mernagh.

The Minutes were then read and signed.

The Chairman attended and presided for the remainder of the meeting.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £6215-13-0 was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

The state of the Rate Collection up to 14th September 1927 was laid before the meeting and the following showing the percentage of amount collected in each case:-

E. J. Murphy 52.3: J. Quirke 50.45: B. Cleary 48.18: Philip Furlong 45.44: J. Curtis 43.03: C. McCarthy 35.22: M.M. Kelly 34.19: P. Walsh 34.10: Sean Gannon 33.98: M. Deegan 33.51: J. Cummins 32.82: J.J. Sinnott 30.79: T. Sutton 30.78: J. Doyle 30.67: P. O'Byrne 30.54: P.J. Fitzpatrick 29.71: P. Donohoe 28.58: J.J. O'Reilly 28.37: Walter Cummins 27.69: T. Rowe 27: and J.J. Kelly 25.70.

In consequence of Dail Elections no further business was transacted.

Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed and Mr Cline seconded:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 15th September 1927 be and are hereby confirmed."

Passed.

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting of 29th September 1927 as follows were submitted:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 29th September 1927.

Present: Mr T. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs Sean O'Byrne, A. Mernagh, P. Hayes and William Thorpe.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary and the County Surveyor were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £13993-2-6 was examined and signed.

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE OF SALARY.

The following letter under date 8th September 1927 was read from Mr T. Moore, Clerk in Co. Surveyor's Department:-

"I beg to make application for some small additional remuneration in view of the fact that since the advent of Road Grants and Grant Work generally, my work has been very considerably increased. Briefly, my case is this. I was appointed Clerk to the County Surveyor in 1923 at a salary of £3 per week with no increments. At this time there were no works on hand outside those covered by the normal annual county expenditure.

My predecessor for this work alone was paid a salary of £3-18-5 per week.

Grant Work first started in 1924 and for the years 1924-'25 and '26 there was an expenditure of £54,000 approximately in Grants alone. All this time, of course, there was my usual duties in connection with the normal county expenditure.

For this year (1927) the Grants to the County amount to £70,000 approx, and the keeping of records in connection with all this work has so increased that I am compelled to work overtime.

Hoping you will consider my case favourably."

Mr Thorpe proposed:- "That the application of Mr Moore for increase in his salary for extra work be adjourned for six months.

The Chairman seconded.

Mr Hayes proposed and Mr Mernagh seconded the following amendment:- "That the County Council be recommended to allow Mr Moore 7/6 per week for extra work in connection with Road Grants.

On a show of hands, Messrs Hayes and Mernagh voted for the amendment and the Chairman and Mr Thorpe against.

Mr Sean O'Byrne did not vote.

The Chairman decided he would not give a casting vote, and on his suggestion, it was decided that the matter be referred to the County Council meeting on 10th October 1927.

POOR RATE RETURN.

The following is the percentage of 1928 Rate (1st moiety) collected to 29th September 1927:-

E.J. Murphy 76: J. Quirke 59: P. Furlong 59: J. Cummins 55: Sean Gannon 53: B. Cleary 52: M. Deegan 51: M.M. Kelly 50: Thos. Rowe 50: J. Curtis 49: J.J. Sinnott 47: T. Sutton 46: P. O'Byrne 46: P. Walsh 44: J. Doyle 43: W. Cummins 40: P.J. Fitzpatrick 40: C. McCarthy 39: J.J. O'Reilly 39: P. Donohoe 34: J.J. O'Kelly 30.

The average percentage for the collection was 47.54 as compared with 58.85 per cent at the corresponding period in 1926.

It was decided to inform all Rate Collectors that amount of warrant for first moiety must in each case be lodged by 31st October 1927, and that no extensions of time will be allowed in the case of any Collector.

OVERDRAFT OF COUNTY COUNCIL.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Treasurer of County Council be requested to agree to overdraft by County Council of £28,000 to 31st March 1928 and that the Local Government Department be requested to sanction this proposal."

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES) ACT 1926.

Under date 16th September 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (S41205/1927) requesting payment of £25-18-10, amount assessed on Wexford County in respect of year ended 31st. ~~XXXXXX~~ March last in pursuance of above Act.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Local Government Department be informed that the County Council will not consider the question of payment of amount due under Local Authorities (Officers & Employees) Act 1926 until they have received a satisfactory explanation as to the delay in filling the position of Medical Officer for the districts of Carrigbyrne and Bunclody."

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES.

University--The Secretary read a letter from R. Ranson under date 17th September 1927 that he intended entering Maynooth College.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman :-

"That as the County Council have never agreed to award of University Scholarship to students studying for a religious life, the scholarship awarded Mr R. Ranson be cancelled."

Letters were read from Thomas F. White and Kevin Hall that they were taking the courses of B. Comm. and B. Sc. combined. Mr Vincent Quirke wrote that he was taking the Arts course.

WEXFORD COURTHOUSE.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor, reported that ~~he~~ he had received particulars from Messrs O'Keeffe & Lynch, Dublin, Solicitors for ~~EM~~ Capt. Redmond, T.D. as to the title in relation to the ground rent of Wexford Courthouse. Messrs O'Keeffe & Lynch were unable to give any documentary evidence as to how the Grand Jury held from Capt Redmond beyond copies of Inquisitions for the building of the Courthouse and which appeared in a book written by the late George Griffith entitled "The Chronicles of County Wexford" and ~~ski~~ which was published in 1878. Capt Redmond himself held under two long leases, one of 1874 from Henry Hatton to Robert Devereux and the second of 1800 from Clare Scallan to Thomas Sparrow. It was, continued Mr Elgee, very unlikely that a Court would refuse to give a decree against the Council in view of the fact that the rent had been paid without question since the Courthouse was built.

After discussion it was decided that Mr Elgee ascertain

what amount the owners of the old Courthouse premises would be prepared to take for their interest in it and that in the meantime the rent be paid as formerly.

Mr Elgee said that Messrs O'Keeffe & Lynch expected to be paid two guineas for preparation of information which they had supplied to the Council in this matter.

It was decided that Mr Elgee point out to Messrs O'Keeffe that they had not given any definite information to the Council as regards the terms upon which the Council actually held the premises. If Messrs O'Keeffe & Lynch insisted on payment the Committee would agree.

FOOD & DRUGS ACTS.

Under date 1st September 1927, Mr Elgee, Solicitor, wrote acknowledging letter etc. in the case of John Kehoe, Duncannon, for alleged adulteration of whiskey together with report of Inspector and certificate from Miss Ryan, Analyst. As the summons should have been served on the 1st September, being the twenty-eighth day from the purchase of the sample, it was too late to take proceedings. He observed that the sample reached Miss Ryan on the 6th August and that she did not issue certificate until the 25th August. He had written to her that owing to the delay in issuing her certificate he was prevented from taking proceedings and requested that in further cases certificates should be issued more promptly. The papers were forwarded to him by hand on the day they reached County Council Offices.

Mr Elgee said he had heard from Miss Ryan who stated she was on holidays when the sample reached her and this was the cause of the delay.

It was decided that Mr Elgee ask Miss Ryan to have in future a substitute appointed when she is absent from duty for any considerable period.

RATING ON NEW BUILDINGS ORDER.

The Committee considered that the Rating of New Buildings Order 1925, etc. should apply to dwelling house and shop effected by Mrs Mary O'Neill Main Street, Ferns.

In connection with vacancy in the position of Harbour Master at Courtown caused through the death of Mr P. Stapleton, it was stated that the remuneration paid was 15/- per week with free house, rates on same being paid by Council, also an allowance of 2 tons 5 cwt. of coal per annum. Andrew Byrne, watchman, was paid 8/- per week and had free house on which rates were paid by the Council and 10/- for coal allowance.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Thorpe:-

"That Mr Garland be requested to continue to discharge the duties of Harbour Master at Courtown for the present. In the meantime, the County Surveyor to be requested to report if, in his opinion, he considers Andrew Byrne, night watchman is capable of discharging the duties of Harbour Master."

WINDOWS BROKEN IN OLD COURTHOUSE.

The County Registrar reported that a number of windows had again been broken. He had reported the matter to the Civic Guards.

It was decided that the County Surveyor be directed to ^{to} ~~be recommended to~~ ~~pay under protest~~ have the necessary repairs carried out.

INCOME TAX- COURTOWN HARBOUR.

It was decided that the County Council be recommended to pay under protest the sum of 16/6 Income Tax assessed on Courtown Harbour which was run at a loss.

TARVIA CONTRACT.

Under date 28th September 1927, Messrs Oldman & Co, Solers, London, wrote on behalf of Messrs Bristowes Tarvia Ltd of St. Stephen House, Westminster, London for £55-2-6 balance of amount due for road work.

The County Surveyor reported that he was prepared to certify for £24-12-6 but not for another penny.

The meeting having heard particulars from the County Surveyor as to the manner in which the work had been carried out decided to approve of his action in the matter.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting of 29th September 1927 be received and considered."

Application by Mr Moore.

The following resolution was moved by Mr Hall and seconded by Mr Thorpe:- "That the application of Mr Timothy Moore, Clerk in Co. Surveyor's Department, for increase of salary, be adjourned to next meeting of the Council."

Mr Gaul proposed that the matter be now dealt with.

After further consideration it was agreed that it should be considered at next meeting of the County Council.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr O'Byrne:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting of 29th September 1927 and as submitted to this meeting be and are hereby confirmed."

Roads Committee.

The following Minutes of Roads Committee of 26th September 1927 were submitted:-

The monthly meeting of the Roads Committee of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 26th. September 1927.

Mr Thomas McCarthy (Chairman Co. Council) presided and there were also present:—Col. Gibbon, Messrs Sean O'Byrne, James Hall, Wm. Boggan, Ml. Cloney, Patrick Colfer, and James Shannon.

The Secretary, the Co. Surveyor and the six Assistant Surveyors were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following report for the month was read from the County Surveyor:—

"Since my return from leave I have made several inspections of the concrete work on the Enniscorthy-Wexford Road. Up to the 17th inst. there has been completed 6,478 lineal yards of concrete work equal to 3.68 miles, and the work is progressing satisfactorily except in so far as hereinafter mentioned.

A consignment of British Portland Cement lately received for the work, had not, on test, come up to the British Standard Specification which is required in our Specification. I have notified the contractors of this, and ordered that none of this cement shall be used, and that I reserve the right of rejection of any work done with it. I have sent a copy of this correspondence to Mr Quigley, Roads Department Engineer, and have asked for his views on the matter. Provision was being made at Whitefort Bridge for insertion of permanent white centre line, but on examination of the work, I have come to the conclusion that this will be a source of weakness and have ordered that it shall not be continued.

Subsequently, when the road is open to traffic, the white line can be painted where necessary and renewed from time to time and will be a much better job. The drainage and side filling work is proceeding in a satisfactory manner, but, owing to haulage and other difficulties, it will run into a large expenditure, but it is absolutely essential for the completion of the work.

"The reconstruction of Gorey Courthouse is now practically complete. The District Justice Clerk and the Assistant Surveyor have been in occupation of their Offices in the Courthouse for some time, and on the 23rd inst, the Court will be held in the Courthouse. I have arranged to meet Mr Fahy, District Justice, on the 23rd inst. on the rising of the Court to discuss with him any details of furniture and fitments that may still be necessary, and shall report further to you at the meeting on the 26th inst.

The reconstruction of Enniscorthy Courthouse is progressing satisfactorily.

The Committee appointed to deal with New Ross Courthouse has been summoned to meet in New Ross on Saturday next, the 24th. inst, and I shall have particulars of their recommendations for the meeting.

It will be well for some definite arrangement to be come to regarding the loading bank at Ballybrennan Quarry. The Roads Inspection Committee examined the place, and there was discussion about it at a former meeting, but no definite decision was arrived at. I have a letter from Mr Deacon, owner of the quarry site, with reference to arrangements for water supply and he asks for immediate settlement. It is necessary that we should have right to enter on this place.

The new Committee appointed to deal with the re-building of Mountgarrett Bridge has been summoned to meet on the 24th inst, and if any contentious matter arises, I shall report to the Roads Committee on the 26th.

I shall submit copy of recent correspondence in connection with the maintenance of road over Chilcomb Railway Bridge, New Ross. I have a bill from the Great Southern Railway Company for £123, being amount agreed to be paid for the improvement at Sparrowsland Bridge on 47E. I ask for authority to pay this out of Road Contingencies Fund.

During my absence on leave, I had an interview with Mr Hassard, Fisheries Department Engineer, and discussed with him the

"draft specification I had prepared for the work to be done at Carne Pier. I have noted in the local Press that during my absence exception was taken to the proposed manner of carrying out this work, and I state here that I am quite satisfied that the manner suggested by me will give a satisfactory job. There was never any question of putting in a slab 6" in thickness and the tying down with reinforcement to the old work- which is itself porous-as this would not be anything like as good a job as that proposed by me. The formation of the new work will not be a loose slab, as seems to be in the minds of some of the Councillors, -it will be monolithic with the remainder.

On the 23rd ult., a sum of £92-10-0 was received on 2 account of reconstruction of damaged bridges. This now covers the restoration of all the damaged bridges in the county, the cost of which has been paid for by the Local Government Department.

There has been a great deal of difficulty in carrying out bitumen grouting and spray work during the past summer on account of the broken weather. For this class of work, which requires to be done in dry weather, it is necessary to proceed as rapidly as possible taking advantage of dry intervals. A combined roller and sprayer has lately come extensively into use for this class of work and several counties are purchasing this machine. I have discussed with the Irish representative of Messrs Fowler, details and so forth, and am to receive from him quotation for the machine which will cost approximately £1,400. As tar-dressing for roads is now almost essential, I strongly recommend the purchase of such machine, and ask you to recommend it to the Co. Council so that I may provide for it in my Estimate for the coming year.

It will be advisable to fix date for further meeting of the Roads Inspection Committee, and as all the members are also members of the Roads Committee perhaps arrangements could be made on the 26th inst."

Enniscorthy-Wexford Road.

The Co. Surveyor stated that as the contractors were now using a French Cement which had stood all tests, he did not think it was necessary to take any further action in the matter.

He felt that as regards the "white line" that any interference with the concrete as proposed would certainly be a source of weakness.

Col Gibbon suggested, and it was agreed to, that, as an experiment, a strip of coloured cement ten feet by four inches by one and a half inches should be laid to ascertain if by this means a proper division of the road as is done by means of the "white line" can be arrived at.

In reply to a query, the Co. Surveyor said the contractors expected to get as far as Enniscorthy this winter if weather proved favourable. The only place at which the Department considered reinforcement necessary was at Edermine Hill and Mr Quigley was to a certain extent of the opinion that an extra inch depth of concrete might be more serviceable than the reinforcement. The work of side-filling which was going on in a satisfactory manner would cost about £2640 and would be payable out of the Grant.

After further discussion it was decided that the Wexford-Enniscorthy Road Inspection Committee should visit road on 5th, October 1927 and report, and that Mr Quigley, Chief Roads Engineer, Local Government Department, should be asked to meet the Committee on the occasion and discuss with them any outstanding matters regarding the work and also the position of Wexford-Rosslare Slob Road which will not be available to the public unless some arrangement can be made with the Railway Company by the Co. Council regarding level crossing.

Gorey Courthouse.

The Co. Surveyor stated that he attended at new Courthouse at Gorey on the 23rd inst. with Mr Sean O'Byrne.

Mr Fahy, District Justice and everybody concerned, were

delighted with the whole place. There were some minor matters still to be done. He was sure the contractor did his best to finish the work within the specified time and there was no delay on his part although the work was not finished by 1st August.

It was decided that the consideration of what should be done regarding the penal clause in the contract, viz, a fine of £10 per week if contract was not finished by 1st August, would not be dealt with until the work had been absolutely completed.

Under date 5th September 1927, letter was read from Patk. Doyle, 93 Main Street, Gorey, asking if the County Council would allow two dance classes per week to be held in the Courthouse.

It was decided to inform Mr Doyle that the Roads Committee could not recommend the County Council to give the use of the Courthouse for this purpose as they did not consider it feasible on account of having to shift the furniture on nights when classes would be held.

New Ross Courthouse.

The Co. Surveyor reported that the Committee appointed to deal with the New Ross Courthouse met on Saturday September 24th 1927 when there were present Messrs Colfer, Cooney, Murphy and Thorpe with the County Surveyor and Mr P. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor.

The Committee was undecided as to providing a residence at the Courthouse, as they hoped to have the Circuit Court held there in the future. They did not want to prejudice their chance of securing the Court being held there by utilizing any accommodation which might be afterwards required. There was also the factor of being able to obtain a tenant who would be prepared to pay a rent commensurate with the outlay.

They were in favour of letting part of one of the gardens and part of the Bridewell adjoining and suggested that the County Council should advertise at once inviting offers for removal of slates and making good the cement over arches or of repairing the slating. The Committee barred the use of the garden as a builder's yard.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne the following resolution was adopted:-

"That report of New Ross Courthouse Committee be received and approved and that the Co. Surveyor be instructed to issue the necessary advertisement relating to the repair of the premises as outlined by him.

That the County Surveyor and the County Secretary interview Mr John N. Scallan, County Registrar relative to the appointment of a caretaker and discuss with him proposed remuneration and the amount of accommodation to be provided.

The Roads Committee are of opinion that the accommodation held by Mr Fretton, former caretaker, should be quite ample for the new caretaker and should be sufficient for his requirements."

It was also decided that the Secretary communicate with the Secretary to the Minister of Justice and endeavour to obtain information as to whether it was intended to hold Circuit Courts at any centres outside the town of Wexford.

Railway Bridge at Chilcomb.

The Co. Surveyor submitted correspondence between himself and the Engineer of the Great Southern Railway Company from which it appeared that the County Surveyor offered to maintain the mainroad portion of the roadway and approaches over the bridge at Chilcomb, New Ross, at 18/- per perch, also agreeing to have Clause inserted in the Agreement between the Railway Company and the County Council providing for the revision of the terms in the event of cost of labour, etc. varying materially up or down.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Colfer, the Roads Committee approved of the proposals made by the County Surveyor in this matter.

No reply had been received up to the present from the Railway Company.

Ballybrennan Quarry,

Under date 22nd August 1927, the following was read from Mr T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor:-

"Mr Deacon, owner of the above quarry wants the County Council to buy piece of land opposite the quarry between road and river, and for this he is asking £50. He is now selling part of his lands in neighbourhood of quarry and states he has a buyer for portion offered to County Council.

If the County Council do not see their way to make this purchase, Mr Deacon claims compensation for trespass by our men drawing water from river for engines, and also for damage caused by stones from blasts. Formerly, he states, he used to be able to let this portion for grazing at £4 per annum, but now this is impossible and he wants an annual sum to recoup his loss."

The Co. Surveyor said he considered £50 an exorbitant price and on his suggestion it was agreed to inform Mr Deacon that the Roads Committee were recommending the County Council to purchase the plot at an arbitration price.

Mountgarrett Bridge.

It was~~2~~ decided that a substantial sum be put to the credit of the Mountgarrett Bridge Committee at the October meeting of the Council.

Sparrowsland Bridge.

It was proposed by Mr Séan O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall and adopted:- "That the amount due to the Great Southern Railway Company, viz, £123 for improvement of Sparrowsland Bridge be paid at the first available opportunity."

Carne Pier.

The Co. Surveyor in reply to Col Gibbon said that Mr Hassard and he were perfectly satisfied that the manner in which they proposed to carry out the work was quite satisfactory.

Combined Roller and Sprayer.

The Co. Surveyor pointed out that if the County Council had machines of this description, tar-grouting work could be carried out at the most favourable periods. They had great difficulty during the recent wet summer in having this work done. Even if the combined Roller and Sprayer was working only for a limited time it would

save its cost.

It was proposed by Col Gibbon seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne and passed:- "That the County Surveyor prepare for next meeting of the County Council, financial statement showing the estimated cost and saving which would be provided by the use of Combined Roller and Sprayer as compared with the existing methods of work." Roads Inspection Committee."

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That Col Quin, Col Gibbon, Messrs Colfer, Doyle, Gaul, Hall, O'Byrne, Thorpe and the Chairman be appointed as a Special Roads Inspection Committee to begin inspection on the 30th September, itinerary to be arranged by the County Surveyor."

DEATH OF COURTTOWN HARBOUR MASTER.

The Secretary reported that Mr Patrick Stapleton, Harbour Master at Courtown Harbour, had died at Mercer's Hospital, Dublin on 21st September 1927.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne a vote of condolence to Mrs Stapleton, relict of the deceased was adopted.

It was proposed by Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall and adopted:- "That Mr Richard Garland, at present discharging the duties of Harbour Master at Courtown Harbour be requested to continue in this office pending the appointment of a successor to Mr Stapleton.

That Mr Garland be paid the same rate of remuneration as obtained in the case of Mr Stapleton."

CAMOLIN PARK ROAD.

The Secretary read letter from the Department of Agriculture (Forestry Section) under date 20th September 1927, admitting that Camolin Park Road was in a very bad condition. The Department had done a great deal towards repairing it and it was possible that if the persons using it were prepared to co-operate, the Department would again help also, though very little use was made of this road by the Department.

Mr Forbes who was in charge of the Forestry Section was prepared to recommend the Department to supply 50 loads of metalling from the quarry on the lands, as was done on the last occasion when this road was repaired, or as an alternative, if the County Council would provide the stones, the Department might have them spread on the road.

The Secretary stated that he had forwarded copy of this letter to Mr Patrick Byrne M.C.C. Camolin who was interested in the matter. Mr Byrne proposed to consult the local people interested in this matter and put the proposal before them. Probably at the next Co. Council meeting on 10th October a definite decision would be arrived at.

DREDGING OF KILMORE HARBOUR.

Under date 20th September 1927, the following (D/73/1) was read from the Department of Fisheries:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Fisheries to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th inst, relative to dredging needed at Kilmore Harbour. In reply I am to say that the Commissioners of Public Works have estimated the cost of carrying out the necessary dredging there to be £400: and to state that they have no dredger available for such work this year. In any event, the Minister for Fisheries would not be prepared to recommend expenditure from public funds towards the dredging unless the Wexford County Council were willing to contribute at least a moiety of the total involved. This is a condition in all such Grants-in-Aid from the State towards dredging. Meantime as no dredger is available for work there this season it would be necessary to postpone operations until the late Spring of next year, so as to have light for a full working day. Until, however, the Minister has learned that the Council are prepared to offer a moiety of cost he cannot do anything definite towards securing a State Grant of balance required."

The following report under date 5th September 1927 was read from Mr John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor:-

"In answer to your note re above Harbour, I beg to state that I inspected the Harbour entrance last week and also consulted Mr Rochford (the principal shipowner there) as to the amount of dredging required to make the place safe for shipping. It will be necessary to dredge an area 150 yards long 20 yards wide and four feet deep which would mean the removal of 4000 cubic yards of gravel and sand.

The quality of the material to be removed is rough shingle for about 20 yards at the mouth of the Harbour and the remainder is composed of fine sand.

Mr Rochford expressed the opinion that unless the work could be commenced at once it would be better leave it over till the late Spring of next year. If the work is not to be delayed it will be necessary to work on two tides each day and consequently the more day-light the better."

After discussion, Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed and Mr Cloney seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the Department of Fisheries be informed that the County Council would be prepared to pay 25% of the cost of dredging at Kilmore Harbour in accordance with the terms of their letter (D/73/1) of 20th September 1927."

ROSSLARE FORESHORE.

Under date 26th August 1927, letter was read from the Department of Industry (Transport & Marine Branch) enquiring whether the County Council had ceased to be responsible for the removal of material from the shore at Rosslare and also whether they proposed to take any steps towards the prevention of general removals of material.

Order - Referred to County Surveyor for report, the Minister for Industry & Commerce (Transport & Marine Branch) to be informed that the matter is at present in the hands of the County Surveyor.

NEW TELEGRAPH LINE.

Application was received from the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs for the consent of the County Council to the placing of an overground telegraphic line from Forth Commons to Murrintown Post Office.

Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed and Mr Shannon seconded the following which was adopted:-

"That the County Council agree to the placing of an overground telegraphic line from Forth Commons to Murrintown Post Office on the understanding that poles in respect of same are placed in positions approved by the County Surveyor."

FORD OF LYN.

Mr Michael Doyle M.C.C who was unable to attend the ~~the~~ meeting wrote suggesting that Mr Elgee, Solicitor should be instructed to communicate on behalf of the Roads Committee with Miss Tynte to ascertain if she proposes to do anything to relieve the flooding at Ford of Lyng.

It was decided that Mr Elgee, Solicitor, carry out Mr Doyle's wishes in this matter.

DRAINAGE BOARDS.

Under date 21st September 1927 (18467/27) the Secretary Office of Public Works wrote that on the issue of a Charging Order in respect of the expense incurred in repairing any existing Drainage District copy of the Award Map showing the works in the district for which the Co. Council are to be responsible would

be forwarded for their information.

This had been done in the case of Kilmanmuck and would also be done in the case of the Sow District.

These were the only ~~Drainage~~ Drainage Districts which it was proposed up to the present should be taken over by the Co. Council.

No Order.

INSURANCE OF COMPRESSOR PLANT.

The County Surveyor asked for authority to insure the Compressor Plant.

This was agreed to on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall.

Col Gibbon mentioned that the plant was now some time in operation and he asked the Co. Surveyor to prepare for next meeting a statement of the actual results of its working and have it compared with the estimate submitted to the County Council previous to purchase.

PETROL TANK.

The Co. Surveyor asked the authority of the Council to purchase a large petrol tank which would cost about £10. Having such a tank would enable the Council to obtain petrol in bulk with a consequent reduction in cost of from 1d to 2d per gallon. They were normally using from 20 to 25 gallons per day.

Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed and Mr Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be given authority to purchase a storage petrol tank at an approximate cost of £10."

PETROL PUMPS.

Application was received from Mr Harry Ellis, 24 John Street, New Ross for permission to erect a petrol pump outside his shop.

Order- Adjourned for receipt of report from Co. Surveyor

Under date 24th September 1927, the following was read from Mr Elgee, Solicitor:-

"I have now looked into the question of Mr Bates's Petrol Pump and there appears to have been no conditions set out in the licence which was issued to him in respect of same as to the position in which the tank for the pump was to be placed and having regard to this fact, and further that, as I understand, a number of these tanks in towns and villages are placed under the footpaths, I do not think it would be advisable to take proceedings in this case. The most advisable course to adopt would be to serve notice on all persons holding licences for petrol pumps, whose tanks are under the footpaths, that the County Council will not renew licences for such pumps unless their tanks are removed from under the footpaths and placed in a position approved of by the County Surveyor,."

The Committee approved of letter from Mr Elgee and ~~has~~ decided that Mr Bates be specially informed that under no circumstances will the Roads Committee renew any licence for petrol pumps which are under the footpath or which are not in a position approved of by the County Surveyor.

In connection with proposed removal of petrol pumps the property of John Murphy, John Street, New Ross from the position in which they were when licences were granted, the New Ross Court-house Committee to whom the matter had been referred reported that as the licences in question had been granted by the Urban District Council, the latter should be asked if they had any objection to allowing the pumps to remain in their new position and, if not that the County Council agree to Mr Murphy's request.

BALLINGLY QUARRY.

In connection with the unemployment of men at Ballingly Quarry, which matter was referred to the Roads Committee from the last meeting of the County Council, the following report was read from Mr John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor:-

"With regard to breaking stones in Ballingly Quarry by hand we found it impossible to break even the scabblings at less than 5/- per cubic yard. The larger stone would cost close on

6/- per cubic yard, and would not be broken well at that. We broke about 70 cubic yards there this time last year, but had to give it up as we were satisfied the stone could not be broken economically by hand."

The Co. Surveyor said that the cost by machinery was 3/6 to 4/- per cubic yard. They had hand work in the quarry several times and they never got satisfaction from it. In addition, the material was not as serviceable ~~as~~ when broken by hand. The general tendency was to have as small a material as could be consolidated and this could only be obtained by machine.

Mr Boggan asked Mr Kehoe to have hand-broken material used where possible even at a slightly increased cost as compared with machine-broken material. It was a terrible thing to see unfortunate men out of work.

Mr Kehoe said he was doing this to some extent.

Col Gibbon did not agree with Mr Boggan. The Co. Council was responsible to the ratepayers for getting certain work done as efficiently and as economically as possible. They were not to deal with out-of-work business: that was for another body. But as County Councillors they were bound in the interests of the ratepayers to have their work done as economically as they could. The difference of 1/- per yard in the two systems was enormous and could not be supported.

The Chairman said Mr Boggan only meant his suggestion to apply in cases in which the difference was very slight.

Mr Boggan said he would not be in favour of hand-breaking even at a difference of sixpence per yard. If the difference was only slight they would be really safeguarding the interests of the ratepayers as the men who were employed would not require home assistance or the dole.

SIGNPOSTS.

In connection with report of Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor to the meeting of Roads Committee on 22nd August 1927 that a signpost at Scullabogue Cross had been taken by a man named

Patrick Rourke, a letter under date 20th September 1927 was read from Mr M. J. Stephenson, Carrigbyrne, who stated that the ~~XXXXXX~~ late Mr Browne-Clayton, Carlow, a former owner of Carrigbyrne had erected the sign post in question and also two others on his own land. The posts belonged to the demesne and the County Council had no call to them. The one in question was down for a long time Rourke asked for it from Mr Stephenson. The three posts erected by the late owner had been repaired and painted by him from time to time.

It was decided to take no further action in the matter.

The Chairman proposed the following which was seconded by Col Gibbon and adopted:-

"That the Assistant Surveyors furnish an inventory of the old signs and posts which were formerly erected by the County Council and report as to what became of them to next meeting of Roads Committee.

GOREY HILL QUARRY.

Under date 23rd September 1927, the following was read from Messrs Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey: Solicitors for Miss Palmer:-

"Your letter of the 16th inst received in reference to this matter and in reply we have to-day seen our client.

When the Order was made by the District Justice, fifteen feet only was asked for and this was to include the erection of the fence. Your Council is not therefore to go outside this and if they extend more than fifteen feet inside our client's land, they must only be treated as trespassers.

Our client is prepared to accept the £6 compensation for the land taken but this is of course without prejudice to the damage that has since been done."

It was decided that Mr Elgee obtain copy of the Order of the District Justice and submit same to next meeting of the Roads Committee.

ENNISCORTHY COURTHOUSE.

Under date 21st September 1927, the following was read from Messrs John A. Sinnott & Co. Solicitors, Enniscorthy:-

"Mr R. C. Williamson who contracted with your Council to repair the Courthouse at Enniscorthy has consulted us with reference to the condition in the contract requiring him to enter into a Bond with an Insurance Company.

The specification provides that the contractor will be required together with two ~~sureties~~^{solvent} sureties to enter into a Bond with an approved Guarantee Society in a sum equal to that of his tender for the due performance of his contract.

We have submitted a proposal to two Insurance Companies, the Norwich Union and the Sun Insurance Office. Both of these Companies have informed us that the conditions prescribed by the Council are most unusual and that none of the Insurance Companies who transact this class of business will undertake to furnish a Bond in the terms prescribed.

Mr Williamson has obtained two excellent sureties for the completion of the work which he has undertaken to do. The indemnity of these two sureties-Messrs John F. Yates, Enniscorthy and Henry Hatton of Monalee, Ballindaggin-should, in our opinion, offer the Council ample security and it seems to us to be absurd to require a contractor to obtain, in addition to two sureties of the very highest standing, a further indemnity from an Insurance Company, and we trust the Council will modify the conditions prescribed.

We send you herewith for the information of the Council an extract from two letters which we have received:- one from the Sun Insurance Office and the other from the Norwich Union."

Mr Hall proposed and Mr Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That as Mr Williamson, contractor for erection of Enniscorthy Courthouse, has failed through no fault of his to provide security by a Guarantee Society we accept the personal securities mentioned in letter of Messrs John A. Sinnott & Co. Solicitors for Mr Williamson under date 21st September 1927, viz:- Messrs John F. Yates, Enniscorthy, and Henry Hatton of Monalee, Ballindaggin. The action of the Roads Committee in this instance is not to be regarded as a precedent to govern future cases."

CUTTING HEDGE NEAR NEW ROSS.

The following under date 21st September 1927 was read from Mr P. J. Gleeson, Roseville, New Ross:-

"I will thank you to bring under the notice of your ~~Council~~ Council the cutting down of my fence at Roseville, New Ross, by the orders, I understand, of Mr O'Neill, Deputy Surveyor.

The cutting down of this fence has left my pasture open to all kinds of trespass and given my stock liberty to roam at will. Repeatedly for the past five years I have had to fence this place to keep out trespass. My locks were broken, and when I put on a brass lock which they failed to break, the bolt and the gate were smashed with the result that I had to cement up the gate permanently.

Now Sir, a public servant orders this fence to be cut away. You will be told there were a couple of motor accidents at this Cross. Yes, such is the case, but it was at the opposite side of the road that both these accidents happened, and yet there is no change made there. This is the second time my fence has been cut down and the cuttings strewn all over my pasture.

I consider I am entitled to compensation for labour, worry and the destruction of my fence. I would be glad to hear at your earliest convenience what your Council has got to say on the matter or to whom the blame is to be allotted, as I do not mean to let the matter rest here. This public servant has acted, to my mind, in a very high-handed manner. I was not consulted on the occasion on which my fence was cut. Fortunately I saw the destruction in time. Otherwise my stock could have travelled anywhere they wished had I not replaced the cut fencing and endeavoured as best I could to make good the destruction by additional bushes."

Mr O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district said he did not give notice to Mr Gleeson: the hedge in question had been cut several times previously and it was on a very dangerous corner.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Roads Inspection Committee to interview Mr Gleeson ~~in the matter~~.

WEXFORD-ROSSLARE SLOB ROAD.

It was decided to postpone consideration of the present position of this road pending discussion of Roads Inspection Committee with Mr Quigley, Chief Roads Engineer of the Department of Local Government.

GOREY-COURTOWN ROAD.

The County Surveyor reported that this road was not bad now. A good deal of work had been done on it, though pot-holes were still in parts of it. They had done all that the money available allowed, and as the heavy summer traffic to Courtown was now over, they would be able to maintain it with the ordinary maintenance amount.

GRANTS FOR ROADS.

The County Surveyor called attention to the necessity for receiving from the Local Government Department early intimation of the allocation of Grants for roads for next year. He could have done an enormous amount of grouting work in April or May last had they got intimation about Grants in time. It would save a great deal of money and provide for considerably more work if the allocation could be made in October or November and intimation of the amounts conveyed to the Council.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr O'Byrne:-

"That we request the Local Government Department to obtain from Department of Finance particulars of amounts to be allowed for road improvement work for next financial year. Early intimation to each County Council of the amounts available will make for economy and efficiency in administration."

Presiding Chairman.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-

"That the Minutes of Roads Committee of 26th September 1927 as submitted to this meeting be received and considered."
New Ross Courthouse.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Walsh:-

That in order to meet the convenience of the public, the Ministry of Justice be requested to establish Circuit Courts in the four towns of the county, viz:- Enniscorthy, Gorey, New Ross and Wexford. The holding of Circuit Court at only one centre in the county is the cause of great public inconvenience."

Cement for Enniscorthy-Wexford Road.

The County Surveyor stated that a representative of the Cement Marketing Co. had taken samples of the consignment of cement which had been rejected, for analysis in London, and at the suggestion of Mr Quigley, Chief Roads Engineer, he (Co. Surveyor) had sent a sample to the State Chemist. The test of the latter came just within the specification and the English test was clearly all right. It seemed there was a very big difference between the tests. He had arranged with the contractors that none of this consignment of cement would be used and the portion of the road done with it would not be paid for until it had been thoroughly tested.

Ballybrennan Quarry.

The following under date 3rd October 1927 was read from Mr T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor:-

"In reply to your letter of 26th ult., the name and address of occupier of plot required at above is Edward Freeman, Ballinavary, Bree. He states that on 22/2/25 Mrs Deacon, owner at the time, gave him verbal permission to go in and reclaim this plot which was then a knock, covered with bushes and briars. In March 1925 a verbal agreement was made between Freeman and Mr Deacon by which rent was fixed at £1 per annum for this plot and another

larger one adjoining. Later there was a dispute about trespass and no rent was paid at any time.

I have also seen Mr Deacon and he has confirmed Freeman's statement. If the granting of permission to enter on plot rests with Mr Deacon, he is prepared to give it over at rate of 5/- per perch. Regarding the "inch" opposite quarry, Mr Deacon is prepared to have this fixed up by arbitration."

Mr Elgee said it appeared from Mr Cullen's letter as if Freeman had no rights in the piece of land.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Quin seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-

"That a Committee be appointed to negotiate with Mr Deacon relative to the purchase of the portion of land at Ballybrennan Quarry referred to as the "Inch" and that in the event of this Committee being unable to come to terms with Mr Deacon, they be empowered to call in an outside arbitrator. That as regards the portion of land occupied by Edward Freeman, Mr Elgee, Solicitor, be asked to advise the Council relative to any rights which this man may have in the plot."

The following were appointed the Committee to deal with the matter:-The Chairman, Messrs Shannon and Hall.

Col Quin proposed Mr Thorpe seconded and it was passed:-

"That in the event of Mr Elgee, Solicitor, considering that Edward Freeman has no rights in regard to the plot at Ballybrennan, the Committee be empowered to offer Mr Deacon 5/- per perch in respect of same."

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Shannon:-

"That the Minutes of Roads Committee in respect of meeting of 26th September 1927 be and are hereby confirmed subject to any amendments made by the County Council at this meeting as hereinbefore set out."

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE.

The following report of Scholarship Committee
was submitted

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.
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A meeting of Scholarship Committee of Wexford County Council was held in Co. Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 17th September, 1927.

Present:- Colonel Gibbon (Vice Chairman Co. Council) presiding; also Rev. W. F. Murphy, President, St. Peter's College, Rev. T. Talbot, Rector, Horetown; Messrs E. P. Foley, John Kelly and Sean O'Byrne.

The Secretary to the Co. Council was also in attendance.

Primary Scheme:- The meeting in accordance with the request of the Co. Council discussed the result of Primary Scholarship examination at which nine candidates out of 15 failed in History and Geography. The papers set in these subjects were carefully examined and were considered to be of fair standard.

Mr. Kelly mentioned that if the age limit could be extended by a year the pupils would be much better prepared.

This was not practicable however in view of the age fixed for Leaving Certificate to which Primary Scholarship led up.

The meeting decided to ask the Department of Education, if possible, in future, to have the questions in papers for History and Geography set in as simplified form as can be done.

The provisions of Primary Scheme for next year were then considered. Beyond the necessary changes for the new period the Committee made no change in last year's scheme which, it was decided, should be forwarded to the Department of Education for their approval.

University Scheme.

The general provisions of Scheme which obtained last year were approved.

It was agreed that one of the Honour subjects of Exam should be Irish. Also that in Form of Application for Scholarship students should state the course of studies which they intend pursuing at the University.

A letter was read from Rev. Br. Markey, Superior, Christian Bros., Wexford, asking that if any University Scholarship was vacant it should be granted to John Stafford, Piercestown, who

had passed the Leaving Certificate Examination (Secondary Schools).

The Committee decided to point out to Br. Markey that Mr. Stafford had failed in Irish, which was an essential subject according to the University Scholarship Scheme of the Wexford Co. Council.

A question was raised as to the eligibility of students who were adopting an ecclesiastical career being awarded scholarships. Such students were allowed in other Counties to hold University Scholarships.

The Committee made no order in the matter.

In connection with the establishment of Technical Specialisation Scholarships and Research Scholarships the Committee considered it would be advisable if the views of Mr. P. Gallagher, D.Sc., 1, Royse Road, Dublin, were furnished to the General Council of Co. Councils in order to ascertain if other Co. Councils would be in favour of a Scheme for such post graduate scholarships in Science and Agriculture, and which were urgently needed from a National point of view. The great benefits reaped by other countries through research prove that in the matter Ireland should not be satisfied to remain in her present backward position. The Co. Wexford Scholarship Committee are most anxious that the Scholarship Committee of the General Council of County Councils should examine such a proposal from a National point of view and if satisfied as to its feasibility request the other Councils in "An Saorstát" to agree to a substantial contribution towards these Scholarship foundations.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Shannon:-

"That the Minutes of Scholarship Committee in respect of meeting of 17th September 1927 be and are hereby approved."

SCHOLARSHIPS FROM PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Under date 19th September 1927, the Department of Education (F. 13080) wrote approving of awards of Scholarships from Primary Schools as made by Wexford County Council.

REPORT COMMITTEE - WEXFORD-ENNISCORTHY ROAD.

The following report was read from Inspection Committee Wexford-Enniscorthy Road:-

"The following members of the Committee appointed were present:-Mr McCarthy, Col. C.M. Gibbon, C.M.G. Mr James Gaul, Mr Barry, (County Surveyor), Mr Birthistle and Mr Frizelle (Secretary). Also present:-Mr Quigley (Inspecting Engineer), Mr O'Brien, Director of Contracting Company and Mr Martin (Pioneer Road Company's Engineer).

At 10-15 a.m. the Sub-Committee proceeded to inspect the road.

Progress. The concrete work is now practically complete from Ferrycarrig Bridge to within half a mile of Oylegate. The section, Arran Cottage-Kyle Cross opened this week. Prospects are that the work may be complete before Christmas, should there be no hard frost. The present rate of progress may be roughly estimated at a mile in eight days. All the mixers are in efficient condition, properly supplied with water and the gangs well trained.

Expansion Joints. Mr Quigley considers that the expansion joints are satisfactory and that there is no necessity to make them diagonally across the road instead of transversely.

Thickness of Concrete. On a few high points it was found that there was only a thickness of five inches of concrete in the roadway. Mr Quigley considered that it is preferable to have the concrete under six inches at these points rather than to weaken the foundation by cutting away the surface of the road.

Curing of Concrete. Pipe lines are available for supplying water for curing the surface of the road-way. The necessity for this is not so great as during the long hot summer days.

Tamping of Concrete. Particular attention was paid to the method of tamping of concrete. Mr Quigley considers that the methods being used are those in common practice when roads are being made in England or in Ireland.

Wetness of Concrete. In two places it was noticed that the concrete was being laid with rather too much water. The attention of the Contractor was drawn to this.

Proportion of Aggregate. In the case of the concrete mixer near Ferrycarrig, it was noticed that sand was being measured in wheelbarrows. On a test being taken, it was found that the quantity of sand was not sufficient. The contractor undertook to use guaging boxes in future.

Quality of Concrete. A section of about one yard square was cut out of the roadway for inspection. On breaking up this block it was found that the top 4" of concrete was exceedingly dense with no cavities. In the bottom 2", however, there are some few cavities. Mr Quigley does not consider that better results are possible.

Banking of Road. The outer edge of the roadway is being banked on all bends. "

The following report was read from Mr Quigley, Chief Roads Engineer, Local Government Department:-

"Together with members of your Roads Committee I made an inspection yesterday of the work in progress and of the completed work. I will be glad if you communicate to the County Council that I consider the results up to the present quite satisfactory. Your members will appreciate that this is not to be read as a complete final decision on the work carried out. There may be many ~~xxx~~ things required to be done before a final certificate is issued.

In the important and essential matters, the contractors are complying with the terms of the specification, and I am confident that in a few months from now this long stretch of road which was the very worst portion of main road in the Saorstad will have been turned into the best in the country.

"Some matters in which there seemed room for improvement were pointed out to the contractors when I inspected the work a month ago. They have met us reasonably and in the proper spirit with regard to these. I am satisfied the County Surveyor is exercising adequate supervision. His foremen too, appear capable and attentive. A word of praise is due to the actual workers who are getting through with their work in excellent fashion.

The contractors have supplied adequate, and in fact very extensive and expensive plant. We have here for the first time in Ireland a large outfit of steel formes of the latest American design. This constitutes in itself a step in advance in concrete laying in this country. Crushing, mixing and transport plants are also on a generous scale.

The whole road is likely to be finished before Christmas. I welcome the interest taken in this important undertaking by your Council and Committee and I trust the results will meet with their approval."

Mr O'Byrne proposed and Mr Shannon seconded the following resolution :- "That the reports of the Wexford-Enniscorthy Roads Committee and of Mr Quigley, Chief Roads Engineer, Local Government Department be received and approved."

Chairman- The work seems to be going on very satisfactory.

Mr W. Boggan stated that although it might be presumption on his part, he did not agree that five inches of concrete was satisfactory. The estimate was for six inches and they were only getting five.

Mr Gaul- I think it is only fair to say that in portions of the road there are as much as ten inches of concrete.

Mr Sean O'Byrne stated he was on the road on September 30th, and there was no part of the work then in progress at which there was under six inches of concrete being laid.

Mr Boggan- That's all right. I don't dispute the fact that there may be portions in which there is 16 or 18 inches. If Mr Barry assures us that five inches over the stone is as effective as six

inches uniform I am quite prepared to abide by it.

The Co. Surveyor stated he went into the matter very fully when they had a previous discussion. They should remember that the concrete was laid upon a rubble bottom which had to be laid at the time the road went to bits. That was now consolidated. They had to take into account sections longitudinally as well as across. If there was a knob of a stone standing out and they ~~re~~ removed it, the road would be weakened. It would loosen the whole of the base and this could not be restored. The stone in question might be down six or eight inches and he maintained it should not be removed. Mr Quigley and Col Gibbon agreed on that point with his view.

Mr Boggan stated the Co. Surveyor's explanation was very plausible, but he did not believe it was a sound one. If the foundation of the road had been made uniform in the first instance, all this could have been avoided. If the road broke up at any spot it would become from the nature of the road almost general. If the foundation had been properly laid, they could have avoided all this makeshift work.

Co. Surveyor- I say the foundation was properly treated and it is not makeshift work. I maintain we laid the foundation down when the road was a quagmire, with gulfs running for miles up to two feet or two feet six inches. We put in rubble stone which has all consolidated. We had in view the surfacing of the road with macadam. We had not in view that we were going to get a concrete surface. The road was prepared in the best possible way. It was impossible to put down a rubble bottom and have the road as level as a table. It cannot be done and I maintain that it has been done properly.

Mr Boggan stated he did not agree with Messrs Barry, Quigley or Col Gibbon's reports. Mr Barry's explanation had only intensified the defects. If Mr Barry had succeeded in making the foundation it was simple for him to make it uniform. It was patchwork and very miserable patchwork to put concrete down on a foundation that was not uniform.

Co. Surveyor- I say five inches is much stronger on a rubble bottom and consolidated than eight inches on bad bottom.

After some further discussion the Chairman said that the County Council Officials and the Local Government ~~Department~~ Department were satisfied that an excellent job was being carried out. That was also his own opinion.

The resolution approving of report of the Committee was then put and declared carried.

DRINAGH-ROSSLARE SLOB ROAD.

The following report of Committee appointed to examine and report re above road was read:-

"The following members of the Committee appointed ~~in~~ were present:-Colonel C.M. Gibbon C.M.G., ~~Messrs~~ Mr James Gaul, Mr Barry (Co. Surveyor), Mr Frizelle (Secretary) and Mr Quigley, Inspecting Engineer.

The sub-committee left Wexford about 3 p.m. and proceeded to inspect the Drinagh-Rosslare Road. Railway Crossing. After thorough inspection on the spot, the sub-committee came to the conclusion that an overhead bridge was out of the question. It was, however, considered that the road could be carried under the railway for comparatively low expense. Mr Quigley agreed that the Co. Surveyor should be instructed immediately to take levels and prepare plans and drawings with a rough estimate. As soon as this has been done, the proposals should be put before the Railway Company for consideration. The offer of the Company to maintain a level crossing at £100 per annum was considered to be exorbitant.

Uncompleted Portion of Road. The sub-committee then proceeded to the bridge where the road leaves the Slob at the Rosslare end. The roadway is complete from Drinagh to within about one mile of this bridge. The road is also complete beyond the bridge to Rosslare. The incomplete portion of the road is very muddy and quite impassable for vehicles in its present condition. It is recommended that if funds are available, the work should be pushed on pending negotiations with Railway Company regarding level crossing."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Doyle:-

"That the report of Committee relative to Drinagh Slob Road be received and adopted. That we request the Roads Department of the Local Government Department to provide the necessary amount to complete the unfinished portion of this work.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

The following motion of which he had given previous ~~xxxix~~ notice was moved by Mr Connors:-

"That no material be taken from a privately owned quarry for road maintenance so long as material can be procured from a quarry worked by the County Council."

Mr Cline seconded.

The Co. Surveyor said if the motion passed in its present form, it might be difficult-if not impossible, to carry it out in all cases, without a considerable extra cost for haulage, etc. If Mr Connors would agree to put in the word "conveniently" after the word "procured" he (Co. Surveyor) would be satisfied.

After considerable discussion the motion was amended as follows:- "That no material be taken from a privately owned quarry for road maintenance by direct labour so long as material can be procured conveniently and economically from a quarry worked by the County Council."

This was proposed by Mr Connors seconded by Mr Cline and adopted, Mr Thorpe dissenting.

THE SHANNON SCHEME.

Under date 16th September 1927 (S. 43088/1927) the Department of Local Government wrote calling attention to the risks attendant on any unauthorised interference with the transmission lines of the Shannon Scheme. In some districts parts of the installation had already suffered wanton or malicious damage that would have to be repaired out of the public purse. It should be widely known that such mischievous acts involve a grave risk of death.

The Minister asked the County Council to arrange that the

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notices which accompanied his letter should be prominently displayed outside and inside the Offices of the Council.

The Secretary stated that the request of the Department in this matter had been carried out.

SOW. DRAINAGE.

The following was read from the River Sow Drainage Trustees:-

"We, the Trustees of the River Sow Drainage Area, are aware that the said Drainage area is about to be placed under the control of the Wexford County Council by the Board of Works Department. The latter Board took over the above area with the object of having improvements made thereon.

It was distinctly understood by the Trustees that the River Sow, drains, etc. were to be restored to their original state.

In our opinion and according to the information at our disposal, this has not been carried out.

We, on two occasions, made representations to the Board of Works Department, but only received a formal acknowledgment.

We therefore, respectfully request the County Council to instruct their Surveyor to make an inspection of the River Sow, drains, etc, as soon as possible, and as the Trustees would desire to accompany the Surveyor, an intimation of the date of inspection will much oblige."

Mr Kavanagh proposed and Col Quin seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem.con.:-

"That the County Surveyor be directed to furnish report to the County Council in connection with River Sow Drainage and to deal particularly with the question of whether the original drains in the Scheme had been repaired under recent improvements by the Board of Works. That the County Surveyor notify the Trustees of the Drainage area of the date of his inspection."

Mr Kavanagh proposed and Col Quin seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That in order to allow the County Council to be in a

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"position to examine the works under Drainage Schemes which it is proposed to hand over to the Council, the Board of Works be requested to furnish plans and details of these Schemes to the Council before the issue of Charging Order."

BUILDING OF BRIDGES.

Mr Shannon said that some time ago the County Council discussed the building of two bridges in his area. It was then decided that one of these bridges, that at Whitehouse, and a bridge in Kilmuckridge in Gorey district be built. He would like to know if the County Surveyor was prepared to build these bridges?

The Co. Surveyor said he was not. He might put them in hands in March but not before, as he could not agree to the depletion of the Contingencies Fund now. The bridges in question were necessary works, but he would not agree to the Contingencies Fund being depleted at the present time in order to build them. If they had a bad winter, every half-penny they had in this Fund would be required for road maintenance.

Mr Shannon proposed:-

"That the County Council agree to the building of the bridge at Whitehouse, Rathnure."

Mr Clinze seconded.

Mr Doyle proposed:- "That in view of the Co. Surveyor's observations relative to the erection of bridge at Whitehouse the Council proceed to the next business."

Mr O'Donoghue seconded.

The Chairman said he would take a show of hands on the proposal to build the bridge.

It was found that five were in favour of the proposal of Mr Shannon and ten against.

The Chairman declared the resolution lost.

COMBINED PURCHASING ACT 1925.

Under date 20th September 1927, the following was read from Mr Thomas Kelly, Clerk to Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy:-

"Referring to the County Council's resolution, the ¹⁸¹ annexed table shows approximate saving for the year ending 31/3/27.

The figures are based as far as possible on the official and Local Contracts prices and show a nett saving of £133.

This figure probably flatters the Department as a good number of contractors recognising the futility of competing for some commodities such as tobacco and soaps do not tender and prices are not as keen as if the contracts were decided on the old system.

As the table only deals with an annual expenditure of about £1600 out of a gross expenditure of about £13,000 on the purchase of all the Committee's supplies, I might explain that Combined Purchasing only applies to certain commodities required in Mental Hospital."

No reply had been received from Secretary, County Board of Health.

It was decided to refer this letter to the Finance Committee with a view to considering the question of payment of the assessment on Wexford County under Combined Purchasing Act.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Thorpe seconded by the Chairman:-

"That the Trade Section of the Local Government Department be requested to issue their trade prices list by the 1st. of February and the 1st of August in each year, as this would greatly facilitate Public Bodies when considering tenders for supplies."

SUPPLEMENTAL LOAN OF £2000

MOUNTGARRETT BRIDGE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Walsh seconded by the Chairman:-

"That in pursuance of the consent of the Local Government Department, Ireland by letter dated 5th September 1927, the Council do borrow from The National Bank Ltd. Wexford the sum of £2000 for the purpose of defraying proportion of the cost of rebuilding Mount Garrett Bridge to be repaid to the Bank by half-

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"yearly instalments spread over a period of ten years with interest thereon at one-half per cent under the Irish Banks' rate rising and falling therewith from time to time but at no time to be less than £4 per cent per annum - said Loan to be secured by a Mortgage over the rates available for that purpose and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to said Mortgage."

COUNTY TUBERCULOSIS SCHEME.

Under date 3rd October 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (PH 45306/1927-II.) forwarding copy of letter addressed to the County Board of Health regarding the following information from the County Council:-

(a) The name and address of the owner of any cow which ~~is~~ is slaughtered in pursuance of Section 18 of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act 1908, as being affected with Tuberculosis ^{ar} Disease of the Udder.

(b) The name and address of the owner of any cow which is slaughtered under the provisions of the Bovine Tuberculosis Order 1926.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Shannon:-

"That the information in connection with the slaughter of animals under the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act 1908 and the Bovine Tuberculosis Order of 1926 be supplied as occasion arises to Dr W. O'Connor, Tuberculosis Officer."

CONTROL AND REGULATIONS OF ROAD TRAFFIC.

The following circular letter was read from the Inter-Departmental Committee on Control and Regulations of Road Traffic:

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Inter-Departmental Committee on Control
and Regulations of Road Traffic,
51, Upper Mount Street, DUBLIN,
26th September, 1927.

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In April last a Committee was set up by the Government "to inquire and report as to whether and, if so, how far the existing law relating to the control and regulation of road traffic in all its aspects requires modification, more especially in view of the growth in the use of the various kinds of motor vehicles."

On the 21st May last the Committee invited, through a notice in the Press, written representations from, inter alia, any local or other authority concerned in or affected by the subject of the inquiry. Up to the present, however, no representations in the matter have been received from any local authority or any body representing local authorities. In the circumstances, the Committee have directed me to communicate with each Local Authority who may be interested in the matter with the views of the Authority on the subject of the inquiry and particularly with regard to the following points, viz:-

- (1)) Speed Limits, e.g. the question of abolishing the 20 miles per hour limit for motor cars (including motor cycles) and relying instead on more stringent provision and penalties concerning dangerous driving.
- (2)) Conditions regarding fitness for licences to drive motor vehicles or different classes of motor vehicles.
- (3)) Licensing of omnibuses and charabancs to ply for hire with particular reference to the safeguards necessary in the public interest and whether the licensing body should be central or local.
- (4)) Certification of routes for omnibuses, having regard to public safety considerations and whether by a central or local authority.
- (5)) Lighting of Vehicles (motor, horse-drawn and pedal cycles)- front and rear lights.
- (6)) Regulations regarding the use by all classes of traffic of footpaths, streets and roads in towns and villages, including the practice of displaying goods on such footpaths, streets and roads and the holding of fairs and markets in the public roads.
- (7)) Registration and Licensing of pedal cycles.
- (8)) Compulsory Insurance against Third Party Risks by owners of motor vehicles.
- (9)) Provision of Parking Places (including question of acquiring land therefor).

As the Committee are anxious to submit their report to the Government as soon as possible, early attention by your authority to this communication will be greatly appreciated.

If convenient, six copies of your reply should be furnished
To- The Secretary to each Co. Co. Mise, le meas,
The Town Clerk of each Co. Borough ((Signed)) C. J. WHELAN,
" Clerk to each Urban Dist. Co. Runaidhe
" " to each Town Commissioners

The Council after considerable discussion agreed to the following replies:-

1. The present speed limit should be, as regards ordinary motor cars and motor cycles, abolished, and should be replaced by a special provision to cover careless driving or driving to the danger of the public. Lorries should be limited to 12 miles an hour, speed to be controlled by a governor.
2. No licence to drive a motor vehicle should be issued to any person subject to any physical disability which would be likely to interfere with the proper control of the vehicle. The person who is refused a licence for this reason to have the right to secure a test to prove his ability to properly handle and control a motor vehicle.

We believe it would be advisable that the Government or an Association interested in the proper arrangement and conduct of traffic should issue instructions relative to the "law of the road."

3. This should be done - control to be central.
4. Should be certification by Local Authority with right of appeal to Roads Department of Local Government Department.
5. A proper reflector red disc should be shown at rere of all horse-drawn vehicles and pedal cycles, and rear light on all motor vehicles, trailers and traction engines.
6. Should be regulations.
7. Should be registered on a nominal fee of 1/-: registration to be in force without further fee so long as the owner retains machine. Should be new registration for each new owner.
8. Most essential.
9. Should be parking places set aside for towns and villages.

NO. 4. OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Quin seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-

"That as recommended by No. 4. Sub-Committee of Old Age Pensions Committee, Rev N. J. Codd P.P. Kilanerin, Gorey be appointed

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a member of said ^{Sub} Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of his predecessor, Rev. A. McCormack P.P."

CAMOLIN PARK ROAD.

Under date 19th September 1927, letter was read from Mr A.C. Forbes, Forestry Section of the Department of Agriculture that the Camolin Park Road which was a private road owned by the Department was in a bad state. On previous occasions, the Department had done a great deal towards its repair and Mr Forbes did not see any reason for their refusing to do so again, provided the various parties using the road were prepared to co-operate. Very little use was made of it by the Department, and to put it into anything like first class condition would mean a very heavy expense. If the persons concerned would cart the material he would be prepared to recommend the Department to supply 50 loads of metal from the quarry on the Department's lands, as was done on the last occasion the road was repaired, or if the County Council would provide the stone, the Department might have it spread.

The Secretary stated he had forwarded copy of this letter to Mr P. Byrne Co. Councillor for the district who wrote stating that the tenants using the road had agreed to accept the offer of Mr Forbes, but they considered that the material from the Department's quarry was unsuitable. The accumulated stuff on the edges should also be removed so as to let the water off the road. Some of the drains were broken and would require repair.

The following resolution had been adopted at the meeting of the tenants on the motion of Mr J. Lawlor seconded by Mr J. Quinn:- "That we, the tenants on the Camolin Park Demesne land, hereby agree to accept the offer of the Department of Agriculture and agree to spread the fifty loads of stones offered by them. We desire to point out that the stone in the Department's quarry is unsuitable for road metalling and suggest that some better quality material should be used. We consider that the fifty loads of material will not be sufficient to metal this road.

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"There is also a link road which requires repair as it is now in as bad a condition as the main road. The two roads in question lead to land held by about 35 people which land is nearly all in tillage."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr P. Byrne seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-

"That our Secretary arrange with Mr Forbes of the Department of Agriculture to meet him at Camolin Park for the purpose of seeing what can be done to have the Camolin Park Road put into fair condition. That the Co. Surveyor accompany the Secretary on the date arranged for interview with Mr Forbes. That our Secretary and County Surveyor be authorised to meet the wishes of the users of the road in so far as they consider ~~these~~ these to be reasonable."

POISONS AND PHARMACY LICENCES.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cline seconded by Mr Shannon:-

"That licence ~~s~~ under Poisons & Pharmacy Act be issued to William Hogan, Fethard-on-Sea, and renewal of licence under said Act to Robert Rackard, Killanne, Enniscorthy."

CINEMATOGRAPH ACT.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Cline:-

"That as the County Surveyor and Civic Guard approve of the tent in which H. Williams, Travelling Bazaar Picture and Variety Company, is exhibiting moving pictures, licence under Cinematograph Act be issued in respect of this structure provided that two copies of plan, etc. in conformity with the regulations under said Act be furnished the County Council."

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

MONTHLY MEETING

SEPTEMBER 12TH. 1927.

MINUTES.

N. J. FRIZELLE

FORTVIEW

SECRETARY

WEXFORD.

The monthly meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 12th September 1927.

Present:- Mr T. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding: also present, Messrs James Clince, Sean O'Byrne, P. Hayes, Patrick Byrne, A. Mernagh, Thomas Rossiter, M. M. O'Donoghue, John Whyte, James Gaul, John Pender, John Connors, Michael Doyle, Michael Cloney, James Shannon, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, William Thorpe, James E. Walsh, Thomas Cooney, Col. Gibbon V.C. and Col. Quin.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, Mr Elgee, Solicitor and the six Assistant Surveyors of the Council were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEES.

Finance.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Col Quin:- "That the Minutes of the Finance Committee of the Council in respect of meeting of 18th August 1927 as follows be received and considered." :-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 18th August 1927.

Present:- Mr T. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs Sean O'Byrne, Thorpe, Mernagh, and Hayes.

The Assistant Secretary and the Co. Surveyor were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £7841-10-0 was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

The state of the Rate Collection was submitted, showing that the following percentages of amounts of warrants in respect of 1927-28 Rate were lodged:-

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The following resolution was adopted:-

"That as a number of Rate Collectors had made lodgments in the country branches of the Bank on the 17th inst, and which were not, at time of meeting, included in Bank Pass Book, the Finance Committee consider the state of the Rate Collection at next meeting; that return to be submitted to said meeting including lodgments brought to account in Bank Pass Book up to and including 30th Aug. that Rate Collectors lodging in country branches of the Bank be instructed to have their lodgments, for inclusion in return, made by the 29th August: and that any Collector found by the Acting Secretary to have less than 25% lodged, be directed to attend next meeting of the Finance Committee with all his collecting books. That Collectors be informed that failure to have 25% of warrants lodged by the date

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 18th August 1927.

Present:- Mr T. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs Sean O'Byrne, Thorpe, Mernagh, and Hayes.

The Assistant Secretary and the Co. Surveyor were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £7841-10-0 was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

The state of the Rate Collection was submitted, showing that the following percentages of amounts of warrants in respect of 1927-28 Rate were lodged:-

E. J. Murphy 35.63: J. Quirke 34.04: P. Furlong 33.06:
B. Cleary 25.22: C. McCarthy 18.71: M. Deegan 18.61: W. Cummins 18.61:
J. Curtis 18.61: P. Donohoe 18.28: T. Sutton 17.84: J.J. O'Reilly
17.70: J. Cummins 15.33: J. Doyle 15.25: P. Walsh 14.45: Patrick
Fitzpatrick 13.94: P. O'Byrne 13.46: T. Rowe 12.40: S. Gannon 11.01:
M M. Kelly 10.62: J.J. Kelly 8.91: J.J. Sinnott 7.71.

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stated will render them liable to suspension at next meeting of the Finance Committee."

A statement was submitted showing the following amounts of old rates outstanding:-

1923 Rate	£103-0-8	
1924 "	£121-10-5	
1925 "	£79-11-4	
1926 "	<u>£575-7-4</u>	
		£879-9-7
1927 "		<u>£5261-11-3</u>
Total		£6141-0-10.

The following resolution was adopted:-

That Collectors be directed to close off during the present half-year, arrears of old rates outstanding."

Under date 11th August 1927, the following letter (No G. 33671/1927 Wexford County) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to the entry in the Minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 4th ultimo, and to state that the proposed payment of poundage quarterly on 60% of the rates lodged when at least one half of the warrant has been accounted for has been noted, but the Minister feels that a concession of this nature should be coupled with a requirement as to the date by which the monies must be lodged.

The Minister is not satisfied with the progress of the rate collection in Wexford generally, and is particularly displeased at the amount of old arrears outstanding from 1923 onwards. It is desired that these arrears be forthwith disposed of."

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That in order to qualify for payment of poundage, Rate Collectors should have 50% of first moiety of collection lodged by the 15th September, and 50% of second moiety by the 31st January."

A letter was read from Collector Michael Deegan enclosing a communication which he had received from the Estate Agents of

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a large estate in the County, stating that they were not in a position to meet the amount of the Poor Rates at the moment, but hoped to be in a position to make a payment in a short time.

Mr Deegan stated he forwarded the communication to the County Council as the ratepayer concerned was one of the largest in his district, and were the amount paid it would considerably $\frac{1}{2}$ increase the percentage lodged by him.

RATES ON CLOBEMON HALL.

A letter was read from Mr M. N. Watts, Clohamon House, ~~stax~~ stating that he paid the rates in respect of the period ended 31st March 1927 on Clobemon Hall under protest, as the house was not in a state fit for habitation.

A letter was read from Mr M. Deegan, Rate Collector, stating that as far as he could see, the house was quite fit for occupation in February last, and the second moiety of the 1927 Rate was paid for it. The house at the present time was under repair.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Thorpe:-

"That in view of the provisions of Section 9 of the ~~IKEREA~~ Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions) Act, 1926, rates due on Clobemon Hall in respect of the half-year ending 30th September 1927 be not demanded as the premises are undergoing repairs. That Mr Watts be informed that the County Council cannot accede to his request in respect of the rates paid for period ended 31st March 1927."

NEW BUILDINGS LIST.

Applications for inclusion of their holdings on New Buildings List were received from Mr Thomas McCarthy, Fairfield, Enniscorthy, No 324 E.D. Enniscorthy Rural and Mr Ivan Yeates, "Westcliffe House" No. 193 E.D. Enniscorthy Rural.

On the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Mernagh the applications were agreed to.

TENDERS FOR PRINTING.

The following tenders were received for the printing of four half years' Abstracts of Accounts and Secretary's statements:-

Free Press, Wexford £16-16-0

People, do £21-10-0.

On the motion of the Chairman, the tender of the Free Press being the lower was accepted. KK

REPAIRS TO CIRCUIT COURT OFFICE.

Under date 16th August 1927, Mr J. N. Scallan, County KK Registrar, Wexford reported that on the night of the 15th August seven panes of glass were broken in the windows of his office. The windows now required a general overhauling. The front door was also in a bad state.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman that the Co. Surveyor be directed to have the necessary repairs to the Circuit Court Office, Wexford carried out immediately.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Rossiter:-

"That the Minutes of the meeting of Finance Committee of 18th August be and are hereby confirmed."

The Minutes of Finance Committee of September 1st 1927 were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held on 1st September 1927.

Present:-Messrs Sean O'Byrne, P. Hayes, Aidan Mernagh, and William Thorpe.

The Secretary and Assistant Secretary were in attendance.

On the motion of Mr Thorpe seconded by Mr Hayes the Chair was taken by Mr Sean O'Byrne.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

A message was received from the Chairman that he would not be in time for the meeting owing to a motor breakdown on the way.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note covering payments amounting to £ 9192-12-4 was examined and signed.

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES.

Primary. Under date 19th August 1927, the Secretary, Office of National Education wrote forwarding results of Examination for Secondary Scholarships. The following candidates had passed examination, names being given in order of merit:-

1.-Eileen J. Cadogan, Aclamon, Campile (703 marks): 2.-Patrick Doyle, Duncannon (646): 3.-Thomas Cogley, Bulgan, Glynn (617): 4.-John J. O'Brien, Allenstown, Broadway (520). 5.-James Hargadon, 5 Main Street, Gorey (502).

The following had failed the examination:- 6- Patrick Sheehan, Clonattin Road, Gorey (583) (failed in Irish): 7.-Peter Jackman Barmoney, Bree (491) (failed in History, Geography and Algebra): 8.-Statia Moynihan, Lower Glasganny, Castlebridge (451) (failed in Irish History Geography and Drawing): 9.-Thomas J. Ford Kilrane Railway Station (433) (failed in Algebra and Drawing) ^{(History + Geography) +} 10.-Daniel Druhan, Lady's Island (414) (failed in Irish) ^(History + Geography) 11.-Moses Breen 14 William Street, Gorey, (365) (failed in Irish, Arithmetic, History and Geography): 12.-Peter Sinnott, Oylegate (363) (failed in Irish History, Geography, Algebra and Geometry) 13.-Gerald P. Carroll Barryville, Rosslare (353) (failed in Irish History, Geography, Algebra and Drawing): 14.-Martin J. Forde, Delta Cottage, Gorey (343) (failed in Arithmetic History and Geography) 15. Thos Godkin, Maytown, Taggart (214) failed in Irish Arithmetic.

History, Geography, Algebra and Drawing.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Hayes:-

"That the County Council be recommended to award Scholarships in accordance with their Scheme of Scholarships from Primary Schools 1927 to the following:-

Eileen J. Cadogan, Aclamon, Campile: Patrick Doyle, Duncannon: Thomas Cogley, Bulgan, Glynn and John F. O'Brien Broadway, and a Bursary to James Hargadon 5 Main Street, Gorey, as he resides within two miles of a recognised Secondary School.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Hayes:-

That as recommended by the Department of Education in their letters of 8th and 18th August 1927, renewals of secondary Scholarships be granted the following:- Richard F. Doyle, Blackrock College, Dublin: Joseph Flynn, St. Peter's College, Wexford: Thomas Higgins, do: Laurence J. Butler, do: Patrick J. O'Reilly, do: John Hunt, do: and Mary Kavanagh, Loreto Convent, North Great George Street, Dublin.

University. Under date 11th August 1927, the following was read from the Secretary, University College, Dublin:-

"I beg to inform you that the following are the results of the Summer Examinations of students holding Scholarships from your Council in the Session 1926-27:-

Michael J. Howlett - Report after the Third University Examination in Medicine in Autumn.

Thomas Keegan - Passed in the Subsidiary subject for the B. Comm Degree: further report after the B. Comm. Degree Exam in the Autumn.

Kathleen M. Bolger - Passed the B.A. Degree Examination.

Thomas J. Malone - Failed at the B. Sc. Degree Examination.

Patrick Whelan - Passed in the Subsidiary subject for B. Sc. Degree further report after the B. Sc. Exam in Autumn.

Honor A.M. Bolger - Passed the Second Year College Examination in Commerce with Honours.

Donald McAuliffe- Did not enter for the Second Year College Exam. in Arts.

Margaret Berney - Passed the First University Examination in Commerce with Second Class Honours in Irish.

Michael G. Stedmond-Passed the First University Examination in Science."

The Secretary stated that he had written Mr McAuliffe in connection with his Exam and had received a reply under date 16th August 1927 that the First and Second Year Examinations in Arts were held on the same dates and he could not sit for Second Year Exam. as he had to sit for First Year Examination again.

This was sent to the Secretary, University College, Dublin for his observations.

A reply from him was received under date 22nd August 1927 stating that Mr McAuliffe passed the First Arts Examination in June. The First and Second Year Examinations in Arts were not held on the same dates for all subjects, but Mr McAuliffe might have had some difficulty in sitting for both Examinations.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Hayes:-

That renewals of University Scholarships be recommended to Honor A.M. Bolger(3rd Year): Margaret Berney(2nd Year): Michael G. Stedmond(2nd Year): and Donald McAuliffe(3rd Year). In the case of the latter, the Finance Committee do not consider his explanation of failure to sit for Second Year's College Examination in Arts as entirely satisfactory. Kathleen M. Bolger has already been awarded an extension of her Scholarship to allow her to obtain the Higher Diploma in Education."

COURTOWN HARBOUR MASTER.

Under date 31st August 1927, the following was read from Mr Patrick Stapleton, Harbour Master, Courtown Harbour:-

"I am going to Dublin in the morning and I believe to Hospital and may not be back for six weeks. In the meantime, Mr Richard Garland will act for me as arranged with Mr Barry to whom

"I was speakin last week.

You will get the August Accounts as usual but I may not be back sooner than the middle of October when I can send September accounts with balance sheets. Hoping the above arrangement will suit you."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Thorpe seconded by Mr Hayes:-

"That we agree to the arrangements made by Mr P. Stapleton Harbour Master, Courtown Harbour by which Mr R. Garland will discharge the duties of Harbour Master during the absence of Mr Stapleton on condition that the County Council are not to be held responsible for any payment to Mr Garland in the matter."

COMBINED PURCHASING ACT 1925.

Under date 29th August 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (S27392/1927 Genl) asking for Pay Order for £141-14-1 amount payable by Wexford County Council in pursuance of Section 10 of above Act.

It was decided to refer the communication to next meeting of the County Council.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES) ACT 1926.

Under date 30th August 1927 the Department of Local Government wrote (S 30744/1927) asking that the amount payable by the County Council under above Act should be made as soon as possible.

It was decided that the Local Government Department be informed that payment had been held up pending a satisfactory reply as to the delay in filling vacancies for Medical Officers for Bunclody and Carrigbyrne.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE.

The following resolution passed at meeting of Library Committee on 20th August 1927 was submitted and approved:-

"That all Minutes of Meetings of the Library Committee be forwarded to the County Council for record on the original understanding that no point comes before the County Council for discussion unless the Secretary of the County Council is of opinion that any point recorded is in contravention of the powers conferred on the

"Library Committee by the County Council."

The Minutes of Library Committee in respect of meeting of 9th July 1927 were submitted.

REGISTRATION OF PREMISES FOR SALE OF MARGARINE.

The Secretary stated that the Home & Colonial Stores Ltd. 2.4. & 6 Paul Street, Finsbury Pavement, London, E.C.2. had registered as wholesale dealers in margarine in respect of premises at Market Square, Enniscorthy.

INSURANCE ON ROAD ROLLERS, TRACTORS, ETC.

The following letter to the Co. Surveyor under date 30th August 1927 from the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances was read:-

"Referring to your letter of the 27th inst we have pleasure in advising that we can arrange for a policy as from the renewal date of the above (P.L. Commercial Motor Policy, No. 502017 Renewable 18/9/27), on identical lines covering six Road Rollers, six Traction Engines and forty-eight Trailers at a premium of £67-10-0. If no claims has occurred during the last twelve months, 10% "No Claim Bonus" can be deducted making the nett premium £60-15-0.

This shows a saving of 10% on the premium at present paid, as the annual premium on the above Policy (since endorsed) is £75, as we informed you in our letter of 13th July."

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Thorpe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Policy be taken out through the Irish Public Bodies' Mutual Insurances Ltd. at a premium of £60-15-0 in lieu of P.L. Comm. Motor Policy No 502017 Renewable 18/9/27 covering six road rollers, six motor engines and forty-eight trailers That Co. Surveyor notify former Company that old policy is no longer required."

INSURANCE - STEAM BOILERS.

The following letter from Irish Public Bodies' Mutual Insurances Ltd. under date 24th August 1927 was read:-

"We are obliged for your letter of the 23rd inst re Boiler Policy-Renewable 2/9/27.

In this connection we would refer you to our letter of the

26th March last, in which we quoted you a premium of £19-10-0 for the Steam Boilers policies (two) falling due on 2nd September. This ~~was~~ quotation shows a saving of £1-17-6 and we shall be glad to hear that same is acceptable.

As you are doubtless aware, the Public Bodies' Mutual Insurances are only issuing their own policies in respect of Fire Insurances for the present, but have made special arrangements for the Engineering Insurances of Local Authorities, including periodical inspection and subsequent report by a fully qualified Engineering Surveyor.

A large number of the Public Bodies have already availed of this service including Mayo Co. Council, Grangegorman and Pertrane Clonmel, Enniscorthy, Waterford, Killarney, Limerick, Ennis and Monaghan Mental Hospitals.

In all these cases we have been able to effect substantial economies, and we feel certain that your Council will prefer to avail themselves of our service and transact the business with an Irish Engineering Institution through their own Company."

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Thorpe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Boiler policies covering 11 boilers (Class-Explosion) Amount £11,000 and Boiler Tara Hill Hill Quarry, amount £1500 be effected through Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. at premium of £19-10-0."

RENT WEXFORD COURTHOUSE.

In connection with demand of £24-2-7 from Messrs O'Keeffe & Lynch, Solicitors for quarter year's ground rent of portion of Wexford Courthouse premises, it was decided, that Mr Elgee, Solicitor inform Messrs O'Keeffe & Lynch that the Co. Council would be glad to see title deeds of the premises before making any more payments.

LOCAL ASSISTANCE- HOUSING ACTS.

In connection with above, letter under date 18th August 1927 (H.576/3691/1927 Wexford County) from the Department of Local Government was read.

This pointed out that as the Council did not intend to

offer grants or loans to private persons erecting houses, the Minister urged on the Council the desirability of passing a resolution granting the partial remission of rates in accordance with Section 7 of the Act of 1925, thus affording inducement to private persons to erect houses in the County without involving capital expenditure or substantial loss to the present rates.

After considerable discussion the Finance Committee ~~considered~~ considered that no action should be taken. They believed the concessions urged by the Minister would not be the means of securing the erection of one extra house.

STATE OF RATE COLLECTION.

The state of the Rate Collection to 31st August 1927 was submitted. Messrs J.J. Sinnott and John Kelly who had not 25% of the first moiety of 1927-28 Rate collected had been summoned to attend the meeting.

Mr Sinnott said he had issued all Demand Notes. He had ~~not~~ called on all ratepayers, twice in some instances, but did not get paid. He had been held up by the division of the Doyne Estate. This had been divided up and the Solicitor for Major Doyne had written that he could not give any information until the conveyances had been executed. His district was growing worse because people were unable to set their grass owing to the existence of Fluke disease there a couple of years ago. Hay could not be sold either. One large ratepayer had left his farm altogether and it was at the moment derelict. He (Mr Sinnott) had done his best to get in the rates. ~~Max~~

It was decided that the progress made between now and the 15th September 1927 would be considered at next meeting of Finance Committee to be held on that date.

Mr J.J. Kelly said he never travelled so much through his district previously and with such poor result as on the present occasion. In Balloughter division, there were a number of large ratepayers who up to this had always paid early but this year he was not able to get money from them.

Mr Thorpe called attention to the large number of demand

notes in Mr Kelly's collecting book. In these cases people could reasonably say they had not been asked for their rates.

Mr Kelly said he could not at present get rates from the people whose demand notes were still in his books.

Chairman- Demand Notes should have been distributed before now. We expect you will have all yours given out by the end of next week at latest.

It was decided that the state of Mr Kelly's collection be specially dealt with at next Finance Committee meeting.

Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed and Mr Hayes seconded the following resolution:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 1st September 1927 as submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

Combined Purchasing Act.

In connection with the reference on Minutes of Finance Committee, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-

"That the Clerk to Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy, and the Secretary County Board of Health, be requested to state if they have found economies to have been effected by taking advantage of combined purchasing system of the Department of Local Government, and if they could state (even approximately) what would be the amount of saving per annum which the system has made in the institutions under the control of their respective Boards."

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Hayes, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee of 1st September 1927, be and are hereby confirmed."

ROADS COMMITTEE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Col Quin:-

"That the following Minutes of Roads Committee of 22nd. August 1927 be received and considered.":-

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The monthly meeting of the Roads Committee of Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 22nd August 1927.

Present:- Mr T. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding: also Col. Gibbon, Col Quin, Messrs James Shannon, Sean O'Byrne, Michael Cloney and Patrick Colfer.

The Assistant Secretary, the County and Assistant Surveyors and Mr Elgee, Solicitor were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following report was read from the Co. Surveyor:-

"On the 12th inst, the Committee to deal with New Ross Courthouse met, but only Mr Cooney was in attendance. He and the Co. Surveyor submit preliminary report.

On the 13th inst, the Committee appointed to visit Carne Pier met at Carne and discussed the matter generally. The report from the Committee will be before you, and I have prepared specification for the carrying out of the work. In my opinion it will be advisable to have this done by contract, as there would be some difficulty and expense in getting plant and so forth if carried out by Direct Labour.

The date for the completion of the Gorey Courthouse reconstruction has now passed, and I submit letter I have received from the contractor asking for an extension of time. I believe the contractor has wasted no time on the job, and has made efforts to keep within the period allowed, and I recommend extension of time. The work is being carried out in a satisfactory manner.

The Enniscorthy Courthouse reconstruction work is now in progress and appears to be going on satisfactorily.

After the last meeting of the Council I wrote to Mr Quigley about Wexford-Enniscorthy Road contract giving him the

views of the Council as regards special inspection by him with the County Council Committee. I have reply from the Roads Department Local Government, stating that Mr Quigley is at present on leave and will not be available until after the end of the month. I have constantly inspected the work in progress, which, in my opinion, is going on in a satisfactory manner. The contractors have now the fourth mixer ~~km~~ available and it will be started shortly.

The tar grouting work on the Enniscorthy-New Ross road is now making satisfactory progress, but the very broken weather constantly caused delay. In connection with this work the Roads Inspection Committee visited Ballybrennan Quarry on the 17th inst, and will have recommendations to make in regard to setting of the Breaker at a higher level than formerly, thus enabling waggons to be loaded directly with consequent saving of cost. There is difficulty in regard to acquiring land, as the occupier, who has only apparently squatter's rights, if any at all, is unwilling to part with the land required, unless at a charge much beyond that usually paid for such accommodation.

The preliminary reconstruction work in Enniscorthy Urban District is now in progress. When this work is completed the Local Government Department propose inviting tenders for laying tar macadam surface.

For some time I have been preparing materials for the reconstruction of the Wexford Quays in reinforced concrete. The actual reconstruction work has been delayed waiting on the re-laying of the water mains by the Wexford Corporation. This delay was owing to the difficulty in obtaining new pipes which I understand are now coming to hand. I hope to have the work on the Quay started next week.

The contractor for the rebuilding of Mountgarrett Bridge has now commenced work. He has erected shed and is proceeding with the construction of the temporary bridge preparatory to the dismantling of the old one.

I now have the work of rounding off the corners at Ballyvergin Cross in progress, and this work was inspected by the Roads

Inspection Committee during the week.

The recent bad weather has caused very serious deterioration in a number of important roads, which have become very badly potholed. During the Summer, I have been carrying out very extensive work in filling pot-holes with tarred screenings, but the money available for the maintenance of these roads will not be sufficient to carry out much more of this class of work. I hesitate to ask for proposals out of Contingencies Fund at this early period of the year, but unless this be done, the roads will very soon get much worse. The most affected roads are Rosslare road, Castlebridge road, the road between Ballynaboola and New Ross and the Gorey-Courtown road.

On the 9th inst, I laid out the proposed new drain under Mr Davis's land at Verona Bridge and instructed Mr Cullen to interview Mr McCarthy and obtain his consent to the proposed filling in of the channel on his land. Mr McCarthy informed Mr Cullen he would raise no objection, but he would not sign any agreement form.

I ask for authority to take out Insurance Policy on the newly purchased Compressor Plant. In connection with the running of this plant, I consider it would be advisable that we should have a large petrol store tank which would cost in or about £10. Having this tank would allow us to obtain petrol in bulk with the consequent reduction of cost of from a penny to twopence per gallon which will be considerable, as we use from 20 to 25 gallons per day.

I hope to have report for the Committee on the removal of sand from the shore at Courtown Harbour, but up to time of writing I have not been able to visit the place.

The Roads Inspection Committee when visiting the grouting work at Palace drew attention to the damage to the workmen's clothing by the tar and suggested that overalls and possibly boots should be purchased for the men. I have looked up the Local Government Trade List and find that the overalls can be got for 34/9 per dozen and the boots for 13/- per pair.

I have a letter from Mr O'Connor M.C.C. dealing with several

matters in Mr Ennis's area, and I have asked Mr Ennis to report to me on same. Also the Chairman has handed me letter from Mr Fortune of Slade making a number of complaints about the roads and works in that area, and I have asked Mr Kehoe to report on the matter in detail.

I submit letter from the Railway Company with reference to the Railway Bridge at Chilcomb in New Ross Urban area.

I beg to apply to the Committee to sanction my leave of absence from the 23rd inst for a period of three weeks. I shall arrange to have the work carried out during my absence."

Wexford-Enniscorthy Road.

The following letter, under date 17th August 1927 was read from Mr F. W. Davis, Hon. Secretary, Enniscorthy and District Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals:-

"The road between Enniscorthy and Wexford, a distance of 14 miles, is being re-made with a cost of thousands of Pounds.

I am told it is being constructed in such a way that no horse could keep his feet on it in damp weather, this being the normal condition of the road.

Would you please bring this before your County Council."

It was decided on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Col Quin, that Mr Davis's letter be referred to the Local Government, as they are responsible for the manner in which this road is being reconstructed, and that Mr Davis be notified accordingly.

Col Gibbon, stated he considered that weekly reports should be submitted by Mr Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor as to the progress of the reconstruction work on this road.

Mr Birthistle stated that during the absence of the County Surveyor on holidays, he would make three inspections of the work each week.

Under date 5th August 1927, the following letter was read from Enniscorthy Urban Council:-

"At a meeting of my Council held on the 3rd inst, I was directed to write to you asking you to make a recommendation to the County Council that as soon as the work on the trunk road between

Wexford and Enniscorthy reaches Edermine that preference be given to men residing in the town of Enniscorthy."

It was decided that the letter from Enniscorthy Urban Council be forwarded to the contractors for the reconstruction of the ~~proposed~~ Enniscorthy-Wexford road for their favourable consideration.

Holidays of County Surveyor.

In connection with the application of the County Surveyor for holidays, Col Gibbon asked, in the event of Mr Quigley arranging for an inspection of the Wexford-Enniscorthy road previous to the termination of the County Surveyor's holidays, who would accompany Mr Quigley and the Committee on the inspection.

The Co. Surveyor stated that, in the event of Mr Quigley arranging an inspection, he would accompany the Committee, but he had been notified by the Local Government Department that Mr Quigley would be on leave in any case until the end of the present month.

Col Quin asked who would act for the County Surveyor in his absence.

The County Surveyor stated in reply that each Assistant Surveyor would be responsible for his own area, and he (Co. Surveyor) would personally certify the payments in respect of the Finance Committee meetings.

On the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Colfer, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the application of the County Surveyor for annual holidays as from 23rd August be agreed to."

Castlebridge Road.

Mr Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor stated that the worst portion of this road was between Wexford and Garrylough Mill. The original proposal for the road was £483, and the amount allowed by the Co. Council was £462. The amount expended to date was £191-14-10. It was necessary that a reasonable amount should be retained for the repair of this road during the coming winter. The bottoming was quite sound and all the road required was surfacing to make it fairly passable. It was poorly surfaced and this was the cause of its present

condition.

The Co. Surveyor stated that he estimated it would take from £70 to £80 to put this road in fair order.

On the motion of Col Gibbon seconded by Mr Colfer, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That a sum of £50 be transferred from Contingencies Fund for the special immediate repair of Castlebridge road."

Other Roads.

As regards the other roads mentioned in the Co. Surveyor's report, it was decided that the necessary repairs be carried out from the unexpended balances of the allocations for the maintenance of these roads, and that a further report regarding the Gorey - Courtown Road be submitted to the next meeting of the Roads Committee.
Overalls and Boots.

On the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Shannon, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That four dozen suits of overalls at 34/9 per doz and two dozen pairs of boots at 13/- per pair be obtained for the use of the men employed in the tarring of roads."

Gorey Courthouse.

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 17th August 1927 from Mr John Browne, Henrietta Street, Wexford, contractor for the reconstruction of Gorey Courthouse:-

"As the time for completion of the work has passed, I shall feel obliged if you kindly grant me an extension of five weeks from now. You are aware I have done my utmost, and have worked overtime every day to endeavour to finish the work. It was absolutely impossible to do more. Even by employing more hands, it would only hamper the work, as they would be in each other's way."

The County Surveyor in reply to the Chairman, stated that the penal clause in the contract was £10 per week as from 1st August.

Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, stated that Mr Browne had, in his opinion, done everything possible to have the work completed by the specified date.

Mr Sean O'Byrne stated that if the period allowed for the completion of the work had been longer, another tender received for the work might have been lower, and outside tenders would perhaps have been received. He proposed:- "That no action be taken on Mr Browne's application until after the completion of the work."

Col Quin seconded.

Passed.

Flooding at Verona.

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 18th August 1927 from Mr T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor:-

"On 12th inst, I interviewed Mr McCarthy, Fairfield to obtain his permission to fill old water channel at Verona Bridge. Mr McCarthy agreed verbally that we could go on with the work, but refused to sign the usual agreement form."

Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed:-

"That the work at Verona Bridge be not proceeded with unless Mr McCarthy signs agreement."

Col Quin seconded.

Passed.

Mr Shannon stated he would see Mr McCarthy on 23rd August when he hoped to be able to induce him to sign required agreement, as Mr McCarthy had stated he would raise no objection to the work being carried out.

Railway Bridge at Chilcomb.

The Co. Surveyor submitted the following correspondence ~~from~~ between himself and the Chief Engineer, Great Southern Railways:

The Co. Surveyor wrote to the Chief Engineer of the Great Southern Railways under date 4th August 1927 as follows:-

"Enclosed I send you copy of resolution passed by the New Ross Urban District Council with reference to the bad condition of the New Ross-Waterford road as follows:-

"That the attention of the Wexford County Council and the Great Southern Railways Company be directed to the very bad condition of the surface of that section of the Waterford road between the Barrow Boat Club and the entrance gate of Mr J. B. Hearne's avenue, which is a source of grave danger to motor cars, the ruts and pot-holes

"in it being liable to break the springs of the cars, and that they be requested to have the surface of it properly repaired, sprayed and gritted in the same manner as the adjoining portion of the road."

This mainly refers to the bridge over the Railway in Rosbercon, and I must request that you put the road in proper order and repair at once. Some time ago I was in communication with your Company with regard to the County Council taking over the maintenance of the roadway there, but we have not yet come to any terms in the matter. If your Company will put the road in proper order the County Council will agree to maintain it for the Company at the same rate per perch as the other Main Roads in the Urban District are being maintained at, which is $18/4\frac{3}{4}$ d. The fences on this road are in very bad condition and I complained of this some time ago. I trust you are taking steps to have them put in proper repair."

The following reply under date 16th August 1927 was read from the Chief Engineer of the Great Southern Railways Company:-

"With reference to yours of the 4th inst, I have given instructions to have the pot-holes filled in.

As you are aware the Company is under no obligation to re-surface the road with tar macadam, and they are fulfilling all their obligations by maintaining a road surface suitable for the traffic which used it at the time of the construction of the Railway.

With regard to your price of $18/4\frac{3}{4}$ d per perch, -does this figure quoted for future maintenance cover any future re-surfacing of the road which may be necessary, i, e, :-

1. Whether this figure would represent the annual cost of upkeep in perpetuity subject to alterations resulting from changes in rates of pay and material.
2. The term of years for which your Council would be prepared to enter into an agreement on these lines.
3. What provision you would suggest for meeting a possible variation in the rates paid to your labourers or in the cost of material (in somewhat similar arrangement made with the Dublin Corporation, the Company and the Corporation have agreed that in the case of road

"maintenance three-fourths of the cost is labour, and therefore if the rates paid to labourers are reduced say by 4% the unit cost of maintenance should be reduced by 3%).

I am looking into the question of the fences and will write you on this matter later. Please let me hear as soon as you can

The County Surveyor stated that he doubted if the Railway Company were right in their contention that they were only bound to maintain the roadway in a condition suitable for the traffic which used it at the time of the construction of the railway.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor stated that the Railway Company's contention was correct, as there had been a number of decisions on the point.

The Co. Surveyor stated he would deal with the points raised in the letter from the Railway Company and endeavour to come to agreement with them as to the terms on which the roadway approaching the Railway Bridge from Chilcomb Lodge should be kept in repair by the Council for the Railway Company and submit such agreement when reached to the Roads Committee for approval.

Order.- Approved on the motion of the Chairman.

Carne Pier.

The following report was submitted:-

"The Committee met at Carne on the 13th inst, and there were present:- Col Gibbon, Messrs M. Doyle and J. Gaul.

Mr Elgee, Co. Council Solicitor and the County Surveyor were in attendance as were also a number of local residents including Messrs Weldon, Langrishe and Joyce.

The time of the visit was unsuitable for full inspection as the depth of water prevented examination of the Pier end. Col Gibbon was however present at low water and inspected the Pier.

The County Surveyor explained the nature of the proposed repair works which do not include any attempt to deal with the end of structure.

Part of the old floor at present in defective condition

"must be replaced and the new work must be thoroughly bonded into the old. The joint between existing parapet and floor must be staunched. The work proposed (including cleaning the berthage) will make the Pier safe and convenient for local fishing.

The Committee next examined the retaining wall at shore end and believe that this should be repaired, but only to the extent within the boundaries of the leased premises proper to the Pier. This is stated to be 25 yards wide, measured from outside of pier. The Committee consider the remainder of the walls is private property and outside their control. Mr Joyce, the owner of the adjoining land, requested that the County Council should make good all the walls bounding the shore within the Pier area, but the Committee pointed out to him that this would be impossible for lack of funds, even if the County Council had control and Mr Joyce then waived the point.

Mr Joyce agreed to give right of way with dedication to the public of the existing track across his field, but requires that it should be fenced off. This way is essential for proper approach to the Pier, and the cost of fencing as estimated by the Co. Surveyor will be in or about £64.

Col Gibbon stated he disagreed with the County Surveyor as regards repair of the old floor. He considered that if the work was carried out in the manner suggested, it would be money thrown away. It would pay the Council to send down a rock drill operator to bore holes for iron bonding bars.

The Co. Surveyor stated he was satisfied that the work as recommended would be properly carried out. He considered the bars unnecessary.

The following recommendation was agreed to on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Colfer:-

"That a sum of £64 be allocated for the fencing off of the existing track across Mr Joyce's field to Carne Pier on condition that Mr Joyce makes a dedication of this track to the public."

The following was approved on the motion of the Chairman:-

"That the retaining wall at the shore end be repaired to

the extent outlined in the report of the Committee "

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Quin seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-

"That as recommended by the Co. Surveyor, we consider repair work at Carne Pier should be carried out by contract with the exception of the repair of the wall and new fencing which should be done by direct labour."

New Ross Courthouse.

The following report was submitted:-

"The meeting of the Committee appointed to report on this was arranged for the 12th inst, but most of the members were unable to attend. Mr Cooney was present and met the County Surveyor and both examined the building.

It will be well if a further meeting of the Committee be arranged before final steps are taken. In the meantime Mr Cooney and the Co. Surveyor make the following suggestions:-

1. The roof over the main building should be repaired immediately. There are a few loose or displaced slates and the valley over the stairs on the left or northy side is defective.
2. The creepers at the back should be cut down at least two feet below the eave gutters and the slating and gutters cleaned. This should be done at once.
3. The slating over the old Brideswell which is now very much damaged (d) should be removed entirely and the arched groinings over the cells should be staunched outside with cement rendering and proper provision made for taking off the rainfall.
4. We consider the best method of arranging part of premises for a tenancy will be as follows:-

Close existing door from side hall to back premises.

Open new door from other side hall.

Fit two rooms off left stairway for District Justice and Clerk - there is W.C. available here.

Give two rooms on first floor off right stairway as well as basement, floor, yard, garden and Bridewell to tenant. Fit W.C.

in old closet in yard and take in town water. Fit new range in kitchen; clean down and repair plaster on walls and distemper same; repair windows and doors and give coat of paint."

Col Quin considered that it would be advisable for the caretaker to reside on the premises.

Mr Sean O'Byrne stated that in his opinion a much more suitable arrangement would be to appoint a non-resident caretaker with definite fixed salary. Payment of allowances to courtkeepers was, he considered, an unsuitable arrangement, and, furthermore if portion of the premises were utilised as caretaker's residence, it would not be possible for the Circuit Court to be held there, and as the Council were in favour of Circuit/Courts being held in the various towns where Courthouses were available, he was against any proposal which would tend to prevent this.

It was decided that, as recommended by the Co. Surveyor a further inspection of New Ross Courthouse be made by the Committee and that report be submitted to next meeting of the Roads Committee.

On the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Co. Surveyor carry out necessary repairs to the roof of New Ross Courthouse as soon as possible."

Under date 16th August 1927 the following letter was read from Mr J.N. Scallan, County Registrar, Wexford:-

"I am in receipt of the resolution passed by your Council on the 8th inst re above.

To enable me to give due consideration to this matter, I will require information on the following points.

1. The Courthouse for which caretaker is required.
2. The accommodation available therein for a caretaker.
3. The remuneration and allowances proposed to be paid to a caretaker.
4. If the Co. Council will defray expense of suggested advertisement."

It was decided that the Assistant Secretary explain the Council's proposals to the County Registrar.

TOURIST ROADS.

Under date 6th August 1927, the following letter was read from the Department of Local Government (Roads):-

"With further reference to your letter of 26th ultimo, relative to the allocation of a further sum from the Road Fund for the improvement of tourist roads in Courtown and Rosslare areas, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that it is not possible at present to indicate further grants for tourist roads. The claims of the areas will be borne in mind if, and when, it becomes feasible to make further grants for such roads."

No Order.

SIGNPOST AT SCULLABOGUE CROSS.

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 10th August 1927 from Mr John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor relative to Road 17R.:-

"Our Foreman (John Donovan) has reported to me that a sign post lying on the side of the road at Scullabogue Cross has been ~~tak~~ taken by a man named Patrick Rourke, Ballyshannon to be used as a gate post.

Rourke told Donovan that Mr Stephenson, Ballyshannon, gave him the post.

This signpost was, I understand, erected a great many years ago by the then owner of a large property around Carrigbyrne and Scullabogue.

Mr Stephenson is now living in the house of the man ~~that~~ erected this sign post and probably ~~locked on it~~ as his property."

On the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr Shannon the following resolution was adopted:-

4/ "That the man who at present has the signpost- Patrick Rourke, Ballyshannon- be asked for an explanation as to how he got possession of this signpost, which is the property of the County

Council and which was lying on the side of the road at Scullabogue Cross."

BALL COURT AT COOLGREANY.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report under date 2nd August 1927 from Mr T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor:-

"As directed by Roads Committee at its last meeting I visited above place and estimate that to put down path as required will cost £12-10-0.

The cost of above should come out of Contingencies Fund as money allowed for work Section A insufficient for work to be done."

On the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Col. Quin the following resolution was adopted:-

"That a sum of £10 be allocated from Contingencies Fund for work on path at Ball Court, Coolgreany."

GOREY HILL QUARRY.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor submitted the following letter under date 22nd July 1927 from Messrs Huggard, Brennan, & Godfrey, Solicitors, Gorey:-

"Miss Palmer has been with us to-day in reference to the roadway, and we understand the palings have now been altered and moved in, but even still in some places it exceeds the amount allowed by the District Justice which is 15 feet from the fence.

A considerable amount of damage has been done to our Client's field and fences. Where the paling was originally put down, a considerable portion of the soil of our client's field was dug up and taken away. The paling now having been moved back, this portion of the field where the soil was dug up was left and instead of replacing the soil which was dug up, a considerable quantity of rubbish has been drawn from the Hill and strown on our client's field, and of course the meadow which our client had grown on this field is ruined.

We think, you will agree our client is being treated very badly in reference to this matter and before instituting proceedings

"we shall be glad to know what the Co. Council is prepared to pay our client for the damage done, and also to place the railing to the proper dimensions.

Furthermore, the agreement was that a permanent fence was to be erected and not a paling such as is now erected, and our Client insists that this must be done."

Mr Elgee considered the Council should pay Miss Palmer an annual rent for right of way and not a lump sum payment.

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 2nd August 1927 from Mr T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor:-

"Yours of 1st inst to hand with copy of letter from Messrs Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey enclosed.

I beg to report that paling fence as it is at present does not give more than fifteen feet of roadway in any place and is less than fifteen in several places. The other statements as to damage to field and fences are, in the case of the field, very trifling and non-existent as regards fences. The meadow stated to be ruined was on my inspection of place to-day, being mowed and there was nothing to show that it had suffered in any way except the very small portions where paling fence was moved, these places being ~~at~~ without hay but the whole of area of same would not exceed two perches. I may here point out that had Miss Palmer not agreed to line of fence as originally laid out on 23rd June, I would not have erected it, and damage now claimed would not have taken place. I erected fence on line as laid out and agreed upon, and fence was actually a week in position when I learned that she did object. The mound fence was part of the agreement made on 23rd June, but as she failed to keep her portion of the agreement, I do not think the Co. Council should go to expense of erecting such a fence when a good post and wire one will serve the same purpose."

Mr Sean O'Byrne stated that he understood Miss Palmer looked upon the paling as a temporary arrangement.

After discussion, the following resolution was adopted the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Colfer:-

"That a mound fence be erected in substitution of existing paling at Miss Palmer's land, Gorey Hill Quarry at a cost not exceeding £20, subject to there being a distance of fifteen feet between the fences."

On the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Colfer, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr Elgee, Solicitor be authorised to offer a sum of £6 in settlement of Miss Palmer's claim for compensation for land required to make roadway into Gorey Hill Quarry."

ROADS AT SLADE AND THE HOOK.

The following letter addressed to the Chairman of the County Council under date 16th August 1927 was read from Mr Michael J. Fortune, Slade, Fethard-on-Sea:-

"I wish to bring under your notice the neglected state of things under the control or in the charge of your Council in this part of the country.

First of all, and what all can complain of are our roads and streets. The roads and paths from Porter's Gate, have been, to put it mildly kept in an abnormal state of late.

Then as regards our streets both of Slade and Churchtown, I could not find words strong enough to use in speaking of them. Slade Street is just fit for what the children use it in winter for, sailing boats as on a pond and Churchtown is nothing better.

The passage to Slade Pier and the Pier itself is also defective. Iron rings have rusted out and are not fit to make anything fast to; also the cement slip that is used at Slade to cast seaweed and sand from the strand is partially torn away and the main road to Hook Tower is endangered.

I wish to call your immediate attention to these matters as £1 now will be able to do what it would take £5 to do later on."

The Co. Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 22nd August 1927 from Mr John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor:-

"With regard to complaints made by Mr Fortune, Slade relative to the Road and Pier at Slade and also to the road leading to Hook 7

"Tower, I beg to state that the roads there are in a very fair condition at present. The surface is sound and strong and there is not a single pot-hole.

The bank by the side of road leading to Hock Tower has been torn away by the sea for a distance of 16 yards and we are now building a protection wall there.

The slip referred to at Slade was damaged by a severe storm and we are looking in vain for a calm week to repair it. The people continue to draw gravel and seaweed from there, but the cart-way is too narrow at present. Unless the weather is fine and calm it is useless trying to repair this place as it is very much exposed to the sea.

With regard to the footpath mentioned, this path runs from Porter's Gate to Slade, a distance of nearly two miles. We did a little at repairing this path last year but it would take a large sum to put it in proper order.

I may mention that when repairing it last year I was met by a large ratepayer and he said it was not any wonder the rates were high when we were spending money on a footpath on which there was no one to walk but a few fishermen and their wives."

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne it was decided to refer the correspondence re roads at Slade and the Hock to the Roads Inspection Committee.

EXPLOSIVES AND PERMITS TO GANGERS.

The Co. Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 10th August 1927 from the Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, Wexford:-

"I have your letter of the 9th inst concerning the above. In reply I beg to point out that I am not obliged to detail the reasons which led up to my decision in both the cases referred to by you.

I regret very much that the matter has in any way interfere with the efficient working of your Department and beg to assure you that had it been at all possible, the permission would have been granted."

In view of the Superintendent's letter, it was decided that Roads Committee would take no action in the matter.

DREDGING AT KILMORE.

Under date 19th August 1927, the following letter (No 15023/27) was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"We have to state that we have no record of the receipt of an application from your Council last year for the use of one of our dredgers at Kilmore Harbour. We shall be obliged if you will be so good as to inform us what is the nature of the material at the entrance to Kilmore Pier, its depth and its quantity, in order that we may judge whether the suction dredger, "Fag-an-Bealach", the only one available, is suitable for the work. We shall also be glad to learn whether your Council are prepared to pay the usual hire charge of £17 per day plus overtime."

On the motion of the Chairman, the County Surveyor was directed to forward the required information to the Office of Public Works.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman:-

"That the Office of Public Works be informed that the County Council cannot in the present state of their finances make any contribution towards the cost of dredging at Kilmore Harbour. That the Office of Public Works be requested to defray the cost of carrying out the work in the present instance."

CINEMATOGRAPH ACT, 1909.

Under date 19th August 1927, letter was read from Chief Superintendent Garda Siothchana, Wexford asking that Sergeant C. Horgan (4837) be appointed Inspector under the Cinematograph Act 1909 for Campile sub-district vice Sergeant Arthur Murphy 3430 transferred.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Sergt C. Horgan (4837) be appointed Inspector under Cinematograph Act 1909 vice-Garda for Garda Siothchana sub-district of Campile."

Under date 15th August 1927, letter was read from Chief Superintendent Garda Siothchana, Wexford asking that Sergt G. O'Shea

be appointed Inspector under Cinematograph Act 1909 for Oulart sub-district vice Sergeant James Quinn(3086) transferred.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Sergeant G. O'Shea(2780) be appointed Inspector under Cinematograph Act 1909 for Garda Siothchana sub-district of Oulart."

PETROL PUMPS.

The Co. Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 1st August 1927 from Mr J. Murphy, John Street, ^{New Ross} Wexford:-

"Referring to the two petrol pumps sanctioned by your Council, we had to alter the position shown on the map made by Mr Shortall owing to not being able to get gravitation from the south corner of footpath. Mr Shortall, however, sees no difference so far as the use of the path is concerned."

The following letter under date 19th August 1927 was submitted by the Co. Surveyor from Mr P. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor:

"Enclosed I send you a sketch of the position of the petrol pumps erected by Mr John Murphy, John Street, New Ross.

The pumps were sanctioned for the positions marked A and B in sketch, but Mr Murphy explains that owing to the lack of gravitation he had to change one pump from the position A to the position X. The width of the footpath is restricted at this place owing to the proximity of the pump and a pillar supporting a shop front."

On the motion of Col Quin seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr J. Murphy, John Street, New Ross be informed that the County Council cannot sanction alteration of the position of petrol pumps as originally agreed to by them as they consider the proposed alteration of one of the pumps would restrict the width of the footpath."

Under date 5th August 1927, Mr H.T. Cooke, The Arcade, Gorey wrote asking permission to place tank for petrol pump under

footpath as he would be put to considerable expense to have tank erected at the rear of his house. There were already four petrol pumps in the town with the tanks under the footpath or roadway.

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr H. T. Cooke, The Arcade, Gorey be informed that the County Council cannot grant permission for the erection of tank for petrol pump under footpath."

In connection with licence for petrol pump issued to Messrs Bates & Sons, Gorey at the last meeting of the Roads Committee, it was pointed out that Mr Bates had erected tank under footpath at St Michael's Road, Gorey. Mr Bates's explanation of his action was that, when making application for licence he also applied for permission to instal tank under the footpath and when he received licence there was no reference on same prohibiting the placing of the tank under the footpath. By the time he received the resolution of the County Council prohibiting him from placing tank under the footpath, he had the excavation practically completed.

On the motion of Col Quin seconded by Mr Colfer, it was decided that the matter be referred to Mr Elgee, Solicitor for report as to the advisability of prosecution.

On the motion of Col Quin seconded by the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Co. Council will decline to renew licences for petrol pumps if the tanks in connection with same are placed under footpath or roadway except in cases where specific permission was given by the County Council to the erection of the tanks under the footpath or roadway."

Wexford-Enniscorthy Road.

The following "progress" report was submitted by Mr Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor under date 12th September 1927:-

"I beg to report as follows on Wexford-Enniscorthy Road:-
1st Mixer 3050 lineal yards: 2nd Mixer 1135 lineal yards: 3rd Mixer 1358 lineal yards: total 5543 lineal yards or 3 miles 1 fur. 8 per.

Given fair weather conditions, the concreting of the entire road from Ferrycarrig Castle to Oylegate should be finished within one month from to-day.

A fourth Mixer will start to-morrow and work on from Coolnaboy towards Edermine. Press Notices have been inserted and this portion of road closed last week.

The work of side-filling is being pushed on as rapidly as possible. A further three weeks' work will complete the section between Kyle Cross and Saunderscourt Cross. I have found it necessary to stop work on this section, as the men have now worked up close to the Mixer and the unmatured portion of the slab. Whilst waiting to complete this section I have started the carters and surface men at similar work on the second section, *v.z.* Kyle Cross to the "Fox and Goose" Cross. The filling ~~matured~~ ^{material} for both these sections is being obtained at Killurin.

Side-filling on the Monmore-Ballinaslaney section will start on the 17th inst, when the portion of the concrete slab affected will have sufficiently matured. A good supply of material is already prepared for this section.

With regard to the side-filling of the Saunderscourt - Ferrycarrig section it is proposed to use the material from the old quarry at Ferrycarrig. The work of preparation is already started and the actual side-filling will begin in a few weeks' time.

The cost of side-filling (double sides) is 3/- per lineal yard."

In reply to Col Quin, Mr Birthistle said that the minimum depth of concrete at any place on the road was 5½ inches. This was only in some few places. In other places, the depth was as much as

9 or 10 inches. So far as amount of concrete was concerned, the Council had got much the better of the contractors on this job.

The filling in of the sides had been completed and the water tables had been constructed. No water could accumulate on any part of the road except at the gateways at which pipes will have to be laid. The laying of "white line" at the three places referred to at last meeting would be attended to by the County Surveyor. This matter was not ripe for attention yet. A water pipe line had now been laid for all the mixers.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Gibbon seconded by Mr O'Donoghue:- Wexford County Council on the

"That we inform the Local Government Department that a request was conveyed to Mr Quigley, Chief Road Engineer, asking him to meet the Sub-Committee of the County Council dealing with the Wexford-Enniscorthy road. We regret that he did not on the occasion of his last visit find it possible to meet the Sub-Committee and we would ask him to name a day at which he could meet them and examine the road with them."

Flooding at Verona. 8th September 1927, Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the

Council, Mr Shannon said he had seen Mr McCarthy, Fairfield and he had agreed to sign the usual agreement form on condition that Mr Davis's side of the arch of the bridge ^{which} was built up ~~was removed~~.

The Chairman said the Council could not undertake to do this and the work ~~would~~ would not be proceeded with until Mr McCarthy had agreed to sign the agreement without conditions. Carne Pier. in 1884-85 from Mr Howlin who was then the owner of the

Col Gibbon said he questioned the manner in which the Co. Surveyor was going to carry out the work. The intention of the latter was to put a slab on to the concrete bed to bring it level. Coping as large as the table before them (the County Council Chamber table) had been burst up by the sea and hurled about. Concrete of two feet in thickness would not bear the force of the sea at Carne, unless it was tied down by some kind of reinforcement. He wished to have his name entered as a dissentient to having a proposal adopted to lay a

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-posal to repair wall adjoining the Pier be deferred."

Passed.

New Ross Courthouse.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Col Quin:-

"That the County Council representatives for New Ross Electoral area be constituted a Committee to inspect New Ross Courthouse and report to first available meeting of the Roads Committee. That the County Surveyor fix date of said meeting of Committee as soon as possible."

Dredging at Kilmore.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Quin seconded by Mr Corish:- "We desire to call the attention of the Minister for Fisheries to letter of 14th July 1926(D/5/2) in which he pointed out that the Department were then unable to entertain the application as to dredging Kilmore Harbour which should be postponed to a later date. At present fishing boats are greatly hampered in getting in and out of the Harbour owing to the amount of silt, and the state of the Co. Council's finances do not allow of their hiring a dredger at present." We understand that the "Sysiphus," the Board of Works dredger is to start dredging at Wexford Harbour on 1st October next, and it would be most convenient if she would go on to Kilmore after completion of her work in Wexford. We would ask the Minister for Fisheries to take into favourable consideration the plight of these unfortunate workers."

Petrol Pumps in New Ross.

Mr Shannon proposed and Mr Thorpe seconded the following resolution:- "That the New Ross Courthouse Committee be requested to examine and report as to the position of Petrol pumps of Mr John Murphy, John Street, New Ross."

A show of hands was taken with the result that 14 voted in favour of this proposal and five against.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Patrick Byrne:-

"That the Minutes of Roads Committee of 22nd August 1927 be and are hereby confirmed with the exception of such matters as have been the subject of special resolutions at this meeting, dissenting from recommendations of said Minutes."

GOREY-ARKLOW ROAD.

Col Quin said that a good deal of margin still remained on the Gorey-Arklow road between Inch Station and Inch Post Office; an awful lot of chippings were in the sides of the road and the water-tables were not right.

Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, said that the order of the Council was that no more stuff was to be thrown on existing margins of this road, and this instruction was being carried out. All the chippings would be easily recovered and used and the water-tables would be attended to in due course.

OULART-CASTLE ELLIS ROAD.

Col Gibbon complained of a heap of stones on road one mile at the Wexford side of Oulart which were placed on the inside of the turn; they were dangerous.

Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor said the stones were in an awkward position. He was awaiting a roller and when it was available the stones would be rolled in as soon as possible.

KILMUCKRIDGE FAIR.

Mr O'Donoghue said that a number of people had complained to him that the usual stands for cattle at the fair of Kilmuckridge had been taken up by road macadam and people had no place to keep their cattle at last fair in the village.

Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor said that the stones were in the usual depots but they would be cleared away before next fair.

BALLINGLY QUARRY.

Mr Hayes complained that the men in this quarry had been unemployed since last March. While it was all right to use machinery in a quarry, he did not think it should be used to the extent of

crushing every ounce of stone in a quarry and putting unfortunate men on the dole.

It was decided to refer the matter to next meeting of Roads Committee.

PROCUREMENT OF MATERIAL.

Mr Connors gave Notice of his intention to move at next meeting of the Council that no material be taken from a privately owned quarry for road maintenance so long as said material can be procured from a quarry worked by the County Council.

RENT OF DISTRICT COURT OFFICE ENNISCORTHY.

Mr Shannon moved the following of which he had given ~~previous~~ previous notice:-

"That £10 arrears of rent of District Court Office, Enniscorthy, be paid to Mr Denis Doran, District Court Clerk, as recommended by Department of Local Government."

Mr Corish seconded.

Mr Elgee, solicitor, said that the County Council had power only to pay claims up to six months and the Local Government Department had power to extend the time of payment for two years but could not go beyond that. Mr Doran's claim was four years old and there was no power to pay it now.

The Chairman took a show of hands when it was found that 11 were in favour of Mr Shannon's motion and 10 against.

The Chairman declared that a poll should be taken. This resulted as follows:-

For the motion:- Messrs P. Byrne, Clince, Pender, Shannon, Cooney, Colfer, Connors Corish, Gaul, Rossiter and Mernagh - 11.
Against:- Messrs Sean O'Byrne, Hayes, Doyle, Walsh, Thorpe, Whyte, Cloney, Donoghue, Col Gibbon, Col Quin and the Chairman.- 11.

The Chairman declined to give his casting vote and the matter fell through.

ROAD GRANTS.

Under date 1st September 1927, the Local Government Department (Roads) wrote that a payment of £3500 in respect of National Road Scheme (2nd section-£69613) had been made to Treasurer of the

of the County Council on 30th August last.

ROSSLARE-WEXFORD SLOB ROAD.

Under date 20th August 1927, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote that it was noted that as regards above road the terms and conditions of the Great Southern Railways as regards erection of level crossing gates and maintenance of signalmen, involved, in the opinion of the Council, an expenditure which precluded the opening of the road. The Minister would be glad to facilitate the Council in arriving at a settlement with the Company, but it was evident the latter were not willing to bear any portion of the cost. It was not considered that any useful purpose could be served by the Department taking up the matter at present with the Railway Company. The Co. Council should state to what extent they are prepared to meet the Railway Company's requirements.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Wexford-Enniscort Road ~~Committee~~ ^{(by} Committee, so that they could discuss the points raised by the Railway Company with Mr Quigley, Chief Roads Engineer, Department of Local Government.

The amount spent on the road up to the present was £2000 and a sum of £859 would be necessary to have the work completed.

EXAMINATION FOR POSITION OF CO. SURVEYOR.

Under date 26th August 1927, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote that an Examination would be held on Friday 14th. October next by the Civil Service Commissioners to enable suitable persons to qualify for the position of County Surveyor in such counties as vacancies may arise in. The Minister was anxious that this announcement should be brought to the notice of persons interested in the matter.

APPOINTMENTS OF OFFICERS THROUGH PROMOTION.

Under date 12th August 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote referring to Section 5 of the Local Authorities (Officers & Employees) Act 1926 under which, subject to the sanction of the Minister, local authorities are empowered to make appointments from persons holding pensionable offices, or who are in receipt of

superannuation allowances and ^{who}/~~which~~ are performing or who had performed duties similar to those of the Office to which it was proposed to make an appointment.

The Minister had decided that in future he would not give his sanction to the making of such appointments unless he is satisfied that a suitable and properly qualified person is ~~is~~ available. The following is an extract from the letter of the Local Government Department relative to the matter:-

"In giving or withholding his sanction to the making of an appointment under the section, the Minister will be influenced ~~solely~~ by the merits of the case. Accordingly a local authority should in the interests of efficient local administration carefully consider the qualifications, training, experience, age, character and length of service of the persons ~~of this class~~ available for appointment. Due weight should be given, other things being equal, to seniority, since one of the objects of the section is to facilitate the promotion of existing officers of local authorities on grounds of ability and length of service."

REMISSION OF CHARGE.

Under date 1st September 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (S39350/27) that the reasons stated by the Auditor for making a charge of £12-6-0 against Miss Walsh, County Librarian were lawful, but in view of the recommendations of the Co. Council the Minister had directed that the charge be remitted.

ROAD THROUGH CAMOLIN PARK.

In connection with the wretched condition of this road which is really a right-of-way through the lands of the Department of Agriculture for the benefit of neighbouring tenants, the Department in reply to a resolution of the Council asking that the road should be repaired, stated in letter under date 18th August 1927 (1735/F) that they had nothing to add to their letter of 24th March 1926 on the subject.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Doyle seconded by the Chairman:-

"That our Secretary communicate with Mr Forbes, Head of

"the Forestry Section of the Department of Agriculture and ascertain if any arrangement can be come to in the matter of repairing road through Camolin Park, as the tenants using it at present find it impassable."

TELEPHONE LINE DUNCORMACK-BANNOU.

Under date 13th August 1927, the Department of Posts and Telegraphs wrote (T 5632/27) that the cost of connecting Duncormack with Bannow by utilising portion of the derelict line would be £65. There would in addition be an annual charge in respect of the maintenance of the line, the provision and maintenance of a Silence Cabinet and the remuneration of Sub-Postmistress at Duncormack in respect of the transaction of telegraph or telephone business.

Mr Doyle mentioned that the Postmaster General had informed him that he would do all he possibly could with the Minister of Finance to endeavour to provide the money to have the line reopened.

It was decided to adjourn the further consideration of the matter.

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Col Gibbon:-

"That a meeting of Scholarship Committee to consider the provisions of Primary and University Scholarship Schemes for 1928 be held in County Council Chamber, Wexford on Saturday 17th inst at 11-30 o'clock. That Results of Examinations of County applicants for Primary and University Scholarships for 1927 be submitted to this meeting.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr Rossiter:-

"That we approve of holders of Primary Scholarships taking these as follows:-Patrick Doyle and Thomas Cogley at St. Peter's College, Wexford; John F. O'Brien at Christian Brothers, Synge Street, Dublin; Eileen M. Cadogan at Loreto Convent, Wexford and Bursary James Hargadon at Christian Brothers Schools, Gorey."

University Scholarships.

The Registrar, National University of Ireland forwarded Results of Examination for four University Scholarships as follows:
Robert Ranson, Kilmuckridge 994 marks (Honours) - 1
Thomas F. White, Carcur House, Wexford 769 marks (Honours) - 2
Vincent Quirke, Ballinamona, Campile 689 marks (Pass) - 3.
John Stafford, Piercestown, Wexford 629 marks (Pass) - 4.
Kevin Hall, Cornmarket, Wexford 613 marks (Pass) - 5.
Mary J. Murphy, Cathedral Street, Enniscorthy 587 marks (fail) - 6.

Letter was read from University College under date 6th September 1927 stating that Quirke was recommended for a Scholarship. Thomas Stafford failed in Irish and would not be eligible for Scholarship under the Scheme of the County Council. Kevin Hall was recommended for Scholarship.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr Rossiter:-

"That University Scholarships for 1928 be awarded to the following as recommended by the Academic Council of University College, Dublin:-

R. Ranson, Thomas F. White, Vincent Quirke and Kevin Hall."

MOUNTGARRETT BRIDGE.

Under date 26th August 1927, the following (LRG/14) from Roads Section of Local Government Department ^{and which} was addressed to Secretary, Kilkenny County Council was read:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letters of 3rd and 20th instant relative to the constitution of the Joint Committee appointed by the County Councils of Kilkenny and Wexford in connection with the reconstruction of Mountgarrett Bridge, and to state that he is advised that the members of the existing Committee ceased to hold office, at any rate, on the expiration of three months after the Triennial Election.

To put the matter on a proper basis now, the Minister

"is further advised that each Council should:

(1) formally ratify the decisions and actions of the Joint Committee since the Triennial Election,

(2) appoint members to a new Joint Committee under Article 38 of the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order 1898 and delegate to them the building of the Bridge. "

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-

"That the following be appointed Representatives of Wexford Co. Council (under Article 38 of Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order 1898) on the Mountgarrett Bridge Joint Committee and that we hereby delegate full powers to said Representatives on behalf of this Council:- Messrs Thomas Cooney, Wm Thorpe, J.E. Walsh, and P. Colfer.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Col Quin:-

"That we hereby ratify all decisions and actions ~~not~~ taken by Mountgarrett Joint Bridge Committee since the last Triennial Elections of County Councillors for Wexford County to the present."

Under date 1st September 1927, letter was read from the Manager, National Bank, Wexford stating that the Directors of the Bank had sanctioned the proposed additional loan of £2000 for Mountgarrett Bridge but the terms of advance should be as follows:-

Rate- One-half per cent under Irish Banks' rate varying. Minimum 4%. This means at present a rate of 5%.

Security.- Mortgage over the rates to be prepared by the Bank's Law Department.

Repayment.- To be spread over a period of ten years in equal half-yearly instalments of principal and interest.

Under date 5th September 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (S41561/27) that the Minister sanctioned the Loan of £2000 for Mountgarrett Bridge repayable over a period of ten years with interest at a half per cent under Irish Banks' ^{Discount} rate (varying) subject to a minimum of 4%.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the

Chairman seconded by Mr Thorpe:-

"That we accept the terms and conditions for loan of £2000 for Mountgarrett Bridge as set out in letter of Manager of National Bank, Wexford under date 1st September 1927."

FORD OF LYNG.

Correspondence from Mr R.W. Elgee, Solicitor re above was referred to meeting of Roads Committee to be held on 26th September. Mr Doyle Co. Councillor to be asked to attend this meeting.

CONDITION OF COUNTY GRAVEYARDS.

Under date 20th August 1927, the following was read from Mr T.D. Sinnott, Secretary, County Board of Health:-

"At the meeting of the Board of Health on the 16th inst, there was a general discussion on the subject of the caretaking of the graveyards under the Board's control. It was felt generally that these graveyards are not getting the attention they deserve.

It was finally decided that the Board appoint Messrs Thorpe, Gaul, O'Byrne and the Vice-Chairman (Mr Jordan) to confer with the Ancient Monuments Committee in an endeavour to prepare a County Scheme whereby these Burial Grounds will be better cared.

I was directed to write to you to arrange the Conference. If I can personally be of any assistance a phone call will bring me.

It was decided that the Secretary of the Co. Council arrange Conference at an early date.

ROADS COMMITTEE MEETING IN OCTOBER.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Col Gibbon:- "That the October meeting of Roads Committee be held on Monday 31st of that month."

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Clince seconded by Mr Gaul:- "That licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 be issued to Philip Keating, Taghmon and renewal of Licence under said Acts to Laurence Codd 25 & 26 Main Street, Enniscorthy."

In connection with Drainage Schemes, Col Gibbon mentioned that in some instances, estates on which drainage had been carried out, had been split up and there was no map in existence to show on what portions of land drainage rates should be levied. New owners refused to pay the rates and the old owners disclaim responsibility. They had such a state of affairs in Ballyteigue at the present time. They ~~wrote~~ wrote to the Board of Works Department but got no reply beyond a postcard acknowledging receipt of their letter. Would it not be possible for the County Council in view of the existing law that they may be called upon to deal with this Drainage District to obtain from the Board of Works maps showing the areas on which drainage rates are levied and showing the drains that exist on the district. He proposed:-

"That the Office of Public Works be requested to furnish to the Wexford County Council proper maps of lands affected by Drainage Districts in Co. Wexford and which it is proposed the Council should take over, with the drains appearing thereon."

Mr O'Donoghue seconded the resolution which was adopted.

ELECTION DAY.

Mr P. Byrne proposed:- "That the road and quarry workers of the Co. Council be granted a day's leave on Thursday next (Election Day) with the alternative of working two Saturdays to make up for this day's leave.

Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded the motion.

After discussion the Chairman took a show of hands.

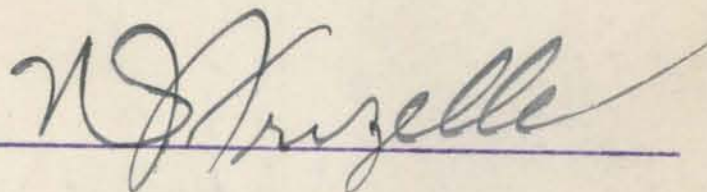
As fourteen were found in favour, the motion was declared carried.

Wm. J. Carter
Oct. 10th 1927

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY.
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I certify the foregoing to be a correct
record of the Minutes of Proceedings of Wexford
County Council in respect of Meeting held on
12th September, 1927.

(Signed)



Secretary Co. Council.

Dated this 14th day of September, 1927.

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

M I N U T E S

OF MEETING HELD ON 8TH AUGUST, 1927.

N. J. Frizelle,
Secretary.

Fortview,
Wexford.

The monthly meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 8th August, 1927.

Present:- Colonel Gibbon (Vice-Chairman), and subsequently, Mr T McCarthy (Chairman) presiding. Also present:- Colonel Quin, Messrs James Cline, Michael Doyle, Sean O'Byrne, Wm. Boggan, John Whyte, James Hall, Patrick Colfer, James Gaul, Patrick Hayes, John Pender, M M O'Donoghue, W Thorpe, Thos. Rossiter, Patrick Byrne, Aidan Mernagh, John O'Connor, D Kavanagh, James Shannon, Thomas Cooney, and Richard Corish.

The Assistant Secretary, the County Surveyor, and Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and signed.

The Chairman explained that the Secretary was on holidays, and, on the motion of the Chairman, Mr T A Frizelle, Assistant Secretary, was appointed to act as Secretary during the absence of the Secretary on holidays.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The following Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 7th July, 1927, were submitted for consideration:-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 7th July, 1927.

Present:- Messrs T. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding; M. Jordan, P. Hayes, Wm. Thorpe and Sean O'Byrne.

The Secretary and County Surveyor were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £ 6376 : 13 : 7d was examined and signed.

ABSENCE OF VICE CHAIRMAN.

Under date 3rd July, 1927, Colonel Gibbon, wrote regretting his inability to attend the meeting owing to his attendance at the Royal Agricultural Show.

RATE COLLECTION.

The Secretary submitted the following showing the amount of percentage of rate outstanding for total amount of Collectors' warrants for financial year ended 31st March, 1927:-

Messrs J. J. O'Reilly .28; J. J. Sinnott 1.28;
E. J. Murphy 1.43; J. Curtis 1.91; J. Quirke 2.3; T. Rowe 2.82;
M. Deegan 3.17; J. Doyle 3.5; B. Cleary 3.67; P. Furlong 4.2;
P. J. Fitzpatrick 4.39; P. Walsh 5.16; S. Gannon 5.22;
C. McCarthy 5.41; J. J. Kelly 5.98; W. Cummins 6.06; J. Cummins 6.37; P. O'Byrne 7.07; P. Donohoe 7.33; T. Sutton 7.57;
M. M. Kelly 11.42.

Mr M. M. Kelly came before the meeting and explained that there were three or four cases of very large ratepayers who were in bankruptcy. He promised to submit a statement giving the names of all ratepayers in his district who were in arrears. He had lodged that day £76: 12: 11d which brought down his arrears by about 3 per cent.

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In the case of the other Collectors, who at last meeting had still over 10 per cent of warrant for second moiety outstanding, the meeting considered they were doing what was possible to cope with the arrears. They also decided that new books should be handed to all Rate Collectors who had not received them to the present.

Under date 23rd June, 1927, the Manager, Irish National Assurance Co., wrote that as their bonds did not guarantee the collection of the rates they were not interested in the amounts outstanding in the cases of Collectors guaranteed by them.

Under date 4th July, 1927, Mr. S. Gannon, Collector for No.10 Collection District, wrote asking for permission to transfer his Fidelity Guarantee bond from Irish National to New Ireland Assurance Co.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hayes:-

"That we agree to the request of Mr. Sean Gannon to transfer his Fidelity Guarantee Bond to the New Ireland Assurance Co".

Under date 30th June, 1927, Mr. James Murphy, Ex-Rate Collector for No.19 Collection District, wrote asking for payment of poundage and arrears due to him on amounts which he had collected and lodged to the credit of the Council. At present on the full amount of the warrant his successor had only 3.5 per cent outstanding.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hayes:-

"That in view of the fact that the warrant for pottion of which Mr. James Murphy, Ex-Rate Collector, ^{was responsible} has been practically closed we request the Department of Local Government to agree to the payment of poundage to Mr. Murphy on all sums collected and lodged by him "

CENTRAL MIDWIVES (IRELAND) ACT 1918.

Under date 14th June, 1927, the Department of Local Government

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wrote enclosing letter from Secretary, Central Midwives Board, stating that the proportion payable by Wexford County Council under Section 13 of the Midwives (Ireland) Act 1918 was £19: 3: 8d in respect of year ended 31st December, 1926.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Mernagh, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That the County Council be recommended to pay £19: 3: 8d proportion of expenditure for year 1926 due by County Council to Central Midwives Board under Section 13 of Midwives (Ireland) Act, 1918".

APPLICATION EXTENSION UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP.
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Under date 5th July, 1927, Miss K. Bolger, Victoria Place, New Ross, wrote applying for an extension of her University Scholarship for a fourth year to enable her to obtain Higher Diploma of Education. This was practically essential for secondary teachers nowadays.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Jordan:-

"That we recommend the County Council to agree to the application of Miss K. Bolger for an extension of her University Scholarship for a fourth year as the Scheme of County Council provides that students studying for the higher diploma of Education should hold Scholarships for four years to enable them to secure this diploma".

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY ACT.
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Under date 24th June, 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (DB-52) pointing out that the County Council owed on foot of Section 14 of the Damage to Property (Compensation) Act 1923 two and a half year's instalments.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Mernagh:-

"That half year's instalment under Damage to Property Act be paid as soon as financial position of the Council will allow".

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INCOME TAX, COURTTOWN HARBOUR.

A demand for 16^s/6d for Income Tax on Courtown Harbour was received from Income Tax Collector Gorey District.

It was decided to recommend the County Council to pay the amount.

INSURANCES.

A letter under date 19th June, 1927, was received from the Irish National Assurance Co., Ltd., stating that as regards the fire insurances of the Council they would allow a discount of 25 per cent if the Council would agree to leave the Insurances with the Company for five years.

The meeting decided that they could not recommend the Council to rescind their resolution to allow the Irish Public Bodies Assurances to hold all the Insurances of the Council.

OFFICE EQUIPMENT.

The County Surveyor applied for permission to purchase second hand Rotary Gestetner for £21 or (allowing £7 for old Roneo) for £14.

The meeting considered that the existing Gestetner duplicator in County Council Office should meet all requirements.

The meeting, however, agreed to the purchase of Elliott Semi-Automatic Hand Addresser at £11 and of "Fleming's Loan Repayment and Annuity Tables at 25/6d, for the purpose of calculating amounts &c of loans repayments.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That our Secretary and County Surveyor arrange for the Summer Holidays of their staffs to fit in with the conditions of work".

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On the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Gibbon, the foregoing minutes of Finance Committee were confirmed.

Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 21st July, 1927, were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 21st July 1927.

Present:-Messrs A. Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, William Thorpe and Patrick Hayes.

The Secretary, the Co. Surveyor and Mr Elgee, Solicitor were also in attendance.

On the motion of Mr Thorpe seconded by Mr P. Hayes, the Chair was taken by Mr Sean O'Byrne.

Col Gibbon (Vice-Chairman) wrote apologising for his absence owing to another engagement.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

TREASURER'S ADVICE NOTE.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £11,783-18-2 was examined and signed.

FOOD & DRUGS ACTS.

Application was received from District Superintendent O'Neill, Gorey for handbag for Inspector under ~~WEIGHT~~ Food and Drugs Acts for the purpose of taking samples.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Mernagh:-

"That the Co. Council agree to be responsible for cost of handbag to be purchased by Inspector under Food and Drugs Acts for the Gorey District for the purpose of taking samples under above Acts."

Mr Elgee, Solicitor referred to letter which he had received from Messrs J. A. Sinnott & Co, Solicitors, Enniscorthy under date 14th July 1927 as to a sample of brandy taken at the premises of Buttle Brothers, Enniscorthy and which had been adulterated by the addition of 6.07% of added water. Mr Armstrong, the owner of the premises, ~~who was managing~~ found that an Assistant who was managing the premises had been dipping his hand in the shop till and to make up some of the money which he took he watered the stock. As soon as the matter was found out by Mr

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Armstrong this Assistant was dismissed. Mr Armstrong was anxious that these facts would not be disclosed in Court as they certainly would be if a prosecution was brought.

After discussion, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Mernagh seconded by the Chairman:-

"That the Finance Committee take no action as regards the prosecution by Garda Murphy, Enniscorthy versus Buttle Bros. Enniscorthy as regards adulterated brandy."

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE.

Under date 20th July 1927, the following letter was read from Messrs Haggard, Brennan and Godfrey, Solicitors, Wexford:-

"Miss Josephine M. Walsh, Librarian of the Wexford Rural Library Service has handed us your letter to her of the 28th ult. notifying her of a surcharge by the Local Government Auditor against her in respect of a sum of £12-6-0 which it is stated was money received by her but which she did not account for and which was money received by her for subscriptions to County Library.

On her behalf we wish to appeal to your Council to endeavour to do all in their power to have this surcharge written off. The facts of the case, we are instructed, and as we feel sure are known to you are as follows:-

The sum of money in question represented the accumulated subscriptions received by Miss Walsh from Subscribers to the Library from the month of February 1926 to the end of October in that year. This money was kept in a cash box locked in a press in her office and as she confidently trusted in safety.

On the 10th November, she discovered that the cash box had been taken and the money with it. She immediately reported the matter to the Civic Guards but their investigations proved fruitless. She also reported it at the next meeting of her Committee and communicated what had happened to yourself, and by letter on 12th November, and sent a full report to the Co. Council on the 6th December.

There can be no doubt, we submit, that Miss Walsh did

" everything in her power to recover this money for the County Council nor can there be the slightest doubt of the fact that she was perfectly satisfied, and we think, reasonably entitled to be satisfied, that the money was safe and sound where she had it in the office.

No doubt, under the regulations of the Public Libraries Acts, monthly lodgments of the subscriptions should have been made by her, but this is a detail which anyone might have overlooked owing to the smallness of the monthly lodgments which would have to be made in this case. At all events, Miss Walsh was rightly or wrongly unaware of the regulations with regard to the lodgments.

Nothing is further from our client's mind or our own than to suggest slackness or dilatoriness on the part either of the Library Committee or the County Council, but during Miss Walsh's period of office, we would like to point out in her favour that no question of the Library subscriptions was ever raised. The matter was indeed never discussed and at the usual quarterly meetings of the Library Committee, she, in her reports, informed them of the number of subscriptions, and evidently, they were satisfied to leave the matter in her hands.

Miss Walsh for over two years has been connected with the Library and during that time no fault has been found with her nor with any of her accounts, and it certainly does appear to us to be extremely hard upon her that she should be expected personally to bear the loss occasioned by the criminal act of another.

We feel sure that your Council will recognise, as we do, how harshly treated Miss Walsh would be, if this surcharge against her were to be upheld. We believe that if the Co. Council support us in our view, as ~~wahaps~~ we hope they will, the Local Government Department could be induced to write off the surcharge, an action which, we suggest, under all the circumstances, to be not only desirable but fair, and we trust that when you bring this matter before your Council it will receive their most favourable attention.

Rev. R. E. Fitzhenry P.P. Lady's Island, Chairman of the County Library Committee, Mr E. P. Foley, member of Library Committee and Miss Walsh, Librarian attended in connection with the matter.

Father Fitzhenry having referred to the manner in which the money was lost said that Mr Foley and he attended on the part of the Committee and asked the Finance Committee to let bygones be bygones. The Library Committee asked the County Council to request the Local Government Department to wipe out the surcharge. Miss Walsh was leaving the county and, in the opinion of the Library Committee, she had been sufficiently punished through having lost her position as Librarian.

Mr Foley followed in the same strain.

After discussion, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Hayes:-

"That we recommend the Co. Council to support any application by County Library Committee to the Minister for Local Government as to remission of ^{amount} ~~recharged~~ by Auditor against Miss Walsh, County Librarian."

Minutes of meeting of County Library Committee for 8th June 1927 were submitted.

Attention was directed to a resolution of the Committee deciding to pay travelling expenses to members.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Hayes seconded by Mr Thorpe:-

"That the attention of the Library Committee be directed to Section 63 of the Local Government Act 1925 which governs contributions towards travelling expenses of members of Local Authorities and their Committees. That we point out to the Library Committee that the Co. Council must obtain from the Minister for Local Government his declaration to regard the Library Committee as an "authorised Committee" under Local Government Act 1925 before any contributions towards travelling expenses can be legally made by the Co. Council. Application to this effect from Library Committee will be considered by the County Council."

Under date 20th July 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (G 33308/1927 Wexford County) that as the Minister consented to the continuance of Miss Doyle's services as Assistant to County Librarian in a temporary capacity. Any proposals as regards her permanency could best be considered when the re-organisation of the Library Scheme is undertaken by the new Librarian.

RATE COLLECTION.

The amounts outstanding on 1927 Rate was £5840-10-8, the percentages outstanding in each case being:-

"J. O'Reilly 2.28: J.J Sinnott 1.23: E. J. Murphy 1.43: J. Curtis 1.56: J. Quirke 2.30: T. Rowe 2.82: M. Deegan 2.94: B. Cleary 3.14: J. Doyle 3.45: P. Furlong 3.54: P. Fitzpatrick 3.99: C. McCarthy 4.97: P. Walsh 4.98: S. Gannon 5.22: J. J. Kelly 5.98: J. Cummins 6.10: P. O'Byrne 6.63: P. Donohoe 7.33 and M. Kelly 9.51.

A resolution was adopted directing the Secretary to call on the Collectors to close their collections for 1927 Rate at once and pointing out the necessity for proceeding with all due despatch with current year's collection of which only £2342-12-1 had been obtained up to 21st July 1927.

A letter was read from Mr M.M. Kelly, Collector for No. 6 Collection District giving the names of four ratepayers who owed £194-0-9 in rates. He pointed out that no rates were available in these cases at the moment.

Under date 20th July 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (G 34319/1927) that so far as the Minister for Local Government was concerned, no objection would be raised to the proposal of the Co. Council to pay poundage fees to ex-Collector, James Murphy (No. 19 Collection District) provided all sums due in respect of his collection had been accounted for.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Hayes seconded by the Chairman:-

"That all sums due for poundage to ex-Collector, James Murphy be paid at next available meeting of the Co. Council."

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BALLYVERGIN CROSS.

The following recommendation was agreed to on the motion of Mr Thorpe seconded by the Chairman:-

We consider the Roads Committee should instruct the County Surveyor to proceed with the work of easing corner at Ballyvergin Cross by widening corners at the Taghmon side and by having proceedings to compel him to lower his fences instituted against Patrick Kennedy, owner of the land on the Adamstown side."

WEXFORD QUAY IMPROVEMENT.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Hayes:-

"That as the Wexford County Council have no control of or responsibility for the maintenance of Wexford Quays, the amount of £800 received from the Department of Local Government for the improvement of said roads and quays be lodged to an account to be entitled "the Wexford Quay Improvement A/c: that payments on this account be made by cheques signed by Co. Surveyor and County Secretary."

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY COMPENSATION ACT.

Under date 9th July 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (R./DB/32) pointing out that the County Council owed five moiety of contributions payable by them under Section 149 Damage to Property (Compensation) Act 1923. The position of the Council in this matter is the most unfavourable of any of the Councils in the Sacrostat and no valid reason had been advanced why the Council cannot meet their obligations punctually.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Thorpe:-

"That we recommend the County Council at their meeting on 8th August 1927 to pay two moiety of contributions due to Ministry of Finance under Damage to Property (Compensation) Act 1923 and amounting to £9874-10-8."

CLAIM BY COUNTY COURTHOUSE KEEPER.

Under date 9th July 1927, letter was read from Mrs McNally, Courtkeeper, Wexford asking for payment of £54-8-7 made up

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as follows:- Salary for year £10; Rent in lieu of rooms in old Courthouse which was burned £26: Coal £11: 2: 3d: Gas £7: 6: 4d.

Under date 1st July, 1927, Mr. Elgee, wrote that until Mrs McNally's appointment as caretaker of the Courthouse was terminated, the County Council were bound to pay her salary, rent of rooms in lieu of those formerly occupied by her at the Courthouse and also for fire and light.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Mernagh:-

"That acting on the advice of our Solicitor, Mr. Elgee, we recommend the County Council to pay Mrs McNally, Courtkeeper, Wexford, the sum of £54: 8: 7d in respect of financial year ended 31st March, 1927".

IRISH SUMMER COLLEGE.

Under date 16th July, 1927, the following was read from Mr. H. Sadlier, Manager, Irish Summer College, Valentia House, Camolin:-

"As you are probably aware we will be vacating the premises here on Saturday 31st July. We have purchased a large quantity of furniture and household utensils and these must also be cleared out. We expect that the County Council will be satisfied to allow us to store the material in one of the buildings held by the Council. We think the Union Buildings, Gorey, would suit admirably, but we are open to any suggestion you may make. This is in the nature of a formal application for permission to store the material. Of course we understand that your body accept no responsibility for loss or damage. The material will be required if and when a further session of the College is held."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hayes:-

"That the County Council be requested to comply with the application of Mr. Sadlier under date 16th July 1927, relative to storing of furniture etc., of Irish Summer College at Gorey Workhouse

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Buildings; the County Council not to be responsible for any loss or damage to any article so stored and Mr. Sadlier giving an undertaking that all articles will be removed on notice to that effect from the County Surveyor.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES(OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES) ACT 1926.
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Demand for payment of £25: 18: 10d amount assessed on Co. Wexford in respect of expenses of the Local Appointment Commissioners for financial year ended 31st March, 1927, was received from Local Government Department.

Referred to meeting of County Council on 8th August, 1927.

EXPENSES ATTENDANCE OF RATE COLLECTORS AT REVISION SESSIONS.
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Thorpe:-

"That travelling expenses of Rate Collectors in respect of their attendance at Revision Sessions for Jurors Lists etc., be agreed to on the following scale:-

Pedal cycle 2d per mile; motor cycle 3d per mile; motor car 5d per mile

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Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed and Colonel Gibbon seconded:-

"That the recommendations of Finance Committee in respect of meeting of 21st July, 1927, be received and considered".

Passed.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE.

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Library Committee of 8th June, 1927, was read:-

"Before the reading of the Minutes, the Chairman stated that, as the Minutes sent to the County Council were merely for the purpose of record, it would be by far the wisest procedure to first have them passed and certified at the following meeting of the Library Committee, thereby eliminating any cause for misunderstanding or corrections which otherwise arise, and have the matter there and then completely settled with".

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Colonel Quin, that the Library Committee be requested to furnish the County Council with the Minutes after each Meeting of Committee instead of waiting until they have been confirmed at a subsequent meeting of the Library Committee".

The following extract from report of Sub-Committee of Library Committee was read:-

"During the investigation between the Library Committee and the Appointments Commissioners, it was officially decided that, as Miss Doyle was not at first appointed Assistant Librarian, and was merely an assistant to the Librarian, she therefore went out of office with the present Librarian, and the Library service be temporarily closed down until the new Librarian was in office".

The order of the Library Committee on the foregoing extract was read as follows:-

"It was therefore decided not to close down as such a step might seriously affect the future of the Library inasmuch as it might lead the public to believe that the Rural Service was at an end, and, secondly, it would mean a serious loss to Library property."

The following extracts from Minutes of Meeting of Library Committee of 8th June, 1927, were also read:-

"Librarian submitted Assistant's application for extension of Summer leave to attend Library Summer School at Wales, and was directed to inform her that, ^{as} she had merely been appointed as ^k clerical assistant, it was not possible for the Committee to recommend her to the County Council for such a course. That they offer no objection to her going but that owing to the new appointment it makes the position rather impossible. If she were prepared to pay her own expenses and take it out of her holidays it would be quite practicable".

"The Librarian read the following letter received from Co. Council on 17th May, 1927:-

'With reference to my letter of 9th November, 1926, as to appointment of Miss Eileen M Doyle as Assistant to Librarian I would be glad to have report from you as to her suitability for transmission to the Local Government Department.

Mise, le meas,

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'The Librarian was directed to send the following reply:-

'Dear Sir,

I submitted your letter of the 17th ult., re Miss Doyle to meeting of my Committee held on Wednesday, 8th inst., and was directed to inform you that, as we are in direct communication with the Local Government Department in connection with the appointment, they do not consider that the position of Miss Doyle should be now dealt with."

Colonel Quin asked for information as to what was exactly the present status of Miss Doyle, and the following extract from report of Mr Gleeson, who conducted the inquiry into the administration of the County Library, was read:-

"With reference to this post, I should say that, from the nature of the duties to be performed and the obligation to act as substitute during any temporary absences of the County Librarian, the lady recently appointed to the Library Staff was in fact an Assistant Librarian and not a mere clerical assistant. I am strengthened in this view by the testimony of Mr Hickey to the effect that two former assistants, who served in the Wexford Library, in a similar capacity had obtained posts as Chief Librarians."

The Acting Secretary stated that Miss Doyle had been appointed by the County Council as Clerical Assistant to Librarian, but this was disputed at the Inquiry by the Library Committee, who held that the position was that of Assistant Librarian.

Attention was drawn to the letter from the Department of Local Government, under date 20th July, 1927, No G 33308/1927, Wexford County, and which was considered at the meeting of the Finance Committee on 21st July, 1927.

It was pointed out by the Acting Secretary that the reason permanent sanction was not given was that the Local Government Department probably took the view that the present Librarian was not capable of deciding as to the competency of the Assistant.

Mr Boggan proposed and Mr Pender seconded:-

"That the Library Committee be requested to furnish certificate as to the manner in which Miss Doyle, Assistant, has performed her duties, since she took up her appointment".

Passed, Mr Corish dissenting.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES) ACT? 1926.

Demand for £25:18:10, amount assessed on Co. Wexford in respect of expenses of Local Appointments Commissioners for financial year ended 31st March, 1927, which was referred to the County Council by the Finance Committee, was submitted from the Local Government Department.

On the motion of Mr Hall, seconded by Mr Colfer, it was decided to defer payment of the amount pending explanation as to delay in filling vacancies for medical officers in Bunclody and Carrickbyrne Dispensary Districts.

On the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Gibbon, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the recommendations of the Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 21st July, 1927, be and are hereby confirmed".

Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 4th August, 1927, were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on August 4th 1927.

Mr Thomas McCarthy (Chairman) presided. Also present:- Messrs Aidan Mernagh, P. Hayes, Sean O'Byrne and Wm. Thorpe.

The Assistant Secretary and the County Surveyor were in attendance.

Letter was read from Col Gibbon apologising for being unable to attend the meeting owing to his absence in Dublin at the Horse Show.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5,661-19-4 was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

The state of the Rate Collection was submitted showing the following percentage of Rate lodged to date in connection with 1927-28 Rate:-

E. J. Murphy 27.90: J. Quirke 24.40: P. Furlong 21.88:
J. Doyle 11.02: W. Cummins 10.15: M. Kelly 9.11: J. Curtis 8.65:
J.J. O'Reilly 8.35: B. Cleary 8.04: M. Deegan 6.62: T. Rowe 6.20:
P. Walsh 6.02: T. Sutton 5.41: P. O'Byrne 4.67: J.J. Sinnott 4.12:
J.J. Kelly 4.11: S. Gannon 3.57: J. Cummins 3.21: P. Fitzpatrick
3.08: C. McCarthy 2.97: P. Donohoe 1.86.

The total amount of current rate lodged was £5849-7-2 out of half year's warrant of £67,341-15-0.

After discussion it was decided to call upon Rate ~~Collectors~~ Collectors to have at least 20% of their collection lodged by date of meeting of Finance Committee on 18th August and that Collectors be notified that failure to have this amount lodged will mean suspension at the said meeting of Finance Committee.

Mr Walter Cummins, Rate Collector ~~wrote~~ wrote as follows enclosing Bill for Law Costs amounting to £29-16-9 :-

"I enclose herewith a/c from my Solicitors in connection with Poor Rates. Would there be any possibility of your Council paying this a/c? I am already at a big loss through poundage as

many of them have no goods and it is hard lines to pay more for them now. Please do your best for me in this matter."

On the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman, it was decided to notify Mr Cummins that the Finance Committee could not recommend payment of this account as they consider Collectors need not employ a solicitor except in very exceptional cases as they have full authority under their own warrants to proceed against defaulters.

RENT -DISTRICT COURT OFFICE, ENNISCORTHY.

Under date 22nd July 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.34411/1927 Wexford County) as follows:-

"With reference to the entry in the Minutes of proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 13th ultimo, regarding the refusal of the County Council to pay the sum of £10 for arrears of rent to Mr Denis Doran, District Court Clerk, Enniscorthy, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that, as the Council would have been liable for the expenditure in the event of application having been made to them, the Minister considers it only reasonable that the County Council should not permit Mr Doran to be out of pocket. Accordingly, I am to request the County Council to kindly reconsider their decision in the matter.

On the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Thorpe, it was decided not to recommend the County Council to make any change in their previous order refusing this claim ~~as the Finance Committee~~ as the Finance Committee could see no reason to vary their previous decision, as payment of rent had been made from the date of Mr Doran's first application in respect of same.

PAYMENT OF SALARIES - SHEEP DIPPING INSPECTORS.

Mr M. Flaherty, Sheep Dipping Inspector, Ballyellis, Carnew applied for payment of account in respect of salary as Sheep Dipping Inspector.

The Chairman proposed and Mr Thorpe seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

That all Inspectors of Sheep Dipping be paid at next Finance Committee meeting the amount of remuneration due to them in respect of the Summer dipping period."

On the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Gibbon, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 4th August, 1927, be received and considered:-

RENT, DISTRICT COURT OFFICE, ENNISCORTHY.

Mr Shannon considered that the decision of the Finance Committee in connection with above should be dissented from. Mr Doran had to pay the amount out of his own pocket and it was not fair that he should be at the loss of the amount. He considered Mr Doran should be re-imbursed what he had paid for public purposes. He proposed that the amount of the Claim, £10, be paid Mr Doran.

Mr Patrick Byrne seconded.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor, was asked by the Chairman for his opinion as to whether Notice of Motion would be required to vary the previous order of the Council refusing the payment, and, in reply, Mr Elgee stated that, in his opinion, Notice of Motion would be necessary. He was afraid payment of the amount was statute barred as it was four years old.

Mr Shannon stated he would give Notice of Motion that the Council rescind their previous order refusing payment, the Local Government Department having recommended the County Council to pay the amount.

On the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Gibbon, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 4th August, 1927, be and are hereby confirmed".

ROADS COMMITTEE.

Minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 25th July, 1927, were submitted as follows:-

The monthly meeting of the Roads Committee of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 25th July 1927.

Present:- Mr T. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding, Also Messrs Sean O'Byrne, James Hall, William Boggan, P. Colfer, Richard Corish, Ml. Cloney, James Shannon and Col Quin.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, Mr Elgee, Solicitor and the six Assistant Surveyors were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE.

Col Gibbon wrote that owing to being a witness in the Dublin Law Courts, it was not possible for him to attend the meeting.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following report was read from the Co. Surveyor:-

"On the 9th inst the Committee appointed by the Council met on the Enniscorthy-Wexford Road and made inspection of the contract work and the concrete, and their report will be before you. I shall deal with this matter in detail at the meeting. On the 5th inst, I had an interview with Mr Musgrave, representative of the Cement Association Ltd. and discussed with him in general the matter of concrete roads. I am arranging, as far as possible, to expedite the work and improve the method of procedure.

Since your last meeting I had the Compressor Plant removed to Ballybrennan Quarry where I had an extended trial of it made. The work was under the direct supervision of Mr William Murphy, Machinery Overseer and I was in attendance there myself on several occasions. I shall have detailed report from the Machinery Overseer to submit to the meeting, and I may say here that I am satisfied that we shall have a great saving in cost of the work and will expedite same by the use of this plant.

The restoration work in Enniscorthy Courthouse has now been commenced and the Contractor is clearing off the site and preparing foundations, etc., The work in Gorey Courthouse is progressing satisfactorily.

"I have now started the Grant work on the main roads in Enniscorthy Urban area, and have arranged with Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, to take charge of same, and have set out the work with him. In connection with this, I wish to point out that there are two petrol pumps at present in Island Road Enniscorthy which are actually on the roadway, and they must be removed in order to carry out the work properly.

A great deal of the Grant work under the National Road Scheme this year provided for bitumen grouting, but owing to the very broken weather I did not believe we could possibly carry it out this summer, and accordingly, I communicated with the Chief Engineer, Local Government Department. I have now received from the Department authority to vary the work, and I am drafting a Scheme with the three Assistant Surveyors interested in the several jobs. The Department request that the work on the Enniscorthy-Scarawalsh section should be advanced without delay, and I have an offer from the Pioneer Road Construction Company to supply us with some of their surplus material from Brownswood Quarry. I consider that it will be advisable to obtain this extra material as our plant will be fully occupied in regard to the other jobs.

I have in hands the preparation of material for concreting Wexford Quays, which work is being carried out by me at the request of the Local Government Department, and I hope to start the concrete work shortly. For this work I am purchasing a concrete mixer and I shall charge hireage against the job for its use, and later, for use on the Wexford Urban Grant work also.

Complaints have been made in regard to the condition of the Gorey-Courtown road and I shall submit letter from Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, asking for a special Grant towards this work out of Contingencies Fund.

I have issued to all the Assistant Surveyors Road Direction Signs to be erected and the work is now in hands. The Speed Limit Signs for Wexford and New Ross Bridges and for

Gorey-Courtown Road have not yet come to hand owing to difficulty regarding the lenses for same. I have a letter from the Department of Local Government referring to this and stating that it will be necessary to readvertise for contractors in regard to these signs. No provision has yet been made for the erection of Danger Signs, and I ask for authority ~~xxx~~ to order a number of these. I understand that the Local Government Department will make provision towards cost of same, but at present I have no specific directions, and it will be advisable, I think, that the Department should be approached on the matter.

I enclose copy of letter received from the Caretaker of New Ross Bridge from which it appears that he was interfered with in the performance of his duty in opening the span, and I consider, subject to solicitor's advice, that proceedings should be taken against the owner of the motor car in question.

On the 11th inst, I made inspection of the river wall below Scarawalsh Bridge and have arranged with Mr Ennis to have repairs carried out. I do not consider that this is really a County work, but as repairs were formerly done to the wall, I take it, we are now liable to maintain it.

On the 14th inst, I visited Carne Pier with Mr Hassard, Engineer to the Minister of Fisheries, and we made a thorough inspection and took measurements of the structure. I shall submit a separate detailed report on this.

Bristowes Tarvia Company are in dispute regarding final payment for work done under contract last year, and I am withholding final certificate to the sum of £30-10-0. The Company threatens proceedings if this money be not paid. I consider that the work done was not fully up to the standard of other work in the county, and this £30-10-0 was actually expended by us in making good defects. The Tarvia Company have been in communication with the Local Government Department and after correspondence with me the Chief Engineer states that he does not propose to interfere any further in the matter."

Compressor Plant.

The Co. Surveyor mentioned that in Ballybrennan Quarry they had been able to get five feet per hour from the large drill and in addition three-quarters of a foot from the "Jackhammer." The plant could not work the large drill, the "Jackhammer and the Sharpener simultaneously but would work any two of them at the same time. The best they ever did in Ballybrennan under old conditions was 22 feet per working day; the average being sixteen. The plant was now working at Cherryorchard. He was confident it would save its cost within three years.

The Committee regarded the result of the working of the drill at Ballybrennan Quarry as satisfactory.

Petrol Pumps, Island Road, Enniscorthy.

The Co. Surveyor was directed to serve notice on Messrs Kehoe and Doherty, owners of petrol pumps which interfere with the work of road improvement in Enniscorthy Urban area, to have same removed.

Enniscorthy-Scarawalsh Road Section.

The Co. Surveyor stated that as regards the offer of the Pioneer Road Construction Company he considered that his own staff would be able to supply rubble stone cheaper than the Pioneer Company offered, viz, 8/- per cubic yard. This would entail over two miles haulage. The Company would give broken stone delivered on the road from Enniscorthy to New Ross at 9/- per cubic yard. The cost in County Council quarry was 8/- per cubic yard and adding the cost of haulage, the offer of the Company would be cheaper. The rubble stone could be produced by the Council's staff at 7/- or less.

Mr Boggan and Mr Colfer opposed the proposal as it would interfere with the proper distribution of County Council labour.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr Boggan:- "That we refuse to accept the offer of the Pioneer Road Construction Company to supply surplus

"material from Brownswood Quarry. We consider that the County Council staff will be able to provide the necessary material for the improvement of our roads.

Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor said that the refusal to accept the offer of the Company might mean a delay of six months in the execution of the work and the Co. Surveyor pointed out that it would also mean he would have to hire an extra breaker.

Gorey-Courtown Road.

Col Quinn said that the £1,000 which they had obtained as a Tourist Grant was being spent on about 200 yards of the ~~the~~ streets of Gorey whereas it would have been an enormous gain if spent on the road from Gorey to Courtown.

The County Surveyor stated that the Gorey street was part of the thoroughfare from Gorey to Courtown Harbour. The Local Government Department would not allow the Council to do work which could only be described as "super" maintenance. They preferred to have one mile finished in a perfect manner than to have nine or ten miles patched. He expected, however, as time went on they would be able to roll the whole length of the road between Gorey and Courtown.

The Chairman proposed and Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That we point out to the Department of Local Government (Roads) that the amount granted to this county for improvement of Tourist Roads is entirely inadequate for all practical purposes. We request the Department- in view of the case ~~in~~ which is being made by local residents for the development of Courtown Harbour and Rosslare- to allocate a further sum which is really necessary for the development of these resorts."

The Co. Surveyor submitted letter from Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, Gorey under date 11th July 1927 stating that the road from Gorey to Courtown Harbour was badly pot-holed, and to put it in passable order would need 50 casks of Colas for repairs of the worst holes. The cost entailed by work as proposed ~~would~~ will make a serious inroad on maintenance amount

allocated by the County Council and he (Mr Treanor) considered at least half the outlay should come out of the Contingencies Fund.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Corish:-

"That £100 be allocated from the Contingencies Fund towards the cost of repairing Gorey-Courtown Road."

ROAD DIRECTION SIGNS, ETC.,

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to request the Automobile Association to provide warning signs for the information of motorists passing through the County Wexford and that he also apply to the Department for a specific grant towards the cost of these signs and to cover the cost of their erection."

New Ross Bridge.

The County Surveyor submitted report from Mr Thomas Lee, caretaker of the New Ross Bridge that on the 18th July 1927 a man who was driving a motor car No. W.I. 753 offered money and drinks to the men in charge of the bridge to be allowed through, although there was only twenty minutes available to allow for the opening of the bridge, getting the vessel through and closing it again. The man in question took down the chains which were a barrier to the public and drove over. He stated he "did not care a damn for the County Council" and he gave all sorts of impudence.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-

"That proceedings be instituted against owner of motor car (W. I. 753) for interfering with the work of opening New Ross Bridge to allow of vessel passing through on 18th July 1927."

Scarawalsh Bridge.

Mr Boggan said if this work was one for which the Council was not responsible it should not be done at the expense of the county.

Mr Elgee pointed out that the work was really in connection with Scarawalsh Bridge and as the Council feared they might be responsible for any injury caused to the residence there which would occur through collapse of river wall they had already carried out work there. In the circumstances it would be as well for the Council to carry out the necessary repairs.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:-

"That the necessary repairs as estimated by County Surveyor be carried out at the river wall at Scarawalsh Bridge,"

BRISTOWES TARVIA CO'S CONTRACT.

The Co. Surveyor submitted correspondence from Tarvia Company claiming that an excellent job had been carried out. They claimed to have ample evidence on this point, no matter what the position was at present.

The Co. Surveyor in reply pointed out that the work was not thoroughly satisfactory and that any deduction which had been made from the account was fully authorised and seemed quite reasonable. However, without prejudice, and to come to a settlement, he (Co. Surveyor) was prepared to pay the Company a further sum of £24-12-6 which would leave a deduction of £30-10-0 which merely covered out of pocket expenses in remedying defects.

The Co. Surveyor explained that while the £30-10-0 had been actually expended in making good defects the £24 odd represented an estimate of the cost of repairs that would have been necessary if the Council was not going to re-tar the road this year. There might be difficulty in sustaining this particular claim against the Company.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Col Quin:-

"That we approve of the action of the County Surveyor in deducting £30-10-0 from amount of contract with Bristowes Tarvia Company as this amount had to be expended in making good defective work carried out by the Company."

Enniscorthy-Wexford Road.

The following report was presented by the Committee appointed to inspect this road:-

"The Committee appointed by County Council on 4th July 1927, attended on 9th July 1927 for the purpose of inspecting work on Enniscorthy-Wexford road.

Present:-Col Gibben and Mr James Gaul.

The County Secretary, County Surveyor and Mr Birthistle Assistant Surveyor Wexford District were also in attendance.

The Committee examined very carefully the work of concrete mixing and laying at Kyle end and the quarrying at Brownswood Section.

Brownswood Quarry.

As regards the working of this quarry, as the Broadbent stonebreaker in use there is capable of turning out 200 tons a day there is no reason to apprehend that the output from the quarry should not be able to keep two mixers going full time provided bad weather does not intervene. The margin is ample.

Quality of the Concrete Work.

The sides of the concrete slab show cavities due to inefficient tamping in the early stages. A considerable improvement was effected later and this portion of the work can at present be regarded as satisfactory.

An actual test with the wooden frame used showed that the depth of concrete was at one point only four seven-eighths inches ^{while} ~~while~~ at several other points the depths varied from five inches upwards to the full six inch minimum required. The immediate attention of the contractors should be called to this matter.

Water Tables.

The Committee were struck with the enormous amount of work which will be entailed in the construction of efficient Water Tables to drain the sides of the new road. The work will be complicated by the existence of the irregular holes which are

"being dug at varying depths in the course of the old water tables in order to provide a clay covering to keep damp the surface of the new concrete. Unless provision be made to complete the water-tables before wet weather comes in the Winter, there may be danger of water soakage affecting the foundation of the concrete road. It is therefore for consideration whether it would be advisable to carry on this work concurrently with the making of the road.

Expansion Joints.

The Committee consider Mr Quigley, Chief Roads Engineer, Local Government Department, should be asked for a definite opinion as to the advisability of having expansion joints provided at closer intervals than at present. The average length for 31 joints is 74 feet.

Level of Road.

Where the surface of road has to be "cut" to allow for sufficient depth of concrete, the face of "cut" should not be left vertical but should be sloped. Further such cuts should run irregularly and not be left in a straight line.

Size of Material.

Kerlogue material does not appear in the beginning to have run sufficiently small to fill "voids." The Co. Surveyor has, the Committee understand, taken steps to rectify this defect.

Tamping.

We suggest that the County Surveyor should satisfy himself that the tamper at present in use is sufficiently heavy for the purpose.

Sand.

The Contractors have three sources of supply:-

- (1) Slaney gravel; landed at Black Castle. (2) Sand Pit at the Deeps.
- (3) Sand Pit between the Deeps and Ferrycarrig.

The Committee believe these will provide adequate supplies and the Co. Surveyor agrees. The supplies of gravel and sand are from a fortnight to three weeks ahead and we suggest existing arrangements should continue.

Facilities for Water.

On investigation we noticed that the surface of the road-

"-in preparation for concrete mix- was watered from a bucket filled by a man from the tank on the top of the mixer. This is inefficient and if adhered to will probably lead to irregular results.

General.

We believe, generally speaking, that the work is going ahead and the only essential needed is the machinery which is awaited.

At the present we do not consider it is necessary to provide for double gangs. We recommend that the position should be reviewed in four weeks' time. The matter can then be considered so as to allow of sufficient time before the short days, to put extra men on, and provide for sufficient material, so as to get the full use of the Concrete Mixers.

Transport.

We were informed that the Contractors had secured ample motor transport at 5d per ton mile.

The Committee consider that provided the two new concrete mixers arrive on the dates expected, viz., 20th July and 1st August between eight and nine miles of road should be completed by the 1st November next.

It was decided that the Committee make a second inspection of the work on Saturday, 20th August 1927."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-

"That the report of Special Committee relative to their inspection of Wexford-Enniscorthy Road be received and considered."

The Co. Surveyor mentioned that as regards depth of concrete, it would be impossible to secure uniform depth. There must be an in-and-out depth, but he would not care to have depth less than 5½ inches.

Col Quin pointed out that the Committee were calling attention to places at which the depth was not 5½ inches and he wished to know what the Co. Surveyor proposed doing about the matter.

The Co. Surveyor stated it would be impossible not to have slight variations of depth. He believed that so far as it had gone it was a first class job.

Col Quin could not understand what the Clerk of Works was on the job for if he was not reporting matters of this kind to the Co. Surveyor.

Mr Boggan said it was extraordinary that the first time the Committee went there they found the depth in the specification was not being carried out.

The Co. Surveyor said that at Fortune's Gate the contractors had been obliged to put down 14 inches of concrete. The depth of four and seven-eights inches to which the Committee called attention ran for a couple of feet only. The work had been going on well and the contractors were doing their best to make a good job of it.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-

"That the report of Special Committee appointed to inspect Wexford-Enniscorthy Road reconstruction work be adopted and that the Committee be requested to arrange for a further inspection at an early date."

The following letter to the Co. Surveyor under date 11th July 1927 was read from Pioneer Road Construction Company:-

"We acknowledge your letter of 9th inst., and in reply beg to say that at present we cannot see that any advantage would be gained by putting on double shifts of men on the Kyle-Ferry-carrig section. Our programme is, we think, the better one. The No. 1 (Goodwin) Mixer will continue from Kyle Cross to Ferrycarrig.

A second mixer cannot be put to work on this section. To do so would stop the transport of cement to the first mixer.

A No. 2 Mixer will be at work to-morrow as you were informed by Mr Martin, beginning at Kyle and going north for a distance of about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles to a cross road. A No. 3 Mixer will be at work in a fortnight beginning at this same cross-road and working northwards towards Oylegate. The combined distances approximate $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles, and we expect this to be completed by 1st October. Should any means of expediting this progress present themselves, your Council may rest assured we shall avail of them as and when they arise."

The meeting agreed that the proposals of the Company in this letter met the situation fairly

GOREY GAELIC LEAGUE AND RECREATION GROUNDS.

Under date 14th July 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (33/396/1927 Wexford County) that the Minister for Local Government had ascertained from the Department of Valuation that a fair letting value for the plot of land attached to the Gorey Workhouse Buildings, and which it was proposed to let to the Gorey Branch of the Gaelic was £10 a year. He would be prepared to arrange for a letting on the basis of that figure.

Mr Sean O'Byrne said the Council would have to drop the proposal as the amount asked for represented an impossible figure to expect the Gorey Branch of the Gaelic League to pay.

REMOVAL OF MATERIALS, ETC., FROM SHORE AT ROSSLARE.

Under date 11th July 1927 the following (M.S.1447) was read from the Ministry of Industry and Commerce (Transport and Marine Branch):-

"With reference to your letter of the 7th inst and enclosure relative to the shore at Rosslare, I am desired by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to point out that there is something more at issue in this case than the quantity of removals that are being made by or on behalf of the County Council.

From inquiries which have been made by the Department it has been ascertained that removals of materials are being made on a large scale by many people and that serious injury to the coast is being caused thereby which will be increased if these removals are allowed to continue.

In the circumstances, therefore, it is clear that steps should be taken locally to prevent any further removals by each and all of the parties concerned. For this reason, the Department decided to bring the matter before the notice of your Council in order that they themselves would not be responsible for any more removals and that, as public interests are vitally affected by the removals which are being made generally, they might consider the

advisability of applying to the Department for an Order to prohibit removals by any persons on the usual undertaking to enforce the Order.

In a similar case at Tramore, the Waterford Co. Council applied to the Department and got such an Order.

I am, therefore, to request that your Council will be good enough to instruct their employees forthwith not to take or authorise to be taken any sand or shingle from the shore, and to invite their further consideration to the question of applying to the Department for the issue of an Order prohibiting removals by any persons."

The Co. Surveyor said that what was causing erosion of the coast was the Pier and not the few yards of gravel taken here and there by the people. If the Council were prevented taking sand and shingle from the shore they would have to provide from 12,000 to 15,000 cubic yards of broken material extra.

Mr Corish proposed and Mr Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That we request the Department of Industry and Commerce to send down to Wexford one of their Inspectors to discuss with the County Surveyor for Wexford County the matter of removal of sand and shingle from the shore at Rosslare."

COURTOWN HARBOUR SHORE.

In connection with Courtown Harbour, it was decided on the motion of Col Quin seconded by the Chairman that the Co. Surveyor make a report to next meeting of the Roads Committee in reference to the removal of sand from the beach at Courtown Harbour and to deal particularly with the point as to whether erosion is likely to be caused by a continuance of the practice.

ROSSLARE SLOB ROAD.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Council forwarded the following letter from the General Manager, Great Southern Railways, under date 7th July, 1927:-

"Replying to your letter of the 1st inst, I am advised that 17 foot gates would amply meet the requirements, having regard to the fact that immediately adjacent to the crossing the road is carried over a drainage canal by a masonry bridge having only

"11' 3" between the parapets. The cost of such gates, with wickets and the necessary alteration of the fencing, is estimated at £90.

This estimate does not include the cost of signalling as the Chief Engineer is of opinion that the Company will not be called upon to signal the Crossing. In any arrangement made with the Council, however, the Company would require an undertaking that, if compelled to erect signals, or finding it advisable to do so, the cost would be borne by the Council.

The yearly attendance at the Crossing would, it is anticipated, amount to £100."

The Co. Surveyor in reply to queries said that if a bridge was put there it would cost £2000 as they would have to provide for traction engine traffic, etc., over it in order to satisfy the Slob Company.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr Shannon:-

"That the County Surveyor lay the facts in connection with Slob Road (Wexford-Rosslare) before Mr Quigley, Chief Roads Engineer, Department of Local Government, and ask him what he will recommend to be done in the matter. The amount asked for by the Great Southern Railways Company to meet their requirements will prohibit the County Council from opening the road to public use."

CARNE PIER.

The following report was submitted by the Co. Surveyor under date 23rd July 1927:-

"It appears from records in the Fishery Department that there was expended on this pier in 1884-85 a sum of £2,180. Of this £1634 was State Funds and £546 local. This work was carried out under several Acts of Parliament and was then transferred to the County for maintenance. It is described as 475 feet long, 12 feet wide and having a depth at low water of 3 feet 0. S. T. at outer end. The Spring tide range is nine feet.

From time to time up to about 1914 the County expended money on repairs. About this time the end of the pier became seriously damaged and a Special Committee of the County Council was appointed

to inspect and report. When the matter came up for discussion before the County Council the question of County liability was raised. As the pier was not set out in the Schedule (16 & 17 Vic. cap 136) in "Vanston's Local Government" 1st edition, the County Council at the time being believed they had no responsibility and declined to expend County money on it. Until recently it was not believed to be a scheduled pier and nothing has been done in recent years.

On the 14th inst., accompanied by Mr Hassard, Fishery Department Engineer, I made a thorough inspection of the pier and took measurements.

The inner or shore end of the pier for a length of 343½ feet is in good order and only some small repairs to the concrete are necessary. The next 66 feet of the straight portion is badly damaged and will require extensive repairs and alterations. The outer end which is at an angle to the shore end is 66½ feet long and is in very bad order.

With Mr Hassard I carefully considered the advisability of, in any way dealing with this end now. I believe that for the present it should be left as it stands, and if at a future time the extension of the fishery warrants it, the end can and should be remodelled and rebuilt. The work now recommended will be complete in itself and will not require change or alteration in the event of future extension being necessary.

I recommend that at once the debris accumulated inside the pier at its end be removed so as to provide clear berthage alongside the straight portion. This debris should be deposited in as large blocks as possible to the outside of the "straight". This, I estimate, will cost about £60.

The other work recommended is as follows:-

1. Repairs to face of wharf wall. (2. Recoping of face wall. 3. Repair 27 feet of parapet wall. 4. Rebuild 19 feet of parapet wall.
5. Pave 66 lineal feet of surface. 6. Raise this 66 feet so that it will be level with surface of pier at 343½ feet, that is the end of the present good surface. 7. Repair and rebuild cross end wall where

the present work will end. 8. Provide access between the proposed "repair end" and the old end which will be untouched. 9. Provide steps, moorings, etc.

I estimate that this work under items 1-9 will cost £290 making a total cost of £350. Besides the above I consider that the retaining wall at the approach road to the pier should be repaired and estimate the cost at £50.

I understand that the approach to the pier over Mr Joyce's land will be handed over to the County. This will require to be fenced and some surface repairs will also be necessary. This expenditure will, I believe, be a county charge and will amount to £80."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by the Chairman:-

"That the work necessary at Carne Pier be carried out by the Co. Surveyor at a cost not exceeding £460. That the Department of Fisheries be asked to contribute half this amount, and that the balance be provided so far as is possible from Special Proposal for repair of Public Works, viz Piers and Harbours, etc. In the event of a sufficient sum not being available from this proposal, any amount still necessary to make up the £460 to be taken from the Contingencies Fund."

HAULAGE CHARGES.

Col Quin called attention to the statement in the report of the Committee which inspected Wexford-Enniscorthy Road that the contractors had been able to secure mechanical haulage at fivepence per ton mile. The Co. Council were paying double that price.

The County Surveyor said it was not possible for the Co. Council to have the work done at 5d. The contractors of Wexford-Enniscorthy Road had special compartments attached to their stone-breaker from which they were able to load waggons in two minutes. It would not pay the Co. Council to provide for this at their various quarries and the necessary equipment was not portable.

In connection with the proposal of the County Council to acquire additional land for the widening of Station Road at Rosslare, Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, submitted the following letter from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford under date 15th July 1927:-

"As the sums agreed to be paid our clients, Mrs Margaret O'Brien (£20), Patrick Swan (£90) and Capt. James Murphy (£150) in respect of the plots of land required by the Council for the widening of the Rosslare Road are small, they could not be expected to go to the expense of making title to the plots unless the Council agree to indemnify them as regards costs. Pending hearing from you we shall do nothing further in the matter."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Quin seconded by Mr Hall:-

"The Roads Committee cannot see their way to recommend the Co. Council to pay the costs which would be incurred in making title to the land required for widening the Station Road at Rosslare."

The Co. Surveyor mentioned that the Council would not be able to carry out the work for the money allocated if they were prevented taking sand and shingle from the shore.

DREDGING KILMORE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Hall:-

"That the attention of the Board of Works be called to the necessity of having some dredging done at the entrance to Kilmore Pier. At present fishing boats are greatly hampered in getting in and out of the Harbour owing to the amount of silt. The County Council applied for Board of Works dredger last year for this purpose but their application was not successful. The Roads Committee believe that dredging could be carried out most conveniently during September or October next."

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BALLYVERGIN CROSS.

The following resolution from meeting of Finance Committee on 21st July 1927 was submitted:-

"We consider the Roads Committee should instruct the County Surveyor to proceed with the work of easing corner at Ballyvergin Cross by widening corners at Taghmon side and by having proceedings to compel him to lower his fences instituted against Patrick Kennedy, owner of the land on the Adamstown side."

After discussion the following resolution was adopted: on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-

"That the Co. Surveyor be instructed to have corners at Taghmon side of Ballyvergin Cross widened since Mr O'Connor, owner of the land has agreed to the necessary work being done.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Boggan seconded by Mr Hall:-

"That the County Council be recommended to proceed against Patrick Kennedy, owner of land at Ballyvergin Cross to enable corners at Adamstown side to be widened."

GUSSEANE LANE.

The County Surveyor submitted report from Mr Patrick O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, under date 21st July 1927 that all persons interested in the repair of this lane except one, were willing to draw and spread the necessary material.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Colfer:-

"That the Co. Surveyor provide the necessary material for the repair of Gusserane Lane, New Ross District."

COOLGREANY BALL-ALLEY.

The Coolgreany Ball-Alley Committee wrote under date 21st July 1927 asking the Council to have the margin of roadway adjoining the ball-alley cleaned up.

It was decided that application be referred to County Surveyor for report to next Roads Committee meeting.

CLAIM FOR DAMAGE TO MOTOR CAR.

The Co. Surveyor submitted claim from Mr Howard P. Murphy, 2 Idrome Terrace, Blackrock, Co. Dublin for £18-7-0 damage to motor car, £7-7-0 damage to clothing and £1 per day for loss of time while car was not available. The claimant stated that on 28th June last while on the road between Ferns and Enniscorthy, a considerable quantity of fresh, hot tar escaped through a valve on top of the tar-spraying machine and caused the damage for which he was claiming.

The County Surveyor stated that the Insurance Company had settled the claim for £14-10-0. The matter was an accident pure and simple. One of the nuts on top of the pump was loose. A man started to tighten it but he turned it the wrong way and the tar ran over Mr Murphy's car and clothing

CLAIM OF MICHAEL FOLEY FOR HAULAGE

In connection with above claim adjourned from last meeting of Roads Committee, Mr Thomas B. Dunbar, Solicitor, Enniscorthy wrote that his client Michael Foley, Killanne had been engaged by Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor to cart and spread stones on two roads and for which he was to receive £30. There was a balance of £7-10-0 due.

Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor said that Foley was ~~main~~ contractor for roads 253E and 254E and the money claimed had been struck off for insufficient work and shortage of material. No agreement had been entered into with Foley for haulage.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by Mr Boggan:- "That Mr Dunbar, Solicitor, be informed that no haulage agreement was entered into between his client, Michael Foley and Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor. The money now claimed was struck off amount on foot of contract roads Nos. 253E and 254E and represented amount of insufficient work and shortage of material."

INSPECTORS CINEMATOGRAPH ACT.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Quin seconded by Mr Colfer:-

"That Sergt T.B. Dunleavy(2299)be appointed Inspector under Cinematograph Act 1909 for Killinick Garda Siothchana Sub-District and Sergt P. McNulty(5752) be appointed Inspector under Cinematograph Act 1909 for Carrig-on-Bannow Garda Siothchana Sub-District."

ROADS INSPECTION COMMITTEE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by Mr Shannon:-

"That the Special Roads Inspection Committee, Messrs Hall, the Chairman (Vice) Sean O'Byrne, Col Quin, and the Chairman be requested to make their annual Road Inspection as soon as convenient. That the members be allowed their out-of-pocket expenses. That dates for said inspection be arranged by the County Surveyor."

Signed _____

~~PRESIDENT CHAIRMAN.~~

On the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Minutes of Meeting of Roads Committee of 25th July, 1927, be received and considered".

REMOVAL OF MATERIALS, ETC., FROM SHORE AT ROSSLARE.

Under date 2nd August, 1927, the following letter, No M.S.1467, was read from the Transport and Marine Branch of the Department of Industry and Commerce:-

With reference to your letter of the 29th ultimo on the subject of the removal of sand and shingle from the shore at Rosslare, I am desired by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to state that the Department does not feel that the necessity for personal discussion in the matter has so far arisen.

The Department will, however, be glad to consider any representations which the County Surveyor may desire to make and to afford him any information which he may require.

If it should appear thereafter that the matter is one which can best be disposed of by discussion locally the Department will be prepared to consider the question of arranging an interview between one of its officers and the County Surveyor.

ROSSLARE ROAD - TOURIST GRANT.

In connection with the recommendation of the Roads Committee, refusing to pay the costs which would be incurred for making title to the land required for widening Station Road at Rosslare, it was pointed out that failure to pay the amount of the costs would hold up the work.

Mr Elgee stated, in reply to the Chairman, that the total costs would amount to £15.15.0.

On the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr Gaul, it was decided to deal with the matter in committee.

After a long discussion, the following resolution

was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-

"That Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, be authorised to indemnify the owners of the plots required by the Council as regards costs to a sum not exceeding £15:15:0. That Mr Elgee endeavour to settle claim on behalf of the County Council for the lowest amount possible; payment of costs in these cases not to be taken as a precedent".

BALLYVERGIN CROSS.

The County Surveyor stated that Patrick Kennedy, owner of the land at Ballyvergin Cross, had agreed to accept £2 as compensation for land taken to widen corners at Adamstown side. The work was at present being carried out.

Approved.

CARNE PIER.

Under date 25th July, 1927, the following letter No D/7/11, was read from the Department of Fisheries:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Fisheries to transmit herewith a copy of a report by the Engineer to this Department relative to repairs to Carne Pier, and to state that, while cognisant of the fact that there is a statutory obligation on the County Council, in whom this pier is vested, to maintain the work, the Minister would be prepared to recommend the grant from State sources of one half the cost of repairs, provided that the Council undertakes the work and will find the other half of the cost. The State grant, if sanctioned, would not in any event exceed £200".

The following is copy of the report:-

"Inspected on 14th July, 1927 at Low Water of a Spring Tide, accompanied by W F Barry, A M I C E, the County Surveyor, and meeting on the ground Messrs Weldon, Langrishe and Irvine. The inner part of the pier for a length of 343½ feet is in good order, only some small patching to the concrete here and there being required.

1. Repairs to face or wharf wall.
2. Re-cope face wall.
3. Repair 27 feet of parapet wall.
4. Rebuild 19 feet of parapet wall.
5. Pave surface 66 lin. feet.
6. Raise this length of 66 feet so that it is level with surface of pier at $343\frac{1}{2}$ feet.
7. Repair and rebuild end wall.
8. Provide steps and moorings.

The outer portion of the pier, $62\frac{1}{2}$ feet long, is at a 'cant' to the inner portion. This length is in very bad order and I suggest it be left alone. It can be used at low water in calm weather.

9. Provide access between portion of pier repaired and outer cant.

The debris from the damaged work is in the berthage and should all be removed so as to allow boats to come alongside the pier.

10. Remove all debris from berthage, both alongside the straight portion of the pier, and from alongside the 'cant', and pack same behind the parapet wall.

I estimate the cost of the work involved in above 10 items at £350, and that for this expenditure the pier will provide very fair facilities for the class of boats (small motor boats 27 ft x 7 ft : 12/14 Kelvin engine) likely to use the place.

The retaining wall to the approach road to the pier will require repairs which may cost about £50."

On the motion of Mr Gaul, seconded by Mr Patrick Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That a sum of £350 be allocated for the repair of Carne Pier, and £50 for the repair of the retaining wall at the approach road to the pier, total £400; £200 of this amount to be recouped by State grant. That the allocation of £50 for the repair of the retaining wall at the approach road be subject to the approval of an Inspection Committee of the County Council. That a Committee, consisting of Colonel Gibbon, Messrs Doyle and Gaul, with Mr Elgee, Solicitor, and Mr Barry, County Surveyor, together with local residents interested in the project, inspect the pier on Saturday, 13th August, 1927, at 5 o'clock, p.m."

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, that the allocation of £60, recommended by the Roads Committee, for the fencing and repair of the approach to the pier over Mr Joyce's land, be not approved.

On the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne, the foregoing minutes of Roads Committee were confirmed, with the exception of the allocation of £60 for the fencing and repair of the approach to Carne Pier over Mr Joyce's land, and the question of costs for making title to plots of land being acquired by the County Council for the purpose of widening Station Road at Rosslare.

ENNISCORTHY-WEXFORD ROAD, SECOND INSPECTION.

The following report of Sub-Committee was submitted:-

"The following members of the Sub-Committee appointed for the inspection of the Enniscorthy-Wexford Road were present on 6th August, 1927:- Colonel C M Gibbon, C.M.G., Mr J Gaul, Mr A Mernagh, and Mr Barry, County Surveyor. Also present:- Mr McNally, Director of the Contracting Company.

SECTION, KYLE-FERRYCARRIG.

The Sub-Committee proceeded to inspect the work being

carried out between Kyle and Ferrycarrig. On this Section the work is proceeding very satisfactorily and at an average rate of about 240 linear yards per week. One mile exactly was completed at the time of inspection. Mr McNally stated that he expected to have this section completed by 1st October.

Expansion Joints.

It was noted that the distance between expansion joints has been considerably reduced since the last inspection took place.

Water Tables.

The Contractors have now ceased taking the clay required for the covering of the concrete from the bottoms of the water-tables in such a way as to injure them. The County Council have now four men employed on the water-tables. The work is quite satisfactory, but is progressing very slowly. The Sub-Committee recommend that this work should be pushed on more rapidly on all sections to keep pace with the concrete work, so that there may be no low points at which water may lie to soak into the road foundations should wet weather be experienced in the late Autumn or early Winter.

Thickness of Concrete.

It was found on trial that portions of the road still allow of a thickness of concrete below the 6 ins. mentioned in the contract. Thicknesses of anything from 5 to 6 ins. are common. The thickness above one stone left in the old road was found to allow of only $4\frac{5}{8}$ ins. Mr Barry considers that this is quite in order and that to tear up the old foundation to allow of the full 6 ins. of concrete would not be productive of good results. The Contractor has already to allow of a depth considerably in excess of 6 ins. at the sides of the road to give the present thickness in the centre. Mr Barry does not think it would be reasonable to ask for

more than is already being done. The Sub-Committee recommend that Mr Quigley be asked for a definite ruling.

Curing of Concrete.

It is understood that, according to the terms of the contract, the concrete must be kept wet for a minimum period of 14 days after having been laid. From the morning of Monday, 25th July, to the evening of Friday, 5th August, it was ascertained that 487 linear yards had been laid. Of this total, however, less than 300 yards showed evidence of having been watered during the previous few days. This failure to keep the concrete thoroughly damp according to the terms of the contract was reported on the occasion of the last inspection also.

Wetting of Road Foundation.

A hose pipe was found to be employed for thoroughly wetting the old roadway preparatory to laying the concrete. This rectifies the deficiency reported on the occasion of the previous inspection.

Tamping of Concrete.

On the occasion of the previous inspection it was reported that the first 3 ins. or 4 ins. of concrete laid on the surface of the old roadway were subject to ramming with iron mammers. The surface was then put on and tamped with a grader. On the present inspection it was noted that ramming is now limited to a strip of about 6 ins. on either side of the roadway, and that no ramming is carried out in the centre. All consolidation is limited to the jumping up and down of the grader for very brief periods. Mr McNally said that he was not required by the terms of his contract to ram the concrete, nor did he think it conducive to good results. Mr Barry holds an opposite opinion. This is a point on which a ruling should be obtained from Mr Quigley.

Quality of Concrete.

A section of about one yard square was cut out of one side of the concrete roadway for inspection. This piece of concrete showed some cavities, even though it was cut from the edge which had been rammed. Mr Barry, however, is of opinion that the cavities are not abnormal. The Sub-Committee are of opinion that it might be wise to have a similar section cut further from the edge in the roadway, provided such cutting would not leave a permanently weak point.

Reinforcement.

It is understood that no provision for reinforcement is being made in this section.

SECTION KYLE-BALLINASLANEY.

The Sub-Committee then proceeded to inspect the section from Kyle Cross to Ballinaslaney Cross. On this Section about 200 linear yards have been completed northwards from Kyle Cross. Progress has been very slow, as the mixer employed is very small, and its engine has given a great deal of trouble. It is understood from Mr McNally that a new mixer, similar to that employed on the Kyle-Ferrycarrig section, is to be provided at an early date.

Water Supply for Mixer.

The water supply for this mixer has, up to the time of the present inspection, been provided from barrels filled by hand with buckets from ditches. This method is very inefficient. Mr McNally stated that a pump and pipe-line would be installed next week.

Curing of Concrete.

The surface of the road has up to the present been watered from a steel concrete barrow which has been filled by buckets from a neighbouring ditch. It is obvious that such a method of keeping the concrete thoroughly damp, as required by the

Contract, must be absolutely inefficient. This condition will, of course, be changed by the installation of the pump and pipe-line.

SECTION, BALLINASLANEY-TOYLGATE

The Sub-Committee then proceeded to inspect the section running from Ballinaslaney Cross Roads northwards. On this section only 5 linear yards of concrete have been completed. There is on the spot a very modern and extremely efficient concrete mixer of a large type, which moves under its own power. With it very rapid progress should be possible. At the time of inspection Mr McNally explained that a pump and pipe-line were being installed and would be ready for work on the following Monday. The start that had been made utilised a ditch water supply, which became fouled by cattle during the very hot days which were experienced lately, and work had to be temporarily suspended, pending the provision of a more suitable supply.

GENERAL.

Provision of Material.

The Sub-Committee did not ~~expect~~ inspect the different quarries, but Mr Barry reports that the provision of material on all Sections is well in advance of all possible progress which can be made in laying the concrete.

White Centre Lines.

The Sub-Committee recommend that, on the three bad corners which exist on the Sections at present under construction, a White Line should be made down the centre of the roadway in the concrete. The corners in question are those at Ferrycarrig, Fox & Goose and Whitefort Bridge. It is suggested that, if this White Line were put in with white sand from Rosslare Strand and white rock from the Forth Mountain, the line would remain permanent. If it is possible to carry out this work now, whilst the road is under construction, it would be

infinitely preferable than to tear it up in future years in order to make the necessary provision. It may be noted that, in England, the Local Authorities are being compelled to provide white lines at all corners on main roads. In Ireland, already such lines are being provided at dangerous corners throughout the country. Their use is inevitable in the near future, and the Wexford County Council should look ahead.

Banking of Road at Whitefort Bridge.

It is suggested that the outer edge of the road at Whitefort Bridge should be slightly banked in order to reduce the danger of motors skidding. It is understood that there are no technical difficulties, and that there would be no appreciable added cost.

Progress Generally.

Mr McNally stated that, if the coming winter is open, the whole road should be complete by January, 1928. The Subcommittee is satisfied that good progress is being made on the Kyle-Ferrycarrig section. The plant on the Ballinaslaney-Cylgate section, which has now been provided on the spot, is even more efficient than that provided on the first-named section. The plant on the Kyle-Ballinaslaney section cannot however be regarded as other than inefficient. It is hoped that every effort will be made to expedite the arrival of the new mixer for this section. Whilst undoubtedly delay in the provision of mixers may not altogether have been the fault of the Contractors, yet there can be no justification for the pumps and pipe-lines required for each section not having been ready installed to work the mixers immediately on arrival. With three mixers working there should undoubtedly be a reserve mix pumping plant. This would not throw great expense on the Contractors. Where the pipe-line has not been provided ready for the commencement of the work on any particular section it must be expected that both the mixing and the curing of the

concrete will be inefficient, and that the best results cannot ensue. Moreover, the waste of time involved during the favourable summer months is eminently undesirable.

Next Inspection.

It is suggested that another inspection should take place in the near future to ascertain whether progress is satisfactory as the result of the provision of adequate plant. It is suggested that, if possible, Mr Quigley should accompany the sub-committee on the occasion of the next inspection".

In reply to a query, the County Surveyor stated he was perfectly satisfied with the manner in which the work was being carried out and with the recommendations contained in the report of the Sub-Committee. On the day previous to the visit of the Committee, he had given instructions regarding the concrete being kept thoroughly damp. If he were carrying out the work by Direct Labour, he would carry it out in the same manner as the Contractors, and this was the best testimonial he could give as to the manner in which the work was being carried out.

On the motion of Mr Hall, seconded by Mr Thorpe, the recommendations in the report ~~xxx~~ were agreed to, with the exception of the proposal to cut section from edge of roadway for the purpose of examining same to ascertain if there were any cavities, as the meeting was of opinion that this could not be done without causing injury to the road.

STRAHART CORNER.

Mr Patrick Byrne referred to the necessity for easing dangerous corner at Strahart.

On the motion of the Chairman, the matter was referred to the County Surveyor for his attention.

ROAD AT CAMOLIN.

On the motion of Mr Patrick Byrne, seconded by the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Department of Lands and Agriculture (Forestry Section) be requested to re-consider their previous decision re repair of surface of passage through the Department's forest property at Camolin Park, used by local residents as a roadway, as its present impassable condition means considerable hardship on the families living adjacent".

CUSTODY OF EXPLOSIVES.

Mr Corish raised the point that two of the gangers had not been given custody of the small amount of explosives given to the other gangers in the County for small blasts. He wanted information as why exceptions were made in these two cases, as the withholding of the explosives meant delay in carrying out some of the work in these gangers' districts.

The County Surveyor stated that the County Council did not make any discrimination; the matter was dealt with by the Civic Guard. He promised to make inquiries.

ROAD NO. 220E.

Mr Joseph Cullen, Ballyrannell, Glenbrien, Contractor for Road No. 220E, came before the meeting and complained that a sum of £2:10:0, which had been deferred off his contract in respect of the quarter ended 31st March, 1927, for shortage of material, had again been deferred, although he had the material on the road ready for measurement.

The County Surveyor stated that, as Cullen had not spread the material, he could not certify for the full amount.

The explanation of the County Surveyor was accepted on the motion of the Chairman.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Under date 11th July, 1927, the following letter was read from Miss Kathleen A Browne, Rathronan Castle, Bridgetown:-

"Kindly convey my sincere thanks to the Co. Council for having appointed me a member of the Library Committee. I much regret I cannot consent to do this work, which to me would be most congenial. On looking over the published list of the members of this Committee, I find the names of a few persons with whom I could not - honourably - have any association in any capacity whatever".

Under date 12th July, 1927, a letter was read from Mrs Dowse, 14 Lower George Street, Wexford, declining to act on the Library Committee, as her sight was imperfect.

Mr Hall stated he would be in favour of appointing two members of the County Council instead of the two ladies.

The Acting Secretary stated that the ladies, who refused to accept membership of the Library Committee, were two of the three outsiders which it was agreed the Council should appoint to membership of the Committee.

The Chairman and Colonel Quin were in favour of asking Miss Browne to reconsider her decision not to act on the Committee.

The names of Mrs Kelly, Wexford, and Mrs M O'Connor, Wexford, were suggested, as it was considered they would make suitable members.

Several members stated that they knew that Mrs O'Connor would not act.

Mr Hall proposed and Mr O'Donoghue seconded:-

"That two County Councillors be appointed to fill the vacancies on the Library Committee".

Passed on a show of hands by 16 to 5.

On the motion of Mr Thorpe, seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne, Messrs James ^{Hall} ~~and~~ and T Rossiter were then appointed as members of the Library Committee.

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD.

Under date 19th July, 1927, a letter was read from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., Dublin, stating that every Local Authority, which was a member, was entitled to appoint one of its members or officers or any other person, authorised in that behalf, to attend and vote at General Meetings of the Company and exercise every other right or power incidental to such membership.

Colonel Gibbon proposed and Mr Donoghue seconded:-

"We, the County Council of Wexford, in the County of Wexford, being a member of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Limited, hereby appoint as our nominee Mr Michael Doyle, Cottage, Tagoat, in our name and on our behalf to vote and exercise every other right and power incidental to such membership".

Mr Colfer proposed and Mr Cooney seconded the appointment of Mr Sean O'Byrne.

After discussion, Mr Colfer withdrew his motion, and Colonel Gibbon's resolution was then put and carried.

WATERFORD & NEW ROSS PORT SANITARY AUTHORITY.

Under date 29th July, 1927, the Acting Secretary, County Board of Health, Wexford, forwarded letter from the Clerk of the Waterford and New Ross Port Sanitary Authority, asking for the names of the representatives of the County on his Board for the current year.

On the motion of Mr Boggan, seconded by Mr Whyte, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Messrs M Cloney, Dungulph Castle, Duncannon, and W Thorpe, Knockroe House, New Ross, be appointed representatives of Wexford County Council on Waterford and New Ross Port Sanitary Authority."

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Under 14th July, 1927, (No 32890/27), the Department of Local Government & Public Health forwarded the following copy of their Auditor's report:-

"I beg to report that I have audited the Accounts of the Wexford County Council for the two half-years, ended 30th September, 1926, and 31st March, 1927. Certified copies of Abstracts are forwarded herewith.

"The Accounts were well-kept and presented for audit in a satisfactory manner."

REGULATIONS, TREATMENT, VENEREAL DISEASE.

Under date 7th July, 1927, (P.H. 28670/27, Wexford B.H. & P.A.), the Department of Local Government forwarded copy of Order made by the Minister for Local Government, prescribing regulations in regard to arrangements for the prevention and treatment of Venereal Disease in Wexford County.

COMPENSATION - MR J J FANNING.

Under date 25th July, 1927, (P. 31928/1927, Wexford County), the Department of Local Government forwarded copy of order made by the Minister for Local Government, fixing £21:7:4 as gratuity to Mr J J Fanning, late Clerk, Gorey Union, for loss of emoluments as Superintendent Registrar for the Gorey Area.

PENSION - MR B J O'FLAHERTY.

Under date 30th July, 1927, (P. 32756/1927, Wexford County), the Department of Local Government forwarded copy of order made by the Minister for Local Government, fixing £9:2:6 as annual allowance to Mr B J O'Flaherty for loss of employment as Solicitor to the late Board of Guardians of Gorey Union.

WATER SUPPLY, CLONEVAN.

Sealed Order, dated 1st July, 1927, and No 28136/27, was read from the Minister for Local Government, fixing Killenagh and Wells Dispensary District as the area of charge in connection with the provision and maintenance of water supply at Clonevan.

BOOKS ON AGRICULTURAL SUBJECTS.

Under date 27th July, 1927, (G.1187-27), the Department of Lands and Agriculture forwarded list of books on Agricultural and allied subjects, suitable for inclusion in a rural library.

Referred to the Chairman of the Library Committee.

TELEGRAPH OFFICE, DUNCORMICK.

Under date 2nd August, 1927, (No T 5632/27), a letter was read from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs, stating that the necessary enquiries in the matter of opening a Telegraph Office or Telephone Call Office at Duncormick, were not yet completed. They were, however, being expedited, and a further communication would be sent as early as practicable.

COURTHOUSE KEEPERS.

Under date 30th July, 1927, Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, wrote that, as instructed, he had looked into the question as to who was to appoint the various Courthouse Keepers in the County. He was of opinion, in view of Section 54 of the Court Officers Act, 1926, that the appointment of Courthouse Keepers was now vested in the County Registrar, and the County Council had no voice in the making of such appointments.

Mr Cooney proposed and Mr Hall seconded:-

"That the County Registrar, when filling vacancy for Courtkeeper in any County Courthouse, be requested to advertise the position, and appoint the most deserving applicant, who is found suitable for the post".

Passed, Colonel Quin dissenting.

NEW ROSS COURTHOUSE.

On the motion of Mr Cooney, seconded by Mr Thorpe, it was decided that a Committee, consisting of Messrs Thorpe, Cooney, Colfer and Walsh, with the County Surveyor, inspect New Ross Courthouse, on Friday, 12th August, 1927, at 3 p.m., and make recommendations to the County Council as to portion of the premises available for letting, and suggestions as to repairs and alterations required to the premises.

FAIR GREEN AT WHEELINGTONBRIDGE.

Under date 23rd July, 1927, the following letter was read from Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council:-

I have now looked into the matter of the Fairgreen as instructed by the Council, and have gone carefully into all the Acts I can find dealing with the matter, and, as far as I can see at present, there is no liability on the Council to provide such Fairgreen. The only reference in the Local Government Act

which I can find on the matter is, under Section 31 of the Local Government Act, 1898, which gives an Urban Authority power to provide such Market place or Fairgreen. This being so, I cannot advise that the Council are under any liability to provide a Fairgreen as asked for at Wellingtonbridge."

On the motion of the Chairman, it was decided that no ~~for~~ further action be taken in the matter

SECTION OF WATERFORD ROAD.

A resolution was read from New Ross Urban Council, calling attention to the bad condition of the surface of the section of the Waterford Road between the Barrow Boat Club and the entrance gate of Mr J B Hearne's avenue.

Referred to the County Surveyor.

COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL, ANNUAL MEETING

Under date 18th July, 1927, the Secretary, County Councils' General Council, wrote that a meeting of that body would be held during the last week of August or first week in September, and asked to be notified of any matters which the Council wished to bring forward at that meeting.

No Order.

GRANTS IN AID OF LOCAL TAXATION.

Under date 18th July, 1927, the Secretary, County Councils' General Council, forwarded copy of letter and query form, relative to grants in aid of Local Taxation, which had been addressed to each candidate at the recent General Election.

Approved.

POISONS & PHARMACY ACT.

On the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman, renewals of licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act were granted to

W H McGuire, Quay, Wexford.

Edward Redmond, The Harrow, Ferns.

Edward Brennan, Taghmon.

PAYMENTS TO ROAD CONTRACTORS.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That payments to Road Contractors, as appearing on Form 22, and as certified by the County Surveyor, be and are hereby agreed to".

REPORT OF ANALYST.

Report of Miss Phyllis Ryan, County Analyst, for quarter ended 30th June, 1927, was submitted, showing that 142 samples were analysed, of which 8 samples were found to be adulterated.

AGREEMENT WITH ENNISCORTHY CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.

On the motion of Mr Doyle, seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the seal of the Council be affixed to the agreement with Enniscorthy Co-Operative Agricultural Society, Limited, as to additional piece of land adjoining Machinery Yard at Enniscorthy".

M. J. O'Connell
Sent. 12th 1927

I certify the foregoing to be a correct record of
the Minutes of Proceedings of Wexford County Council in
respect of Meeting held on 8th August, 1927.

(Signed) Thos a Fuzelle
Acty Secretary.

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

ANNUAL MEETING

4TH JULY 1927.

MINUTES.

N. J. FRIZELLE
SECRETARYFORTVIEW
WEXFORD.

The annual meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 4th July 1927.

Present:- Mr T. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding, also Messrs Wm Boggan, P. Byrne, James Cline, Ml. Cloney, P. Colfer, J. Connors, T. Cooney, R. Corish, Ml Doyle, James Gaul, Jas Hall, P. Hayes, Ml Jordan, D. Kavanagh, Aidan Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, M.M. O'Donoghue, J. Pender, Thos Rossiter, James Shannon, Wm Thorpe, James E. Walsh, Col Gibbon and Col Quin *and N.J. Murphy.*

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary and the County Surveyor were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Mr Shannon said that for the third time he had the ~~pleasur~~ pleasure of proposing the election of Mr McCarthy (outgoing Chairman). He thought they would agree that Mr McCarthy held the balance at the meetings very fairly and that he had acted impartially for past two years.

Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded and said they could not make a better selection than Mr McCarthy.

Mr Hayes supported the proposition. Although the Chairman at all times did not vote as the Labour members would wish him, he had to admire him for the manner in which he had upheld his independence as Chairman between parties. Mr McCarthy had held the balance of power fairly and squarely.

Mr Doyle said he had great pleasure in supporting the proposition. As far as his (Mr Doyle's) side of the house was concerned, they had no regrets with regards to Mr McCarthy's chairmanship. He had steered an even keel between both parties and this was the best tribute they could pay him.

Mr Corish also supported the proposition. Everyone would agree that for the past two years Mr McCarthy had carried out the duties of his office with great distinction and ability.

Col Gibbon said he would also like to support the motion. Mr McCarthy had been extremely fair in his decisions and he had

missed very few meetings of the County Council or Committees. They would be all glad to see him continuing in the Chair for the coming year and he thought they were unanimous on the subject.

Mr McCarthy was declared unanimously re-elected.

The Chairman said he thanked the members heartily for their renewal of confidence in him by re-electing him as their Chairman by a unanimous vote. He felt under a deep debt of gratitude to the members for their loyal co-operation and help during the two years he had held the office of chairman, as without the help of the members it would be very difficult for anyone in his position to carry on. He had received every assistance from both sides of the house. The proceedings during the past year had been carried on with great harmony and although differences of opinion were expressed he found a desire on the part of everybody to respect the opinion of other members. Every member had evidenced his desire to do his best for the county and get the best results, and he hoped that next year when they retired they would be in a position to claim that they had worked as economically as conditions allowed them. He wished to express the personal view that three years was too short a lifetime for a County Council. At the expiration of three years a County Council was just beginning to become a useful body. It had then to retire from office and it might happen that a great number of the members would not seek re-election and that others would be defeated at the polls. He thought the life of a Council should be extended to five years. Formerly under the British regime, a three years' occupancy of office was, perhaps, long enough, because no power was vested in Parliament to remove a Council that was not working satisfactorily but the Irish Government had power to wipe out a County Council should it fail in its duty. The object of limiting the period of office to three years was not to give a Council the opportunity of doing anything wrong, but at the present time no Council could go very far wrong because the Government had it in its hands to dispose of them. The Government should therefore

consider the advisability of prolonging the life of Councils. The Government did not want frequent elections and the Dail was quite right in extending the membership of the Assembly to five or six Years. He hoped the present Government would remain in office for the full period as he was sure the country did not want another general election for five or six years. They had heard a lot about the appointing of County Managers, and it might happen that before many years were passed, the affairs of every county would be controlled by County Managers with local bodies acting in advisory capacities. The local bodies might get more powers than an advisory capacity would entitle them to, but County Managers might be appointed in years to come. The work of County Councils was gradually and steadily increasing. Their Council held at present monthly meetings of the general body, monthly meetings of the Roads Committee and fortnightly meetings of the Finance Committee, while some of the members also attended monthly meetings of the Mental Hospital Committee and the County Board of Health. Every year more work was put on members of public bodies, and in coming years it would be doubtful if men would be got to discharge such onerous duties voluntarily as at present. He did not think it necessary to review the work of the past year, as during the year the Press had very faithfully recorded their proceedings and he would like to thank them for their invariably accurate reports. He also wished to thank Mr Frizelle, County Secretary and Mr Barry, County Surveyor for their help and courtesy during the year. They could not have more capable officials in these positions. He also thanked the other officials all of whom he had known to have discharged their duties faithfully and well. He hoped next year when the Council retired they would have done nothing to be ashamed of, but on the contrary they would have a record they would be a little proud of.

The Chairman then subscribed his declaration of office.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Mr Corish proposed the re-election of Col Gibbon (outgoing vice-chairman). He said that any time an opportunity presented itself to him to preside he had done so in a manner befitting

himself and the Council. He was very fair and impartial and he, (Mr Corish) could say for his side of the house that they were perfectly satisfied that Col Gibbon should be elected vice-chairman.

Mr Cloney seconding said he thought Col Gibbon had given every satisfaction when the need arose for him to conduct the business.

Mr Doyle said he wished to support the proposition. He had a good deal of information as to Col Gibbon's worth not alone on the County Council but outside it. He was an asset to the county and could hardly be replaced.

The Chairman said he also wished to support the proposition for Col Gibbon's re-election. He had been an invaluable member of the Council and his advice and assistance on all occasions had been of great worth. He took a deep interest in the country as was evidenced in his interest in the Sugar Beet Factory. There was no doubt that a man like him was a valuable asset to the country at the present time.

The motion was then put and declared carried unanimously.

Col Gibbon said the members had done him a great honour in again electing him to be vice-chairman, and all he could say was that he would do all that was in his power. It was rather a pleasure to work with the present County Council in contrast to some of the other public bodies, and one reason for that was that the attendance at the Council and Committee meetings were generally almost maximum. Very great interest had been taken in the work of the county. Both sides of the house had co-operated in reducing expenditure during the past year and he hoped that before they passed out of office they would, by their attendance and diligence to their work, be able to further reduce the heavy expenditure which was thrown on the ratepayers of their county. The difficulty facing the farmers and everyone in Ireland at present was connected with the cost of living. What cost them 100/- in pre-war times now cost them 180/-. While what the farmer sold for 100/- in pre-war times now brought, according to statistics, less than 140/-. It was 140/-

in England, and in Ireland they were under that. Consequently they had got to find the difference of £2 between 140/- and 180/- somewhere else. That was why it was essential for every member of the Council to do all he could to reduce the cost of living. It was not, he believed, by increasing the cost of the goods they produced that they would find the solution. The main problem was to reduce the cost of living and they would help to do that by working together to reduce the rates.

Mr Doyle said that Col Gibbon had declared the cost of living to be 80% over pre-war cost, but in connection with a discussion in the Dail on bonuses, the Minister of Finance put it down definitely as 90%. If that were the case, he believed that something should be done through the country to get down that cost. He did not know if the Council would hold with the figure of 90%, but that was the statement at headquarters.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEES.

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Finance.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Hall seconded by Mr Corish:-

That the following be re-elected members of Finance Committee for year 1927-28 to hold office until the appointment of their successors:-

Messrs Thos McCarthy(Chairman), Col Gibbon(Vice-Chairman), Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, Aidan Mernagh, John O'Byrne, Wm. Thorpe, and James E. Walsh.

Roads.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Rossiter seconded by Mr P. Byrne:- "That the following ~~members~~ be re-elected as members of Roads Committee for 1927-28 to hold office until their successors have been appointed:-

Messrs Thos McCarthy(Chairman), Col Gibbon(Vice-Chairman), William Boggan, Michael Cloney, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, James Hall, John O'Byrne, James Shannon and Col Quin.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.Finance.

The following Minutes of Finance Committee of 23rd June 1927 were submitted:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 23rd June 1927.

Present:-Col Gibbon,Vice-Chairman(presiding),also, Messrs P. Hayes,A. Mernagh and William Thorpe.

The Secretary,the Assistant Secretary and the County Surveyor were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

ABSENCE OF CHAIRMAN.

Under date 18th June 1927,a letter was read from Mr T. McCarthy,Chairman,apologising for his absence as he was away from home.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5758-5-2 was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

The state of the Rate Collection was considered.

It was decided that the following Collectors be summoned to next meeting of the Finance Committee to explain the condition of their collections,viz:-P. Donohoe,J. Cummins, C. McCarthy,P. O'Byrne,J.J. Kelly,T. Sutton and M.M. Kelly.

In connection with proposed advances of amounts of poundage,the Local Government Department wrote(G23949/1927/Wex. County)that for the current year the Minister would be prepared to consider quarterly proposals for advances on account of poundage fees on the lines indicated in the letter of the Department under date 4th April 1927. This communication, (G 13352/1927/Wexford County)stated that the Minister would be prepared to consider the authorisation of interim payments of poundage fees on account,in the light of the rates collected,provided satisfactory progress had been made- the balance to be dealt with at the end of the half year.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"We recommend the County Council to apply to the

"Department of Local Government for sanction to the following proposal:- That quarterly payments of poundage fees on 60 per cent of the amount collected and lodged be paid to Collectors, this arrangement not to take effect until the Collectors have collected and lodged 50 per cent of the amounts of their warrants.

Under date 17th June 1927, the Local Government Department wrote (G27769/1927/Wexford County) that the Minister had noted with disapprobation that none of the Co. Council's Rate Collectors had closed the first or second moieties of their warrants. In view of the fact that two months had elapsed since the close of the financial year (31st March 1927) upon which date all Collectors should have closed to comply with the terms of their appointment, the Minister ^{recommended} ~~recommended~~ that the matter be to the Finance Committee with a view to action being taken against a few of the worst Collectors under their Bonds. In the meantime, the sureties of the Collectors should be notified of their failure to close their warrants within the proper time.

The Secretary stated that copy of the Department's letter had been furnished each Collector and his securities.

The following recommendation was agreed to:-

"That the Department of Local Government be informed that copy of their letter (G27769/1927 Wexford County) under date 17th June 1927 had been furnished Rate Collectors and their sureties. All collectors who have still 10 per cent and over of their collections outstanding have been summoned to attend next meeting of the Finance Committee for such action as may be decided upon by the County Council on recommendation by the Finance Committee after the latter have had an opportunity of investigating the circumstances in each Collector's district."

CLAIM BY COURTHOUSE KEEPER.

Application by Mrs McNally, County Courthouse keeper, for payment of salary, etc. for year ended 31st March 1927 was referred to Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, for advice.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE.

In connection with permanent appointment of Miss Doyle as Assistant to Co. Librarian, which had been sanctioned by the Local Government Department for a probationary period of six months, Miss Walsh, Co. Librarian wrote under date 9th June 1927 that the letter of Secretary of Co. Council of 17th May had been submitted to the Library Committee on 8th June when she was directed to state that as the Committee were in direct communication with the Local Government Department in connection with the appointment they did not consider the position of Miss Doyle should be dealt with at present.

Under date 9th June 1927, letter was read from County Librarian submitting a list of the active members of the Library Committee with copy of Minutes of the latter in respect of their meeting of 14th May.

The Minutes of Library Committee having been read, the following recommendation was adopted:- "That the County Council be recommended to appoint the following as a Library Committee for the life of present County Council :-

1. Rev. R. Fitzhenry P.P. Lady's Island: 2. T. McCarthy, Chairman, County Council: 3. E. P. Foley, Crossabeg: 4. Denis Whelan, The Deeps, Kyle: 5. Seumas Doyle, The Bungalow, Ballycarney: 6. R. F. Phillips, N.T. Duncormack: 7. J. F. Heffernan, "Free Press," Wexford: 8. Miss N. O'Ryan, Tomcoole, Taghmon: 9. Col Gibbon, Sleadagh, Wexford: 10. Ald. R. Corish, St Ibar Villas, Wexford: 11. Rev. J. Sinnott Adm. Wexford: 12. Rev J. Butler, The Presbytery, Wexford: 13. Rev T. Talbot, Rector, Horetown: 14. Miss Eileen Hore, George Street, Wexford: 15. Miss Fennell, George Street, Wexford: 16. Rev Bro. Carew, Christian Schools, Wexford: 17. Sean O'Byrne, The Avenue, Gorey: 18. Wm. Thorpe, Knockroe, New Ross: 19. J. E. Walshe 55 South Street, New Ross: 20. J. Kelly N. T. Taghmon: 21. Miss Kathleen Browne, Rathronan, Bridgetown: 22. Mrs Dowse, George Street, Wexford.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Treasurer of County Council be requested to agree to overdraft by County Council of £28,000 to the 30th September 1927, and that the Local Government Government Department be requested to sanction this proposal."

RATE COLLECTORS' BOOKS.

It was decided that Collecting books be issued to Rate Collectors who, since last meeting of Finance Committee, have reduced the amount of rates outstanding in their districts to 10 per cent and under.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-

"That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting of 23rd June 1927 be received and considered."

Claim by Wexford Courthouse Keeper.

Under date 1st July 1927, Mr Elgee, Solicitor, wrote stating he was of opinion that until the appointment of Mrs McNally as Courthouse Keeper had been terminated, the Co. Council were bound to pay her the amount to which she was entitled for salary, rent of rooms in lieu of the use of apartments she formerly enjoyed in the Courthouse, and also fire and light.

It was decided to hold over payment of amount claimed by Mrs McNally and in the meantime that the County Registrar be written to in order to ascertain who is in a position to dispense with her services should the County Council decide on taking such a step.

Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed and Mr Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That Mr Elgee, Solicitor, ascertain what person or body is entitled to appoint Courthouse keepers."

Mr Elgee - The Co. Registrar claims that he has power to appoint them.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE.

In reply to Mr O'Byrne, the Secretary stated that the Library Committee had recommended the first 12 names on list submitted to the Council as appearing on Minutes of Finance Committee as the ^{active} ~~actual~~ members of the Library Committee. The Co. Council had appointed Rev. T. Talbot, Rector, Horetown vice Canon Willis, Gorey resigned. The Library Committee had recommended Miss Hore, Miss Fennell and Rev Brother Carew, while the Finance Committee had recommended as the nominees of the County Council (in addition to those already on Library Committee), Messrs Sean O'Byrne, Wm. Thorpe, J.E. Walsh, Co. Councillors, Mr J. Kelly, National Teacher, Taghmon, Miss Kathleen Browne and Mrs Dowse. This would bring the full ~~sixteen~~ strength of the Committee to 22.

A long discussion took place as to the position of Miss Doyle, Assistant to Librarian, after which Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed and Mr Boggan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That as Miss Doyle, Assistant to County Librarian has given every satisfaction in the discharge of her duties as Assistant to Librarian we request the Department of Local Government to issue permanent sanction in her case as promised in letter from Department under date 22nd November 1926 (G50189/1926 Wexford Co)."

Mr Corish said he would not vote on the resolution as he was a member of Library Committee.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Clince:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting of 23rd June 1927 be and are hereby confirmed."

ROADS.

The following Minutes of Roads Committee in respect of meeting held on 27th June 1927 were submitted:-

The monthly meeting of the Roads Committee of Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 27th June 1927.

Present:- Mr T. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding: also Messrs Sean O'Byrne, James Hall, M. Cloney, P. Colfer, W. Boggan, R. Corish, James Shannon, Col Gibbon and Col Quin.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, the six Assistant Surveyors of the Council and Mr Elgee, Solicitor were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Co. Surveyor submitted the following report for the month:-

"On the 21st inst. I attended in Dublin with a deputation from the Mount Garrett Bridge Committee to interview the Department of Local Government with reference to a further Grant towards the building of Mount Garrett Bridge, as the funds at present available do not come up to the requirements. The Department Officials will recommend the Ministry to make a Grant equal to 25 per cent of the total cost, but this will leave a further sum of £2,000 to be provided by the Wexford County Council. Full details and figures will be before you at the meeting.

I have been in communication with the Engineer, Fishery Department with reference to Carne Pier so that we may go jointly into the best method of dealing with the repair. I have not yet heard from him in reply, and therefore, cannot as yet report in detail.

The Compressor Plant recently brought to Kerlogue Quarry has been at work under the direct charge of Mr Murphy, Machinery Overseer. Up to date we have not received the further Dollies and fitment necessary to use the special drill sharpener, and accordingly the drills have to be dressed by hand with the consequent delay. With this system of work we are able to put in from 30-35 or so feet per day, and I expect with ~~the~~ the sharpener plant fully at work we will be able to reach close on 60 feet, if not fully 60 feet in

"Kerlogue Quarry, and in most of the other quarries a great deal more. Of course, we have not taken over the plant until the representative of the firm has fully demonstrated its capacity.

I have been in communication with the Insurance Company in regard to our claim for damage by blast at Carriganeagh Quarry, and submit correspondence.

As directed by the Council I notified the builder who tendered for Enniscorthy Courthouse reconstruction that his tender could not be accepted at the full amount owing to our not having funds available, and subsequently I had an interview with him. I now have acceptance of the work at the figure set out by the County Council, subject to some minor alterations in the Specification, and I consider that these should be agreed to.

On the 14th inst. I visited Cullenstown with Mr Kehoe and we interviewed the hauliers there with reference to the matter of dumping ground. This could only be obtained actually on the shore at the far end, and I have arranged with them that the mileage to be covered by the haulage pay should start from this point. I think this is a reasonable arrangement with them and ask for your approval.

On the 14th inst. also I inspected the coast road going to the Hock, which is at present in a dangerous condition, and if not immediately attended to, the road may be carried away. I estimate that the cost of making good, at the present time, will be £60 and I ask to have this amount transferred from the Contingency Fund.

On the 17th inst. the Committee appointed to deal with Rosslare Strand, Buildings, etc. visited Rosslare. There were present Col Gibbon, Messrs M. Doyle, Rossiter, Hayes and Gaul. The Co. Surveyor and Mr Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor were also present. Subsequently the Committee went on to Ballygeary and inspected the proposed new road at Barryville and also the road subject to flooding at Ballygillane.

I have made inspection of Killabeg Quarry with Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor and arranged with him to have the fencing work

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"carried out and he is to settle details with the owner.

I have sanction from the Local Government Department for work in Wexford Urban area. One section of this is directly under the County Council and I am now preparing material for it. The other section-along the quays-is normally in charge of the Harbour Board, and accordingly I have notified the Board of the proposed work and asked for their approval to its going on. I submit correspondence in the matter.

The concrete work on the Enniscorthy-Wexford ^{Road} is now proceeding satisfactorily, and when the second concrete mixer arrives it will proceed at an increased rate. On the 24th inst. I had an interview with Mr O'Brien (Pioneer Company) and we arranged minor details of the work.

With reference to the application of the District Justice for linoleum for floor of Court at Old Jail premises, I find that it will cost up to about £10 to lay this. At the Co. Council meeting there was mention made of this, but no formal resolution passed.

I submit list of proposals for County-at-large works, and ask to have the money transferred from the General proposals against these. The sums are the usual amounts.

Mr O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor reports to me that Samuel Elmes, contractor for 104R is in default, and that he has notified him that he will take up the road. I ask for your sanction to this.

I have received a number of Road Signs from the Automobile Association, and have postponed erection pending your decision. I find that the mileages set out on these signs are not correct in a number of cases, and moreover, they are not consistent with each other. I submit correspondence with the Automobile Association."

Mountgarrett Bridge.

In connection with the proposed erection of Mountgarrett Bridge, the following letter under date 22nd June 1927 was read from Mr Drew, Secretary, Co. Council, Kilkenny who is acting as Secretary to Joint Bridge Committee:-

"Adverting to your communication of the 17th January last notifying that the contribution of Wexford County Council towards building of new bridge at Ferrymountgarrett had been fixed at £6,562, I have to state that the Bridge Committee, at meeting on the 28th ultimo, provisionally accepted the tender of Messrs John Hearn & Son, Waterford for the construction of the bridge for the sum of £18,839-0-5 subject to the necessary funds being available.

From attached list it will be noticed that the total estimated cost of the work, including Contingencies, Engineers' fees, salary of Clerk of Works and Incidental Expenses, will amount approximately to £22,748, from which should be deducted the promised contribution of the Roads Department. This latter sum was originally fixed at 25 per cent of actual expenditure up to £4500, but following Conference with that Department yesterday, it was ascertained that the limit of their contribution will be removed, and that the Department will be prepared to contribute 25 per cent of the gross expenditure. Assuming therefore, that £22748 are expended the Department's contribution will be £5687 leaving balance chargeable to the respective Councils at £8530-10-0 each.

The Kilkenny County Council has on deposit a sum exceeding £7500, and I have no reason to think that they will not be prepared to find the balance.

As your contribution has been fixed at £6562, an additional commitment of £1968-10-0 will be essential if the work is to be proceeded with.

The question of the Kilkenny contribution will have attention of the County Council on the 4th proximo and the result will be notified you in due course. I have, therefore, on behalf of the Bridge Committee to request you to kindly submit the matter for consideration at next meeting of your Council and to inform me as to what action has been taken in the matter."

The Secretary stated that the £22748-0-5 was made up as follows:-Tender of Messrs J. Hearn & Sons, Waterford £18839-0-5, Contingencies (10 per cent) £1884, Engineers' fees (7 per cent) £1450, Salary of Clerk of Works £375, Incidental Expenses £200.

Continuing the Secretary stated that as the Bank rate was at present $5\frac{1}{2}\%$, a loan of £2000 which the Co. Council would obtain would be calculated for repayment at 5%. The following would be the annual amounts of repayment, viz:- five years of £461-19-10, ten years of £259-0-2, fifteen years of £192-13-9 and twenty years of £160-9-9.

Mr O'Byrne proposed and Mr Colfer seconded the following resolution:-

"That the County Council be recommended to apply to their Treasurer, the National Bank for a loan of £2000 repayable in 15 years in order to provide for the rebuilding of Mountgarrett Bridge in accordance with new plans agreed to by the Joint Committee of the Counties of Kilkenny and Wexford entrusted with the erection of the structure." Passed.

Carne Pier.

Consideration adjourned until report of Co. Surveyor in the matter is received.

Compressor Plant.

The following recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by the Chairman:-

"That we inform Messrs Fleming & Co, Glasgow who have supplied Compressor Plant that the Roads Committee are disappointed at the delay in supplying the full sharpening plant before now, and request Messrs Fleming & Co to supply necessary additional dollies, etc without further delay."

Carriganeagh Quarry.

The meeting approved of the reply forwarded by the County Surveyor to Insurance Brokers in this matter.

Enniscorthy Courthouse.

The Co. Surveyor submitted a list of the alterations which Mr Robert C. Williamson, contractor for Enniscorthy Courthouse asked for in order to take the contract at £2881, viz:-
Spraying of concrete roof to be done by Co. Surveyor as contractor would require to hire special plant to carry out this work: Flue linings to be 8" instead of 10": Metal gutters round roof instead

of lead: Water supply to be altered to $\frac{1}{2}$ " to suit Urban Council requirements: Picture rails in rooms of caretaker's premises instead of cornice: 5 per cent retention money, say £150-to be held on completion.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Boggan:-

That we agree to changes in specification relative to erection of Enniscorthy Courthouse as submitted to this meeting by the County Surveyor except that as regards retention money which we consider should be 10 per cent held for a period of six months." Hauliers Bannow District.

The Co. Surveyor stated that the hauliers concerned were satisfied with the new arrangement.

The action of the Co. Surveyor in the matter was approved.

Hock Road.

The proposal of the Co. Surveyor to expend a sum not exceeding £60 to save this road from being washed away by the sea was approved.

Rosslare Buildings.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Col Gibbon:-

"That consideration of this matter be adjourned until report of the Committee appointed to deal with same has been received."

A discussion took place as to what steps should be taken in connection with the attitude of Mr Ml. Kelly, Rexall Pharmacy, Rosslare in not carrying out his agreement with the County Council as regards erection of house at Rosslare.

Col Gibbon proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution:-

"That no act on be taken at present as regards erection of house at Rosslare by Mr Kelly, Rexall Pharmacy, Rosslare."

The resolution was adopted, Col Quin and Mr Hall dissenting.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of this matter until report of Committee had been received.

Wexford Urban Roads -Repair of Quays.

The Co. Surveyor read correspondence with Wexford Harbour Commissioners in reference to expenditure of £5850 Grant from Local Government Department(Roads) for repair of Wexford Quays which are under the control of the Harbour Commissioners. The Co. Surveyor under date 14th June 1927 wrote the Harbour Commissioners that the work would be done otherwise than by contract and would be under his supervision. The Town Surveyor(Mr Hanrahan)would act under the Co. Surveyor and the immediate charge of the job would be in the hands of Mr Birthistle,local Assistant Surveyor. He asked for sanction of the Harbour Board to the work which he intended putting in hands at once.

Under date 22nd ~~inst~~ June 1927, the Secretary, Wexford Harbour Board, wrote acknowledging the letter of the County Surveyor and the specification of the work. The following committee of the Harbour Commissioners had been appointed to confer with Mr Hanrahan in the matter:- Messrs W.H. McGuire, John Browne and James Billington.

The Secretary mentioned that the Co. Council had neither control of or responsibility for this work.

Enniscorthy-Wexford Road.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Gibbon seconded by Mr O'Byrne:-

"That we protest against the delay which has taken place in carrying out the reconstruction work of Wexford-Enniscorthy road. We consider the amount of work done, viz, about 300 yards of concreting to end of June absolutely disgraceful. That the ~~xxxx~~ attention of the Local Government Department(Roads) be called to this matter and that they be requested to inform the contractors they will be obliged to speed up the work."

Mr Corish considered the contractor should put on two shifts of workmen.

Mr Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said that it might be possible for the contractor to have this done at the Enniscorthy end, but it was not feasible at Wexford end as it would not be possible to have sufficient haulage carried out.

Mr Corish proposed and Mr Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the contractors for reconstruction of Wexford-Enniscorthy road be approached with a view to putting on a second shift of workmen when in a position to do so."

Col Quin proposed:- "That the Co. Surveyor procure expert advice in connection with "mix" used for concrete work on Wexford-Enniscorthy road and that proper tests of this "mix", particularly as regards finishing, be carried out by the County Surveyor in future."

Mr Corish seconded the resolution which was adopted
nem. con.

Road 104R.

Mr Corish proposed and Mr Shannon seconded the following resolution:- "That the Roads Committee approve of the suggestion of the County Surveyor to place this road in his charge."

Mr Hall proposed and Mr Boggan seconded the following amendment:- "That Samuel Elmes, contractor for Road No. 104R and his sureties, Peter Murphy and James Doyle, both of Cushinstown be proceeded against for failure to maintain this road."

A show of hands was taken with the result that four voted for and five against the amendment.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The resolution was then put and passed nem. con.

Linoleum for Courthouse.

Mr Corish proposed:- "That in view of the proposed reconstruction of Courthouse, no action be taken as regards purchase of linoleum for present Courthouse." Passed.

Proposals County-at-large.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Col Quin:-

"That, as recommended by County Surveyor, we approve of the following allocations to County-at-Large:-

Maintenance Roadway over Wexford Bridge	£ 100
Repairs Wexford Bridge	20
Maintenance Roadway over Ferrycarrig Bridge	30
Repairs to Ferrycarrig Bridge	20
Maintenance Roadway over Deeps Bridge	30
Repairs Edermine Bridge	20
Caretaking New Ross Bridge 31/3/27-31/3/28	40
Repairs to New Ross Bridge	100
Maintenance Roadway over New Ross Bridge	40
Caretaking Mountgarrett Bridge 31/3/27-31/3/28	12
Repairs to Kilmore Pier	100
Repairs to Fethard Harbour	10
Repairs to Slade Harbour	15
Repairs to Duncannon Harbour	15
Repairs to Arthurstown Harbour	15
Repairs to County Council Offices	50
Repairs to Courtown Harbour	100
Repairs to Ballyhack Harbour	10.

Sign Posts.

In connection with this matter, the following under date 17th June 1927 from the Co. Surveyor to the Secretary of the Co. Council was read:-

"I have now received a number of Road Signs for the County from the Automobile Association. We have in hands for a long time the posts for the erection of these, and I now find that the signs are not satisfactory. As far back as 2nd August 1926, I wrote to the Automobile Association in connection with this matter, as they proposed altering my figures, etc. I enclose you copy of my letter, and I took it that the Automobile Association would have attended to my recommendations. The signs now sent are not in accordance with my figures, and before erecting them I should have special directions from the Co. Council, as I do not want to be

"held responsible for what I consider inaccurate mileages, and signs inconsistent with each other. Will you please bring up this matter at next meeting of the Roads Committee."

The letter of 2nd August 1926 referred to by the County Surveyor to the Secretary, Automobile Association, pointed out discrepancies of mileages in the signs supplied by the Association

The Co. Surveyor also submitted the following letter under date 20th June 1927 from the Secretary, Automobile Association

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 17th inst with reference to the inconsistencies in the mileages. It is evident our mileage is wrong on No. 25 from New Ross to Wexford.

With reference to the others, the order does not permit the mileage to be in eighths, and it would appear that a quarter mile discrepancy has crept in.

Would you kindly erect all the signs that it is possible to do, and if this inconsistency does not show up badly, I am sure it will be agreed to by your Council.

With reference to No. 25, if you will send us this sign back, we will renew it with the correct mileage."

The Chairman proposed:- "That we accept the explanation of the Secretary, Automobile Association in connection with sign posts supplied to this County. That the Co. Surveyor make the best arrangements he can as regards amendment of incorrect figures on these sign-posts." Passed.

ERECTION OF TELEGRAPH LINES.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Quin seconded by Mr Hall:-

"That we consent to the erection of ~~over~~ ^{under} ground telegraphic lines along the road from Ashton House to Talbot Hall, New Ross and from the Post Office to the Civic Guard Station at Campile, the placing of poles in each case to receive the approval of the County Surveyor."

LICENCES FOR PETROL PUMPS.

Under date 13th June 1927, list of persons having petrol pumps installed with position of same was submitted by the Chief

Superintendent, Garda Siothchana.

It was decided that list be submitted to Co. Surveyor for report as to whether all pumps are actually erected on public roads and that his report be considered at next meeting of the Roads Committee.

Applications for erection of petrol pumps were received from the following:- Herbert T. Cocks, 83 & 84 Main Street, Gorey: E.W. Bates, St. Michael's Road, Gorey: Matthew Harte, Campile.

Report in each case stating that the erection of the ~~the~~ pump would not cause any obstruction to traffic was read from the Assistant Surveyors concerned.

Mr O'Byrne proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That licences for petrol pumps be issued to Messrs Herbert T. Cocks, 83 & 84 Main Street, Gorey, E. W. Bates, St. Michael's Road Gorey and Matthew Harte, Campile in accordance with applications submitted to this meeting and the plans accompanying same. Tanks must not be placed on the public road but must be placed on the applicant's premises. That licences issue when appropriate fee has been paid, and when applicants submit evidence that they have entered into policies of Insurance to cover third party risks."

Col Quin dissented on the grounds that pumps should not be allowed to be erected on public highways.

CINEMATOGRAPH ACT - INSPECTORS.

Under date 23rd June 1927, the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana reported that Sergeant Scanlan had now been placed in charge of Ballycullane sub-district and Sergeant Murphy in charge of Campile sub-district.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Quin seconded by the Chairman:-

"That Sergeant M. Scanlan(3262) be appointed Inspector under Cinematograph Act 1909 for Garda Siothchana sub-district of Ballycullane and Sergeant Arthur Murphy(3430) Inspector under Cinematograph Act 1909 for Garda Siothchana sub-district of Campile

ERECTION OF HOUSES, ETC.

Under date 11th June 1927, the Co. Surveyor forwarded report from Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor with reference to application of J. Walsh as to erection of dwelling house at St. Leonards, Gusserane.

Mr Kehoe considered that the application might be agreed to. The wall of the house would be about 30 feet from the centre of the road and would not obstruct the view. The house would be eight feet further in from the road than the present dwelling house which it was to replace.

It was decided to take no action in the matter.

Mr James Connolly, Builder, Priory Street, New Ross wrote on behalf of Mr M. Furlong, Proprietor of Globe Hotel, New Ross for permission to erect a small advertisement on a board or on sheet iron on a short pole on a green patch at the junction of old and new roads from Wexford to New Ross.

It was decided to refuse the application.

IMPROVEMENT OF ROAD - ROSSLARE STRAND.

The Co. Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 25th June 1927 from the General Manager, Great Southern Railways:-

"Replying to your letter of the 24th June. Before arriving at any decision the Directors obtained a report from their Engineer and very fully considered the circumstances. There is no probability of their agreeing to modify their decision.

It was decided to take no further action in the matter.

ROAD FROM POULMOUNTY TO BALLINABANOUE.

Under date 25th May 1927, the Town Clerk, New Ross wrote:-

"I am directed by my Council to draw the serious attention of the County Council to the condition of the road from Poulmounty to Ballinabanogue- better known as Ballywilliam turn - and to ask them to kindly have it attended to as soon as possible. Owing to its present condition it is feared that vehicular and motor traffic is being diverted to other towns, thereby seriously affecting the trade of New Ross."

The following report under date 24th June 1927 was submitted from Mr O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor:-

"I inspected the above road on the 23rd inst. The surface is very rough and will continue so until a sufficient quantity of good grade material has been put into the surface. I am at present hauling material to the road from Ballynabola Quarry and have made arrangements to improve the worst parts as soon as the haulage is completed."

It was decided that copy of Mr O'Neill's report be furnished New Ross Urban Council.

TAGHMON FOOTPATHS.

A letter under date 23rd May 1927 was read from seven residents of Back Street, Taghmon asking to have new footpaths laid down as had been done in other parts of the village.

The County Surveyor stated that the paths would be laid down as money became available.

GUSSERANE LANE.

After discussion as regards repair of this lane, it was decided that Mr O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor should inform the parties concerned that the County Council will carry out their promise to supply a certain amount of material if the persons interested will spread this and carry out any further necessary work of repair.

ROAD 152E - CLAIM FOR PAYMENT.

James Kenny, Effernogue, Ferns, contractor, wrote complaining of the amount of payments which had been made to him for his work on this road.

Having heard the County Surveyor, the Committee decided that Mr Kenny be informed that in their opinion the Co. Surveyor had dealt in a proper manner with the payments on foot of this work.

CLAIM FOR HAULAGE.

Mr T. B. Dunbar, Solicitor, Enniscorthy, wrote under date 17th June 1927 claiming £7-10-0 alleged by him to be due by the Co. Council to Michael Foley, Killanne, Enniscorthy for haulage

from Ballyhyland to Glenglass and stating that he would issue a Civil Bill in the matter unless the money was paid forthwith.

The Co. Surveyor stated that he had written to Mr Dunbar for particulars of claim but these had not yet come to hand.

Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor stated that he had called on Mr Dunbar for the particulars but they were not available.

It was decided that the matter be adjourned until the necessary particulars had been received by the Co. Surveyor.

SOW DRAINAGE SCHEME.

Under date 24th June 1927, Mr John Murphy, Coolaknickbeg, Oylegate, Hon. Sec. to Sow Drainage Trustees wrote asking that the County Surveyor should inspect the River Sow as soon as possible. The river was in a wretched condition at present. The weeds were actually filling up the whole bed of the stream with the result that the whole district between Ballinkeele Bridge and the Ballagh was flooded. They hoped the Co. Council would see its way to do something to remedy the present wretched state of the place.

It was decided to inform Mr Murphy that as this Drainage Scheme was still under the control of the Board of Works, the County Council were not in a position to interfere.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Shannon:-

"That the Minutes of Roads Committee in respect of meeting of 27th June 1927 be received and considered."

Mountgarrett Bridge.

Considerable criticism arose in regard to the fact that the tender for the work was £3937 above the Estimate.

The Co. Surveyor said that the Engineers could not be held responsible for the tender which was considerably higher than ~~the~~ was expected but was much below others which had been before the Joint Bridge Committee. The latter were obliged to have the authority of the Councils concerned for covering all possible expenditure and that was why contingencies and other expenditure were put at a high figure. If the Joint Committee expended even £100 beyond the allocations of the Council they would find themselves in a very awkward position.

Mr Doyle considered there had been considerable bungling in connection with the matter.

Mr Hall proposed:- "That we dissent from the recommendation of the Roads Committee as regards additional loan for Mountgarrett Bridge. That the matter be referred back to the

Joint Bridge Committee with a recommendation to readvertise for fresh tenders."

Col Quin seconded.

Before a poll was taken on the amendment the Co. Surveyor said it was his duty to point out to the Council that the present bridge was in an absolutely unsafe condition, but as soon as bond for new bridge had been signed by the contractors they would be responsible for the maintenance of the present bridge to deal with existing traffic.

A vote was then taken on the amendment with the following result:- For, - Messrs Boggan, Doyle, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Kavanagh, O'Donoghue, Quin, and Thorpe -- 9.

Against, - Messrs P. Byrne, Clince, Cloney, Colfer, Connors, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, Pender, Rossiter, Shannon, Walsh and the Chairman - 16.

Mr Murphy was not present when vote was taken.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

Compressor Plant.

The Co. Surveyor stated that the requisite additional equipment had arrived last week. The representative of the firm was in attendance at Kerlogue on Saturday 2nd July. They had put down 21 feet in two hours and a quarter at that quarry. Of course this record could not be maintained hour in and hour out, but it showed the capacity of the plant.

Enniscorthy-Wexford Road.

The Co. Surveyor stated that a second concrete mixer would be on the job this day fortnight and a third one within three weeks.

Col Gibbon asked if the Council would be able to keep a third mixer going with the amount of haulage they were able to provide. He also asked what steps the Co. Surveyor had taken to meet that situation and what steps he had taken to test the material which was being put into the road.

The Co. Surveyor stated that the County Council was supplying haulage in connection with one mixer only. The other

two would come directly under the contractors from Brownswood Quarry and the Council had nothing to do with them. They had sufficient material to keep one mixer going: in fact they were ahead of the contractors in that direction. The material on the road was well ahead of where the contractor was laying down the concrete.

Mr Corish proposed and Mr Doyle seconded the following which was adopted:-

"That as recommended by the Roads Committee, the County Surveyor ask the contractors for the reconstruction of Wexford-Enniscorthy road to put on a double shift of men if necessary and that the Co. Surveyor put in a double shift at Kerlogue Quarry in order to provide sufficient material to keep mixers fully ~~employed~~ employed."

Col Gibbon- What steps have been taken to test the concrete?

The Co. Surveyor stated that the cement was tested as was the sand and stone and he did not see what further tests could be made.

Col Gibbon said that the question of accepting a contract for this road had been taken out of the hands of the Council by the Local Government Department with whom the whole responsibility for the work rested. But if the road broke up or anything went wrong it was the Council who would be held responsible. For that reason, he proposed:- "That a Committee be appointed at this meeting for the purpose of inspecting Wexford-Enniscorthy Road and that they report to next meeting of the Roads Committee."

Mr Cloney seconded the motion which was adopted.

It was decided to appoint the following Committee:-
The Chairman (Mr McCarthy), Vice-Chairman (Col Gibbon), Messrs R. Corish, M. Doyle and J. Gaul to meet at Redmond Monument, Wexford on Saturday 9th July 1927 at 10 a.m.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Clince:- "That the Minutes of Roads Committee in respect of meeting of 27th July 1927 be, and are hereby approved."

Mr Boggan said that a discussion had taken place at a recent Roads Committee as to roads the sides of which were unduly high, owing to which fact it would never be possible to secure a proper camber. The Co. Surveyor at the time promised he would give attention to the subject, and he (Mr Boggan) wished to know if anything had been done in the matter.

The Co. Surveyor stated that attention was being given so far as was possible and in some cases the sides had been scarified.

Mr Boggan said that in many instances if the stuff taken from the sides was put into the centre of the road a very good job could be done. At Redmondstown (near Wexford), the water was being diverted into the centre of the road owing to the height of the sides. Until his suggestion was carried out they would never have a proper road at this and similar places.

EMPLOYMENT OF MACHINERY.

Mr Hayes complained of what he described as the excessive use of machinery for stone breaking. Some of their permanent staff were put out of employment and he did not think machinery should have been used to that extent and displacing labour. Some consideration should have been given to provide hand-breaking by men of the permanent staff.

The Co. Surveyor stated it was necessary to have machine broken material to a considerable extent, and without the use of machinery in the quarries it would not be possible to obtain the year's material.

FORD OF LYNG.

Mr Doyle asked what was being done in regard of clearing up the question of the liability for cleaning the Sloblands at the Ford of Lyng.

Mr Elgee said he was still in correspondence with Messrs Meldon, Solicitors in the matter of ascertaining the names of the Trustees. He thought he would have been able to obtain the information from the Board of Works but was not successful.

SANCTION OF OVERDRAFT OF £28,000.

Under date 29th June 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (G. 30595/1927 Wexford County) stating that the Minister sanctioned overdraft not exceeding £28,000 to the 30th. September next, Interest thereon to be paid at the agreed rate.

TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROADS.

Under date 30th June 1927 (I.R./107/1) the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote enclosing copy of Order made under Section 29 of Local Government Act 1925, authorising the Council to close to public traffic from 4th July 1927 to the 16th July 1927 (both dates inclusive) the portion of the road between the turn at Moyeady Bridge and the turn at Coolattin for the purpose of repairing Moyeady Bridge.

LIABILITY FOR RATES ON LANDS.

Under date 21st June 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (No.G. 29628/27) (Ilghn-(Gen) forwarding for the information of the Council and their Rate Collectors copy of Section 18 of the Land Act 1927 which passed into law on the 21st May 1927.

The Secretary stated that he had forwarded copy of the Section in question to the Rate Collectors for their information.

PERMANENT APPOINTMENT OFMR PHILIP FURLONG, RATE COLLECTOR.

Under date 24th June 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (G 29863/1927 Wexford County) that the Minister sanctioned the permanent appointment of Mr Philip J. Furlong as "part time" non-pensionable Rate Collector for the No. 5 Collection District.

Under date 29th June 1927, Mr Furlong wrote that he was satisfied to accept the appointment as "part time" and non-pensionable at Sevenpence in the £ for poundage.

NEW ROSS BRIDGE.

Under date 2nd July 1927, Mr Barry, Co. Surveyor wrote asking for instructions as to the following letter which he had received from Mr M. J. Fim, Town Clerk, New Ross under date 30th June 1927:-

"Referring to previous correspondence relative to the

"maintenance of New Ross Bridge, I shall be glad to know if a separate contract will have to be entered into between the two Councils for this work, as I understand from the Town Surveyor that this was not included in his Estimate of £518 for maintenance of main roads in the Urban District.

You will remember that a contract existed between the Council for its maintenance for financial year ended 31st March 1926.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Thorpe:-

"That the work in connection with the maintenance of New Ross Bridge be placed in charge of the County Surveyor."

GRAVEL FROM ROSSLARE FORESHORE.

Under date 29th June 1927, the following letter (MS1447) was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce (Transport and Marine Branch):-

"I am desired by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to state that arising out of a complaint received from the Wexford Harbour Commissioners as ~~to~~ to interference with the foreshore in the neighbourhood of Rosslare Fort, it has been brought to the notice of this Department (which is responsible for the control and management of foreshore in Saorstát Éireann) that sand and shingle is being removed in large quantities from the shore at Rosslare, that already an injury is being done to the coast by such removals and that if removals are allowed to continue, much more serious injuries are likely to result. It is understood that at one point there is possibility of injury to a public road.

From enquiries that have been made by the Department it would appear that material is being drawn from this foreshore for roadwork, and on the assumption that this is correct, I am to request that your Council will be good enough to take the necessary steps to ensure that persons engaged on the work of making or maintaining roads will cease to make any further removals of the kind.

I am to add for the information of your Council that in any case where injury is being caused by the removal of materials from the seashore, the Department will be prepared to consider an

"application for the issue of an Order under the Harbours Act, 1814 to prohibit such removals, on the applicants giving an undertaking to enforce the Order. Such an Order was issued some time ago at the request of the Waterford County Council in respect of the shore at Tramote."

The Co. Surveyor said if the County Council was prohibited from taking gravel from Rosslare, road work in the district would be upset. At the present time they had provided for using the shingle from Rosslare strand in connection with the work of widening the Strand Road "Station Lane", as it was called. That work would be held up if they were prohibited from taking the stuff from the strand. He did not believe that what the Council was doing was causing any injury, as they were only taking about 1,000 cubic yards in the year.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Gaul:-

"That in view of the opinion of our Co. Surveyor, the action of the County Council in procuring material from Rosslare is in no way injurious to the foreshore and we believe this practice of the Co. Council should not be interfered with."

The Co. Surveyor mentioned that the road referred to in the letter from the Department of Industry and Commerce was not injured owing to the gravel being taken away. There was a marl bank there with clay on top and there was a tendency to slip in such situations.

PROPOSED FAIRGREEN AT WELLINGTONBRIDGE.

Under date 1st July 1927, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L 2060/27) as follows:-

"The Department desire to draw the attention of your Local Authority to the necessity that exists for the provision of a Fair Green at Wellingtonbridge, one of the new fairs in County Wexford, which promises to be of considerable importance.

A report from one of the Department's ~~Transport~~ Transit Inspectors who inspected the Animal Transit arrangements there in connection with the Fair on the 27th May indicates the necessity

"for the provision of a Fair Green. It is stated that at present the fair is held on the narrow roads, where animals are likely to suffer injury from passing vehicles, etc.

One of the recommendations of the Transit Conference which met at these Offices in the Spring of 1925 was that "animals should not be exposed for sale in the public street," and that "where fair greens do not exist, steps should be taken to have them provided."

The matter is, therefore, one to which the Department attach considerable importance, and they are of opinion that steps should be taken by your Local Authority in the matter of providing a suitable fair green.

It is learned from the Report of the Inspector concerned that a suitable field, the property of Mrs Forrest, Wellingtonbridge would be available in certain circumstances, and perhaps your Local Authority might see their way to take the initial steps to secure the necessary accommodation."

Mr Doyle proposed and Mr Hall seconded the following:-

"That no action be taken in the matter of providing a fair green at Wellingtonbridge."

Mr Colfer proposed and Mr Cooney seconded as an amendment:- "That the question of providing a fair green at Wellingtonbridge be referred to Mr Elgee, Solicitor, to advise the Council as to their liability in the circumstances."

On a show of hands, seven voted for and three against Mr Colfer's amendment which on being put as the substantive motion was declared carried.

SHEEP DIPPING INSPECTORS.

Under date 29th June 1927, the following (L2296/28) was read from the Department of Agriculture :-

"With reference to your letter of the 23rd inst, I have hereby to convey the Department's approval to the employment of the undermentioned persons as Sheep Dipping Inspectors during the Dipping Periods of the current year, with remuneration at the rate of £1 per week to cover locomotion expenses: the amount spent for

"incidental expenses, viz., postage, to be allowed by the Council:-

James Murphy, Coolbawn, Ferns: Myles Roban, The Moyne, Enniscorthy:
Morgan Flaherty, Ballyellis, Carnew: Thomas Prendergast, Knockskemolin,
Oulart: M. J. Hennessy, Monamolin, Rathnure and James Hayden
Corlican, Killurin.

The Department hope, however, that the question of enforcing the Scheme formulated in 1925 will be reconsidered by your Council at an early date."

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cline seconded by Mr Gaul:-

"That new licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act be issued to Michael J. Doyle 70 Main Street, Gorey: Peter Kehoe (James J. Stafford & Sons) South Main Street, Wexford: Frank Daly (Enniscorthy Co-Operative Society), and renewals of licences under said Act to Henry H. Hill, Ballycanew and John Roche, Camolin."

CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCE.

Renewal of Cinema Licence was agreed to issue to Patrick Walsh, Cinema, Campile on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Cline.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

On the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Cline the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Garda C. Driscoll (5433) be appointed Inspector of Wexford County Council under Food & Drugs Acts vice Garda Cecil Geary (4660) transferred."

R.D.C. NEW ROSS LABOURERS ACT LAW COSTS.

Under date 22nd June 1927, Mr Elgee, Solicitor, wrote that he found the costs of Mr Colfer, Solicitor, New Ross R.D. Council had been lodged for taxation as far back as June 1923 and were awaiting taxation ever since, the Rural District Council having asked Mr Colfer to defer the taxation. He wished for directions in the matter.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-

"That Mr Elgee, Solicitor be directed to have the costs ~~taxed~~ of Mr Colfer, Solicitor to late New Ross R.D. Council relative to Labourers' Acts ^{taxed} as soon as possible and that Mr Elgee represent the Council at the taxation."

PRIMARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME. EXAMINATION.

The following report was presented by the Secretary:-

"The examination for award of three Scholarships and three Bursaries under the Primary Scholarship Scheme of the Co. Council was held on 21st, 22nd and 23rd June 1927 in Christian Schools, Joseph Street, Wexford, kindly placed at the disposal of the Council by Rev. Bro. Markey, Superior, Christian Brothers.

Fifteen candidates sat - thirteen boys and two girls, the Superintendents being Mr J. Topping and Mrs Lyons of the Department of Education.

Two applicants - Nicholas Parle, Duncannon, and Ellen Mary Devereux, Danescastle, Bannow were unable to sit for examination owing to illness.

The results will be furnished by the Department of Education in due course.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Doyle and adopted unanimously:-

"That we express our grateful thanks to Rev. Brother Markey, Superior, Christian Schools, Wexford, for his kindness in placing at the disposal of the Council the Schools at Joseph Street, Wexford, for the purpose of Primary Scholarship Examination."

Under date 15th June 1927, the following (F 13080) was read from the Department of Education:-

"With reference to your communication of the 13th inst. regarding the question of the admission of Miss E. Bennett, Newtown, Castlebridge to the forthcoming examination under above, I am directed to state that it does not appear to this Department that it is open to your Council to nominate for admission to examination any candidate who does not comply with the conditions of par 2 of your approved Scheme."

COMPENSATION FOR CRIMINAL INJURY.

Under date 17th June 1927, Mr T. J. Kelly, Solicitor, New Ross forwarded letter from Mr R. Richards, Juliamount, Wexford relative to award to him of £5672 for burning of mansion house at Artramon. Mr Kelly pointed out that the Minister of Finance invited the County Council to consider the proposal made by Mr Richards.

In his letter Mr Richards pointed out that as regards the reinstatement clause of the award, if he ~~restored~~ restored the old building it would be altogether too large for his requirements and in the present depressed state of agriculture, it was a ~~propex~~ proposition he would not for a moment entertain. He proposed to expend between £2000 and £3000 on a building suitable for his requirements on the old site and the balance in the erection of suitable ~~mk~~ houses in the neighbourhood of Wexford town. He understood there was a great demand for housing accommodation in the Wexford District and that the provision of such houses would be a great boon to the locality.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:-

"That we strongly approve of the proposal of Mr Richard Richards, Juliamount, Wexford as to expenditure of amount of Decree granted for the burning of Artramon mansion house as per the terms of his letter of 5th November 1927 to the Ministry of Finance."

NEXT MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCIL.

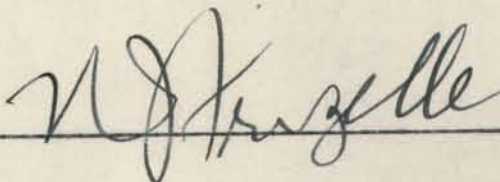
It was decided that next meeting of the County Council shall be held on Monday 8th August 1927.

Adm. Carter
Aug 8th 1927

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a correct
record of the Minutes of Proceedings of Wexford Co.
Council in respect of Annual Meeting held on 4th July,
1927.

(Signed)



Secretary Wexford County Council.

Dated this 7th day of July, 1927.

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

M I N U T E S

OF MEETING HELD on 13TH JUNE, 1927.

N. J. FRIZELLE,
SECRETARY.FORTVIEW,
WEXFORD.

The monthly meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 13th June, 1927.

Present:- Colonel Gibbon (V.C.) presiding. Also present:- Messrs William Boggan, Patrick Byrne, James Cline, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, Michael Doyle, James Gaul, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, David Kavanagh, Aidan Mernagh, Nicholas J. Murphy, John O'Byrne, M. M. O'Donoghue, John Pender, Thomas Rossiter, James Shannon, William Thorpe, James E. Walsh, John White and Colonel Quin.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor and Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

ABSENCE OF CHAIRMAN.

A letter was read from Mr. T. McCarthy, Chairman of the Council, that it would not be possible for him to attend the meeting as Audit of the late Co. Wexford Insurance Society's accounts had been notified and it was necessary for him to attend thereat. He expressed regret at his absence and asked that his congratulations should be extended to the three members of the Co. Council, Messrs Corish, Doyle and Shannon, on their success at late Dail Elections.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MEMBERS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Gaul:-

"That we offer our hearty congratulations to the three members of our Council, Messrs Corish, Doyle and Shannon, who have been elected members of An Dail!"

Mr. Doyle said he was extremely thankful to the Council for their vote of congratulation. He would assure them that any service he could afford in An Dail would be always at their disposal.

Mr. Corish said he appreciated the congratulations of the Council. As far as he was concerned he would always in the future do his best for every class in his native county as he had done in the past.

Mr. Shannon returned his sincere thanks to the members for the resolution and assured them the confidence which the people of Wexford had reposed in him would not be misplaced.

The Chairman, in putting the resolution, said that Mr. Doyle had done a great deal for the County as a representative in An Dail in the past, and it would be a great loss to Co. Wexford if he had failed to secure re-election. Mr. Corish had also done very good work and they were all glad to see him back in An Dail. Mr. Shannon was a new member, but he (Chairman) was quite sure that he would render good service to his constituents and to Ireland.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEES.

The following Minutes of Finance Committee of the County Council in respect of meeting held on 12th May, 1927, was submitted for consideration:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 12th May 1927.

Present:- Messrs Sean O'Byrne, Patrick Hayes and Aidan Mernagh.

The Assistant Secretary, the Co. Surveyor and Mr Elgee, Solicitor were in attendance.

On the motion of Mr Hayes seconded by Mr Mernagh, the Chair was taken by Mr O'Byrne.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3778-17-10 was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

State of Rate Collection was submitted showing the following percentages of second moiety lodged:-

J. J. O'Reilly 93.51: E.J. Murphy 91.53: J. Doyle 91.35: J. Curtis 91.34: J. Quirke 91.18: B. Cleary 89.35: Thos Rowe 88.67: J.J. Simmott 88.38: S. Gannon 87.78: M. Deegan 87.12: P. Furlong 86.64: W. Cummins 86.49: J. Cummins 84.29: P. O'Byrne 83.99: C. McCarthy 83.83: P. Fitzpatrick 83.27: P. Donohoe 82.84: P. Walsh 80.77: T. Sutton 79.22: J.J. Kelly 78.98: M.M. Kelly 74.29.

As instructed by Finance Committee, at their last meeting Collector M.M. Kelly appeared before the meeting to explain the backward state of his collection.

Mr Kelly stated that in his district there were a number of large ratepayers whose holdings were being sold out on account of bankruptcy, and in addition a number of "good pays" in the past stated they were unable to meet the second moiety until after Enniscorthy Fair on the 17th inst. The rates due on the holdings about to be sold were temporarily irrecoverable. He lodged a further sum of £95-8-4 on that day for second moiety which would bring his total lodgments to 78.30.

The Chairman having questioned Mr Kelly as to any sums due by persons whom he considered were in a position to pay, he

was directed to take immediate steps against all such to ensure immediate payment.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Hayes that Collector be instructed to furnish for information of Finance Committee lists of (a) Irrecoverables, (b) Temporary Irrecoverable rate and (c) List of other rates outstanding with an explanation as to why each item remains unpaid.

ADMINISTRATION OF FOOD & DRUGS ACTS.

Mr M. McCarthy, Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, returned Paying Order for £20 payable to him as Imprest Account for administration of Food & Drugs Act, with a request that Paying Order be issued to Superintendent J.J. Murphy, Wexford, as the latter acts in the capacity of Assistant Divisional Officer in most matters and mainly in matters of this nature.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Hayes to take no action as it had already been decided to issue Paying Order to the Chief Superintendent who is directly responsible for administration of entire county.

CLAIM - MR GERALD FLOOD- FEES LABOURERS' COTTAGES.

The following letter was read from Ministry of Local Government under date 28th April 1927 (H. 576/7101/1927/Wexford Co.)

"With reference to the Minute of the Wexford County Council of the 14th ultimo, relative to the claim of Mr Flood, Engineer for fees in connection with the erection of Labourers' cottages by Direct Labour in the Enniscorthy District, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that in deference to the Council's wishes, he will not raise any further objection to payment at the rate of 1½ per cent on the cost being allowed to Mr Flood in relation to the cottages in question "

It was decided that amount be paid to Mr Flood at next meeting.

APPOINTMENT SHEEP DIPPING INSPECTORS.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr A. Mernagh, the following were appointed Sheep Dipping Inspectors at a salary of £1 per week to cover locomotion expenses, amount spent for

incidental expenses, viz, postage to be allowed by the Council.
The period of appointments to be-for Summer Dipping Period, 1st June 1927 to 31st July 1927 and for Autumn period from 1st August 1927 to 15th November 1927:-

Enniscorthy District.- Mr James Murphy, Coolbawn, Ferns for the Electoral Divisions of Ballycarney, Ballymore, Castledockrill, Ferns, Kilbora, Kilcormack, Kilrush, Marshalstown, Moyacomb, Newtownbarry, St Mary's, The Harrow, Timmacross and Tombrack.

Mr Myles Roban, The Moyne, Enniscorthy for the Electoral Divisions of Ballindaggin, Ballyhogue, Ballyhuskard, Ballyvaldon, Bolaboy, Bree, Castleboro, Castle Ellis, Castle Talbot, Clonroche, Edermine, Enniscorthy Rural, Killanne, Killoughrim, Kilmallock, Kiltely, The Leap, Rossard.

Gorey District.- Mr Morgan Flaherty, Ballyellis, Carnew for Electoral Divisions of Ballylarkin, Ballynestragh, Coolgreany, Courtown, Gorey Rural, Gorey Urban, Kilgorman, Kilnahue, Limerick, Monaseed, Wingfield.

Mr Thomas Prendergast, Knockskemolin, Oulart, for the Electoral Divisions of Ardamine, Ballybeg, Ballycanew, Ballyellis, Ballygarrett, Ballyoughter, Cahore, Ford, Huntingtown, Kilcomb, Killenagh, Killincooley, Monamolin, Rossmingue, Wells.

New Ross District.- Mr M. J. Hennessy, Monamolin, Rathmure, Enniscorthy

Wexford District.- Mr James Hayden, Corlican, Killurin.

CLAIM ARREARS OF RENT-DISTRICT COURT OFFICE ENNISCORTHY.

The Local Government Department wrote under date 26th April 1927 (No. G 18610/1927/Wexford County.) forwarding claim received by Registrar, District Court Clerks' Department from Mr Denis Doran, District Court Clerk, Enniscorthy for payment of £10 for arrears of rent of above office in respect of period previous to date from which the County Council assumed responsibility for payment of rent of office.

Mr O'Byrne stated the County Council had paid rent of this office as from date of first letter ~~of~~ from Mr Doran making application for an office, viz, 17th July 1923.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Hayes that amount of arrears be not paid.

The following letter dated 12th May 1927 was read from Mr Elgee, Solicitor:-

"I am in receipt of yours with letter from Mr Dunbar enclosed.

I was in Dublin on Thursday and took the opportunity of seeing Mr Matheson, our Counsel, on the matter and discussed it with him. He informed me that having regard to the decisions in similar cases which have been before Mr Justice Johnson (the Judge assigned to hear them) he thinks that there was no employment in these cases and that possibly an Appeal would be successful.

Having regard however, to the question of costs in the cases already heard, Judge Johnson did not allow any costs as against the Insurance Commissioners even in successful appeals, and in our cases the same course would probably be adopted, that is, although the Council were successful in the appeals, they would have to bear their own costs in the matter, which would run into a considerable sum. This being so, I would be glad to have the Council's final instruction as to whether I am to go on with the appeals or not.

It was decided on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hayes that the County Council be recommended not to appeal and to place the arrear stamps on the cards in question.

NEW BUILDINGS LIST.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Aidan Mernagh the following was approved as the New Buildings List for 1927-28 Rate:-

RURAL DISTRICT OF WEXFORD

Situation of New Building Townland and Electoral Division	Val-uation List No.	Total Val-uation of Build-ings on said No.	Total Val-uation of New Buildings therein included.	Allowance under Rating of New Buildings Order.	Nett Assessable Valuation of Buildings for Rating Purposes	Name of Occupier	Observations
Ballykelly							
E. D. Drinagh	1AB	£3	£3	£2	£1	Richard Keane	Irish Sailors and Soldiers Trusts Valuation 1925.
"	1AC	£3	£3	£2	£1	John Beales	do.
"	1AD	£3	£3	£2	£1	William Hall	do.
Killag E.D.	7	£3	£3	£2	£1	Peter Jordan	do.
Killag							
Sarshill E.D.							
Kilmore	6C	£3	£3	£2	£1	Peter Lambert	do.
"	6B	£3	£3	£2	£1	Patrick Roice	do.
Taghmon E.D.							
Taghmon	4 to 12	£48	£47-7-0	£32	£16	National Bank	Valuation Book 1925.
Clonard E.D.							
Wexford Rural	1C	£2-15-0	£2-15-0	£1-15-0	£1	Thos Grendon	" 1926
Maudlintown							
E.D. Wexford Rural	10A	£42	£20-10-0	£13-15-0	£28-5-0	Joseph Scallan	"
Davidstown E.D.	8	£7-10-0	£6	£4	£3-10-0	Bridget Franklin	" 1926
Glynn							
Summerstown E.D.							
Lady's Island	1	£10-5-0	£7-5-0	£4-15-0	£5-10-0	John T. Roche	" 1926
Tenacre E. B.							
St Helen's	1AB a	£3-10-0	£1-10-0	£1	£2-10-0	Patrick Murphy	" 1925
Rock of Ballingly	4B a						
E.D. Harristown							

RURAL DISTRICT OF NEW ROSS.

Situation of New Building Townland and Electoral Division.	Valuation List Number	Total Val- uation of Buildings on said Number.	Total Valuation of New Buildings therein included.	Allowance under Rating of New Buildings Order	under Nett Assessable Valuation of Buildings for rating purposes.	Name of Occupier.	Observations.
Priesthaggard E. D. Kilmckea	1A	£6-10-0	£4-5-0	£2-17-0	£3-13-0	John Burke	Valuation changed in 1926.
Ballytarsna E.D.Killesk	7Ba	£7	£7	£4-10-0	£2-10-0	E. Moate	do.

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RURAL DISTRICT OF GOREY.

Situation of New Building Townland and Electoral Division.	Val-uation No.	Total Valuation of Buildings on said Number	Total Val-uation of New Buildings therein included	Allowance under Rating of New Buildings Order	Nett Assessable Valuation of Buildings for rating purposes.	Name of Occupier	Observations.
Coolnaleen E.D. Kilcomb	7, 8A B	£22	£19-15-0	£13-15-0	£9	Martin Conroy	Valuation changed in 1926.
" " " "	9 10 11 AB	£9	£8	£5-5-0	£3-15-0	Jane McDonald	" "
Village of Courtown Harbour E.D. Courtown.	4	£24	£13-10-0	£9	£15	Margaret Etchingham	" 1925
Ballinatray Lr E.D. Courtown	17	£20	£20	£13-7-0	£6-13-0	Thos McGarry	"
"	13a	£15	£7	£4-10-0	£10-10-0	Kieran McNeill	"
"	11	£14	£7	£4-10-0	£9-10-0	Catherine Bolger	"
Gerry E.D. Ballygarrett	2a	£1	£1	10/-	10/-	Sylvester Redmond	" 1923
Ballygarrett do.	8i	£3	£4-10-0	£3	£3	Andrew Wafer	" 1925
Mountnobo E.D. Kilnahue	1Bf	£4-10-0	£4-10-0	£3	£1-10-0	Michael Ryan	" 1927
Seamount E.D. Ardamine	12a	£5	£4	£2-10-0	£2-10-0	James Daly.	" 1925
Middletown do	9	£9	£9	£6	£3	Nicholas Murphy	" " 1926.
Ballinatray Upr do.	26B	£10	£6	£4	£6	Patk J. Creane	" 1927
Coolthawn E.D. Monaseed	2a	£6-15-0	£5-5-0	£3-10-0	£3-5-0	James Carton	" 1925
Courtballiedmond E.D. Monamolin	4Bj	£16	£13	£8-10-0	£7-10-0	Michael Lacey	" 1926
Clonsilla East E. D. Ballynestragh	4	£18	£17	£11-5-0	£6-15-0	Patrick Hughes	" 1926.
Monareagh E.D. Coolgreany	3a	£14	£11-15-0	£8	£6	Christopher Kelly	" 1925.
Main Street, Gorey E.D. Gorey Urban	47	£18	£9	£6	£12	Thomas Williams	" 1925

RURAL DISTRICT OF ENNISCORTHY.

Situation of New Building Townland and Electoral Division.	Valuation List No.	Total Valuation of Buildings on said List	Total Valuation of New Buildings therein included	Allowance under Rating of New Buildings Order.	Nett Assessable Valuation of Buildings for rating purposes.	Name of Occupier	Observations.
Enniscorthy E.D. Enniscorthy R.	46Aa	£3	£3	£2	£1	Aidan Wafer	Irish Sailors & Soldiers Land Trust.
"	46ab	£3	£3	£2	£1	Patrick Cullen	"
"	46ac	£3	£3	£2	£1	John Walsh	"
"	46ad	£3	£3	£2	£1	William Cullen	"
"	46ae	£3	£3	£2	£1	John McNamara	"
"	46af	£3	£3	£2	£1	Michael Bolger	"
"	46ag	£3	£3	£2	£1	William Fitzharris	"
"	46ah	£3	£3	£2	£1	William Dunbar	"
Johnstown E.D. Moyacomb.	15	£3	£3	£2	£1	James Ryan	
Coolycarney E.D. Ballindaggin	14a & BC	£11	£9-10-0	£6-5-0	£4-15-0	Thomas Murphy	Valuation Book 1925.
Newtownbarry E.D. Newtownbarry	21B	£3	£3	£2	£1	Edward Nolan	Irish Sailors & Soldiers Land Trust.
"	21C	£3	£3	£2	£1	Patrick Shore	"
"	27 & 28	£50	£28	£18-10-0	£31-10-0	Munster & Leinster Bank	Valuation changed in 1927.
Clonjordan E.D. Ballindaggin	2ABca	£9	£8	£5-5-0	£3-15-0	George Stafford	" 1926.
Ferns Main Street E.D. Ferns	24a	£70	£70	£46-10-0	£23-10-0	National Bank	" 1925.
Garryvadden Lower E.D. Castle Ellis	210a-11	£6	£5-10-0	£5-10-0	£2-10-0	Robert O'Leary	" 1925.
Killanne E.D. Killanne	16	£2-10-0	£1-10-0	£1	£1-10-0	Patrick Kelly	" 1923.
Askasilla E.D. Castle Talbot	6aa	£7	£6-7-0	£4-5-0	£2-15-0	Denis Whelan	" 1925.
Ferns Upr. E.D. Ferns	35	£47	£34	£22-10-0	£24-10-0	Denis W. Dunne	" 1926.
Glenglass E.D. Killanne	7	£12-10-0	£9	£6	£6-10-0	Andrew O'Brien	" 1927.

Colonel Quin proposed and Mr. Murphy seconded the following resolution:-

"That the recommendations of Finance Committee in respect of meeting of 12th May, 1927, be received and considered"

Passed.

Insurance Cards - Labourers' Cottages, Enniscorthy

In reference to this matter which arose at the meeting of the Finance Committee, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, mentioned that in his opinion, as the carpenters, masons and labourers were each on a different footing, separate appeals would have to be made in each case and Counsel briefed in each case. The fees to Counsel would, therefore, cost from £40 to £45.

The Secretary pointed out that the amount involved in stamping the cards was £12: 18: 0d.

After considerable discussion, Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. O'Donoghue seconded, the following resolution:-

"That an Appeal be entered in reference to the application of the Insurance Commission for payment of £72: 18 : 0d in stamping cards for workmen who were employed in building cottages in Enniscorthy District. The cottages in question were begun in the Winter of 1923 and no question was raised as to the stamping of cards until February 1926, although when the work commenced full particulars were furnished to an Inspector of the Insurance Commission, who was to have given a decision on the matter.

"No decision was forwarded to the Enniscorthy District Council and no question raised as to the stamping of the cards until all the cottages had been completed. In the circumstances the Council consider it most unfair and inequitable that they should now be held responsible not alone for their own

contribution but the contributions of the workmen concerned. The latter could have been recovered if the Insurance Commission had moved in time".

A show of hands was taken on the resolution of Mr. Hall, but he and Mr. O'Donoghue were the only two members who voted in its favour.

Colonel Quin proposed:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting of 12th May, 1927, be and are hereby confirmed".

Mr. Murphy seconded the resolution which was adopted,

Messrs Hall and O'Donoghue dissenting as regards item referring to the stamping of Insurance Cards of workmen who had been engaged in erecting cottages for Enniscorthy R. D. Council.

SHEEP DIPPING INSPECTORS.

In connection with recommendation of Finance Committee of 12th May as to appointing of Sheep Dipping Inspectors, letters were read from these officers accepting the positions on the terms and conditions set out in the Minutes of the Committee, viz., - Michael J. Hennessy, Monamolin, Rathmure, for New Ross District; James Hayden, Corlican, Killurin, for Wexford District; Morgan Flaherty, Ballyellis, Carnew and Thomas Prendergast, Knockskimolin, Oulart, for Gorey District; Myles Roban, The Moyne, Enniscorthy and James Murphy, Coolbawn, Ferns, for Enniscorthy District.

The following Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 25th May, 1927, were submitted:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview Wexford on 26th May 1927.

Present:- Messrs Sean O'Byrne, Aidan Mernagh and P. Hayes.

The Secretary and the County Surveyor were also in attendance.

Col Gibbon wrote that he could not attend the meeting owing to absence in Dublin.

On the motion of Mr Hayes seconded by Mr Mernagh, the Chair was taken by Mr Sean O'Byrne.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £526/-18-4 was examined and signed.

POOR RATE.

Return of Poor Rate collected to date was submitted and a resolution was adopted directing the Rate Collectors to close their collections at once.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Hayes seconded by Mr Mernagh:-

"That the Department of Local Government be requested to sanction a sum not exceeding £360 for payment of temporary clerical staff engaged for the writing up of Rate Books and Collectors' Receipt and Demand Note Books."

RENT WEXFORD COURTHOUSE.

A discussion took place as to the payment of the rent of Wexford Courthouse,

It was decided that payment be made on this occasion but no future payments to be made until the owners produce title

PAYMENTS FOR CRIMINAL INJURIES, ETC.

Under date 11th May 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (S20899/1927) referring to correspondence which had taken place recently between the Department of Finance and the Wexford Co. Council in regard to certain sums due by the Council in respect

of the period 1919-1922. The net amount in question was £393-12-2, details of which had been furnished by the Department of Finance and was the result of the general adjustment effected with the British Government including claims settled on behalf of Local Bodies during the war period. The Minister for Local Government felt confident that the County Council upon reviewing the whole question will agree to a settlement of the claim of the Department of Finance. As the amount was now payable to the Government, the provisions of Section 51(7) of the Local Government(Ireland) Act, 1898 would not apply.

After discussion it was decided to recommend the County Council to pay £393-12-2 to the Department of Finance as suggested by the Department of Local Government.

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES.

Primary.

Applications for primary Scholarships were received from the following:-Bennett Eileen, Johnstown, Castlebridge: Breen Moses, 24 William Street, Gorey: Cadogan Eileen M., Aclamon, Campile: Carroll P.G., Barryville, Rosslare Harbcur: Cogley Thomas, Bulgan, Glynn: Devereux Eileen Mary, Danescastle, Bannow: Doyle Patrick, Duncannon: Druhan Daniel, Lady's Island: Forde M.J. Delta Cottage, Gorey: Forde Thomas J., Kilrane Railway Station: Godkin Thomas, Maytown, Tagcoat: Hargadon James 5 Main Street, Gorey: Jackman Peter, Barmoney, Bree: McDonald Margaret, Kilmuckridge, Gorey: Moynihan Statia, Glasganny, Castlebridge: O'Brien J.F. Allenstown Big, Broadway: Parle Nicholas, Duncannon: Sheehan Patrick, Clonattin Road, Gorey: Sinnott Peter Oylegate.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Hayes:-

That we recommend the County Council to allow the candidates whose names have been submitted to this Committee to compete for award of primary Scholarships except Eileen Bennett, the valuation of whose parents' holding is £50-5-0 and Margaret McDonald whose parents we consider are in a position to provide

for her secondary education."

University.

Applications were received from the following for award of University Scholarship Scheme:-

Hall Kevin, Cornmarket, Wexford: Murphy Mary J., 11 Cathedral Street, Enniscorthy: Quirke Vincent C. Ballinamona, Campile: Ranson Robert, Kilmuckridge, Gorey: Stafford John, Piercestown, Wexford: White Thomas F. Carcur House, Wexford:

The following recommendation was adopted:-

"That we recommend the County Council to accept as candidates for University Scholarships - Kevin Hall, Mary J. Murphy, Robert Ranson, John Stafford (Primary Scholarship holder). We consider that the parents of Thomas F. White are in a position to afford him a University education. We instruct our Secretary to make enquiries as to the financial position of the parents of Vincent C. Quirke."

DAIL ELECTIONS.

A resolution was adopted granting a day's leave for 9th June 1927 to all members of County Council staff acting as Presiding Officers or Poll Clerks at Dail Elections.

Colonel Quin proposed and Mr. Clince seconded the following resolution :- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 25th May, 1927, be received and discussed".

Passed

Scholarship Schemes - Primary

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Thorpe, seconded by Mr. Doyle and adopted:-

"That we request the Minister for Education to allow Eileen Bennett, Johnstown, Castlebridge, to compete for Primary Scholarship Examination, although the valuation of her parents holding is £50: 5: 0d, whilst the limit in the Scheme of the County Council is £50. The amount in excess

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is so small that we would ask the Minister to agree to this request as a special application".

University Scholarship Scheme.

A long discussion occurred as to the recommendation of the Finance Committee relative to University Scholarships. The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. O'Donoghue and adopted:-

"That we dissent from the recommendation of Finance Committee of 25th May debarring Thomas F. White, Carcur House, Wexford, from competing for a University Scholarship on the grounds that the financial position of his father would allow him to secure a University education. That the six applicants for University Scholarships be allowed to compete for same."

The following resolution was then agreed to on the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. Clince:-

"That the recommendations of Finance Committee of 25th May, 1927, be and are hereby confirmed except recommendations relative to Scholarships in respect of which the Council have adopted special resolutions".

With regard to Scholarships generally, Mr. Boggan considered that the Schemes for Primary and University Scholarship Schemes should be reconsidered from the bottom.

It was not good enough to be asking the ratepayers to be subscribing to young people to enter overcrowded professions. Most of them would be much better employed at a trade, commerce or in the agricultural life of the country.

The Chairman pointed out that it would be proposed at the present meeting to suggest to the Scholarship Committee to reconsider the entire Schemes and an item appeared on the agenda to this effect.

The following minutes of Finance Committee of 9th June, 1927, were submitted:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 9th June 1927.

Present:- Messrs Sean O'Byrne, Aidan Mernagh and P. Hayes.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary and the Co. Surveyor were also in attendance.

On the motion of Mr Mernagh seconded by Mr Hayes, the Chair was taken by Mr Sean O'Byrne.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4564-7-6 was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTOR FITZPATRICK.

The Secretary reported that on 31st May, Mr Fitzpatrick, Rate Collector for No. 15 District did not attend for checking. He wrote that he was ill in bed and would attend on 2nd or 3rd June. As he failed to turn up, he was wired to on 3rd June that he should attend that day. A wire was received from him on 4th June that it was a fair day in Gorey and he ^{would} ~~would not~~ attend on the following Monday, the 6th. He also failed to attend on that date. He was wired to twice on the 7th (in the morning and afternoon) but as he took no notice of the telegrams sent that date, his books were taken up on the 8th June and a message was left at his house that he should attend the meeting of Finance Committee on the 9th. The following wire was received from him on the 9th:-

"Impossible to go to-day."

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That we approve of the action of our Secretary in taking up the books of Rate Collector Fitzpatrick No 15 District, and that the question of the manner in which he is discharging his duty be referred to the County Council meeting on 13th inst: in the meantime that Mr Fitzpatrick's books be retained in County Council Offices."

RATE COLLECTION.

The state of the Rate Collection to date was submitted.

It was decided to write to Collectors who had ten per cent

or over of their warrants outstanding and direct that they close their warrants at once.

It was decided that new collecting books for financial year 1927-28 be handed to the following Collectors who had 10 per cent or less than 10 per cent of their old warrant outstanding, viz:- Messrs O'Reilly, Curtis, Sinnott, Murphy, Quirke, Doyle, Rowe, Deegan, Furlong, Cleary, W. Cummins, and S. Gannon.

That books be held over in other cases and that the question of issuing same be considered at next meeting of Finance Committee.

RATE COLLECTOR, PHILIP J. FURLONG.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"In view of the fact that he is prepared to forego his rights to pension, we recommend that Mr Philip J. Furlong, temporary Collector for No 5 Collection District be appointed permanent Collector for this District at his present rate of remuneration."

It was proposed by Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Gaul and adopted:- "That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 9th June, 1927, be received and considered."

Rate Collector Fitzpatrick

The Secretary stated that on examination of this Collector's books it was found that there were amounts totalling £109: 8: 3d due by him. These were lodged on the 10th instant.

Mr. Fitzpatrick came before the meeting and explained that he was in bed ill on the checking day. He attended fairs on the two following days. Whit Monday was a bank holiday and he was engaged in connection with An Dail elections on the following three days.

Colonel Quin proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That Mr. Fitzpatrick be severely reprimanded for his failure to attend checking on the appointed day and his neglect in not appearing at County Council offices on subsequent days. That in case of any further negligence on the part of this Collector he be

dismissed from his office forthwith".

Rate Collector Furlong

Mr. Thorpe proposed and Mr. O'Donoghue seconded:-

"That we dissent from the Minute of Finance Committee of 9th June recommending the appointment of Mr. P. J. Furlong as permanent Rate Collector for No.4 Collection District at a poundage rate of 7d. That Mr. Furlong be appointed permanent collector for this district at a poundage rate of 6d without pension rights"

A poll was taken on Mr. Thorpe's resolution with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Boggan, Doyle, Hall, Jordan, Kavanagh, Murphy, O'Donoghue, Thorpe, Walsh, White and Colonel Quin - 11

Against:- Messrs P. Byrne, Clince, Colfer, Cummins, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, Pender, Rossiter and Shannon - 13.

The Chairman declared the resolution lost.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Clince, seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem.con:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of June 9th, 1927 be and are hereby confirmed"

Roads Committee.
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Minutes of Roads Committee of 23rd May, 1927 as follows were submitted:-

The ~~fort~~ monthly meeting of the Roads Committee of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 23rd May 1927.

Present:-Messrs Sean O'Byrne, James Shannon, Jas Hall, R. Corish, P. Colfer, Col Quin and subsequently Mr T. McCarthy, (Chairman).

The Secretary, the Co. Surveyor, Mr Elgee, Solicitor and the six Assistant Surveyors of the Council were also in attendance

On the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Col Quin, the Chair was taken by Mr Hall.

A letter was read from Col Gibbon apologising for his non-attendance owing to absence in Dublin on business in connection with the Sugar Beet Factory.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The monthly report of Co. Surveyor for May was read as follows:-

"There are a number of applications in regard to building houses adjoining County Roads which shall be before you, and I shall deal with them as they come up.

I have placed order for warning signs for Wexford and New Ross Bridges and the Gorey-Courtown Road, and hope to have these erected in due course.

I have examined the existing by-laws governing County Bridges and have consulted with Mr Elgee in regard to same. Owing to the change in modern traffic, it will be advisable to make some alterations, and I do not think there there will be much difficulty in dealing with the matter on which I shall report to you.

On the 29th ultimo, with the Co. Council Committee, Messrs Thorpe and Shannon I inspected the water splash at the Whitehouse and subsequently we inspected the road at Poulpeasty R.C. Church regarding which complaint had been made. On the same date with Mr Thorpe, I inspected the water splash at Aughtimore. In the case of both water splashes it will be advisable to have bridges erected, but the question of finance, in my opinion, at the present time prohibits work being taken up. I estimate that the Bridge

at the Whitehouse will cost in or about £70 and at Aughtiguemore about £90, and if this work be now undertaken, the cash must be provided out of the Contingencies Fund. In regard to the Poulpeasty Road some improvements can be made at comparatively small expense: gulleys and tail drains require to be cleaned and improved and water channel made down the hill from the School. The bad corner adjoining the Church should be cut off, and the owner has agreed to give necessary land for 10/-. I have directed the Assistant Surveyor to notify the owners of the drains to clean same, and we will attend to the gulleys. I am deferring dealing with the corner until the Council decides on the matter.

At a recent meeting of the Co. Council it was decided that only one ganger in each Assistant Surveyor's area should be authorised to hold small quantities of explosives, and I have now authority from the Civic Guards for these men. It is, however, not possible to deal with the necessary quarry work unless I have more extended powers, and I ask the Council to authorise application to the Civic Guards for permission for a further number of gangers. I expect there will be no difficulty in obtaining this permission.

On the 6th inst. I made an inspection of the laneway at Gusserane which was under discussion at a previous meeting. This is at present not a County Road, but leads between two public roads and will undoubtedly be a great advantage to the local residents if put in repair. It is very narrow and badly tracked at present and is about 300 perches in length. If the hedges and fences be cut back, drainage attended to and the tracks filled, it will meet all requirements, and this I estimate will cost £50.

There has been a further application from the Catholic Curate and local residents asking to have some improvement work done at Cush Gap. At the present time there is a proposal for the extension of the protection wall at Balliconnigar Gap, and I shall be carrying out part of this work at once, but the whole job cannot be completed at the present time without unnecessary expense. There has been a fall of a heavy marl bank, and to complete work this should be removed, whereas if allowed to remain it will temporarily

protect the land and as the sea action washes it away and leaves bare site, the protection wall can then be built. I propose, therefore with your approval, to transfer from this job to Cush Gap a sum of £50 which will enable some improvement work to be carried out at this place, and later this work also can be extended.

The Local Government Department has allocated a large sum for the improvement of the road Enniscorthy-New Ross, and on the section there is a short length of about 60 perches where the road is very narrow owing to footpath at side, and I propose, with your approval, to remove this footpath completely thus throwing ~~the~~ the whole place between the fences into the road. There would be no necessity for a footpath at this place when the improvement work is carried out, as the road will be treated with bitumen macadam and will be perfectly dry.

I have ordered Compressor Plant and expect it in the course of a few days, as the greater part was sent off on the 17th. inst. I propose erecting it in the first instance at Kerlogue so as to complete preparation of the material for the Enniscorthy-Wexford concrete job.

On the 19th inst, I met representatives of the Pioneer Company at Brownswood Quarry and discussed with them the procedure to be adopted in carrying on the work. I shall submit details at the meeting. You will have before you letter from Mr O'Flaherty in regard to the new take at Brownswood Quarry, and in connection with this I submit report received from Mr Cullen. On the 19th, inst. I found that the Pioneer Company had proceeded in making new roadway, and our men were altering the fences. As the Council had not yet accepted Mr O'Flaherty's terms I stopped the work and asked for report from Mr Cullen. I have sent copy of Mr Cullen's report to the Pioneer Company as last paragraph deals with their action in making roadway.

I have a number of reports from the Boiler Inspector in regard to our boilers on the five traction engines and six road rollers. There are some recommendations in regard to protecting water gauge glasses on the traction engine and fitting ~~and~~

fusable plugs, and with these exceptions everything was found satisfactory.

I shall have the recommendations attended to.

On the 17th inst I received sanction for the National Road Scheme Works stating that they were to be carried out otherwise than by contract, and on the 19th inst, I received a further notification cancelling the former one. In this latter notification the Local Government Department question the provision made in ~~regard~~ regard to plant, etc. for carrying out the work by Direct Labour. I propose replying to this stating that the Co. Council has purchased a Compressor Plant for expediting our quarry work and a new Breaker for Ballybrennan Quarry where a great deal of the ~~ma~~ material will be obtained. Also the Council has purchased six new tar spraying boilers. The large work-N881- for the road between Enniscorthy and Palace will be done largely from Ballybrennan Quarry, and I have marked date for completion of this as 1/12/28 which will enable the work to be carried out with the plant we have at present. It will be possible also to hire extra rollers if such be found necessary.

An application from Mr John Cullen, Ballykelly, Ballymurn for erection of shed has not yet been dealt with, and I have particulars of same for the meeting.

I have a further letter from the Manager of the Enniscorthy Co-Operative Society in regard to the setting of the extra ground at the Machinery yard. I consider that the Council should take over the ground on the terms as set out.

I sent particulars of the proposed improvement work on the Rosslare Station lane to the Railway Company and in accordance with the Council's orders have made application to the Railway Compy for a grant towards the work.

I was unable to arrange a suitable date for the Councillors to inspect the premises at Rosslare in respect of which application had been made to the Council. It would be well for a definite date for this inspection to be fixed at your meeting.

I have now the plans, etc. for the reconstruction of the

Enniscorthy Courthouse practically completed and ask for authority to advertise for tenders. Arrangements could be made for tenders to be considered at the meeting of the Council on the 13th proximo "By-Laws."

In connection with this matter the Co. Surveyor submitted the existing by-laws of the Council which were considered at some length and several amendments suggested. They were then agreed to as follows and recommended to the Co. Council for adoption:-

Article 1 dealing with locomotives propelled by steam to be deleted.

Article 2 dealing with pace of locomotives propelled by steam to be deleted.

Article 3 - Locomotive to be preceded by a person carrying a flag to be deleted.

Article 4. prohibiting the passage of locomotives over the bridges of Hodgesmill, Wexford and Edernine but allowing to cross same seven seater passenger motor cars and trucks, the weight of which does not exceed two and a half tons "all in."

Heavy lorries and oil vans to be prohibited as well as all trailers.

Article 5. Passage of locomotives, etc. over weak bridges, or bridges of doubtful strength - agreed to.

Article 6.- Position of vehicles remaining at rest on bridges - agreed to.

Article 7. Person to be always in charge of a locomotive under steam - agreed to.

Article 8 By-laws not to apply to steam-rollers.- deleted.

Article 9. Fixing amount of fines for offences against by-laws - agreed to.

It was decided that Mr Elgee, Solicitor make draft of amended by-laws and submit same to next meeting of the Co. Council for consideration.

Water Splashes at Whitehouse and Aughtiguemore.

Mr Shannon proposed and Mr Colfer seconded the following resolution ~~which~~ :-

"That bridges be built over water splashes at Whitehouse

and Aughtiguemore, cost not to exceed £160 amount to be taken from Contingencies Fund."

As an amendment, Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed:-

"That the bridge on main road near Kilmuckridge be built prior to any other bridge of the same description, as erection of this bridge has already been approved of by County Council and Enniscorthy R.D. Council."

The amendment was seconded by Col Quin.

On a show of hands, three voted for and three against the amendment.

The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the amendment which he declared carried.

Mr Corish proposed and Mr Hall seconded the following:-

"That in the event of the money necessary being made available, the bridge at Whitehouse and also the bridge on Kilmuckridge main road be built."

On a show of hands four voted in favour of the proposal which the Chairman declared carried.

Messrs Shannon, Clinee and Colfer did not vote.

At this stage Mr McCarthy, Chairman attended and took the Chair.

Gangers and Explosives.

The Co. Surveyor stated that in order to carry on the quarry work in an effective manner at least three gangers in each Assistant Surveyor's area should be authorised to hold small quantities of explosives. The Authorities would not raise any objection to this course.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr Hall:-

"That the question of the number of gangers who would be authorised to hold explosives in small quantities be left to the County Surveyor."

Col Quin dissented.

Gusserane Laneway.

It was decided that Mr O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor should

approach the local people interested in the repair of this lane and ascertain from them how far they were prepared to help.

Cush Gap.

Correspondence in connection with this matter was submitted by the Co. Surveyor from Rev. J. Somers C.C. Blackwater on behalf of the local people concerned.

It was decided to authorise the County Surveyor to put the place in repair on the lines of the recommendation in his report Footpath- Emiscorthy-New Ross Road.

The Committee agreed to the recommendation of the County Surveyor as regards this footpath, which was near Verona on the road to Fairfield and Kiltaly.

Brownswood Quarry.

It was decided on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr O'Byrne that the Co. Surveyor submit the correspondence which he had in this matter with Mr O'Flaherty to the Pioneer Company, and inform them that they would have to make their own arrangements regarding the proposed extension of this quarry, the Co. Surveyor to replace the fence in accordance with the old agreement.

Boilers.

It was decided that Co. Surveyor should take steps to carry out the recommendations of the Boiler Inspector.

National Road Works Scheme.

The paragraph in Co. Surveyor's report relative to this matter was approved.

Erection of Shed.

In connection with erection of shed at Ballykelly, Ballymurn, it was pointed out by Mr Birrthistle, Assistant Surveyor that the proposed building would be erected on the foundation of an old shed.

The Chairman proposed and Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the County Council be recommended not to offer objection to erection of shed on the premises of John Cullen, Ballykelly, Ballymurn provided the building be erected to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

Extra Ground for Machinery Yard.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Quin seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-

"That the Co. Council be recommended to rent the necessary ground required for extension of Co. Council Machinery Yard at Enniscorthy for £2 per annum the amount asked by the Manager, Co-Operative Stores, Enniscorthy the owners of the premises."

Inspections of Buildings at Rosslare.

It was decided that the County Surveyor should communicate^(e) with the County Councillors for Wexford Electoral Area and arrange with them for an inspection of new buildings in course of erection at Rosslare in order to obtain information as to how they were likely to affect at present the roads which they adjoined or were likely to affect them in the future in view of the development of Rosslare.

Enniscorthy Courthouse.

The Chairman proposed and Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to advertise for tenders for reconstruction of Enniscorthy Courthouse."

KILLABEG QUARRY.

Mr Hall mentioned that some years ago it had been decided to fence this quarry for the protection of the field of Mrs Murphy, the owner of the quarry and the work had never been carried out.

Referred to Co. Surveyor for report.

HAULIERS IN BANNOW DISTRICT.

In connection with above, Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor reported that there was no possibility of securing any more convenient dumping ground on the strand than the one at present utilised.

The Committee decided to take no further action in the matter.

NATIONAL ROAD SCHEME - SECOND SECTION.

Under date 19th May 1927, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote stating that the Minister had approved of the 7 Scheme for the expenditure of £51852 out of the sum of £69613 earmarked for Wexford County under the final distribution of the National Road Scheme. In order that the Minister might be in a position to arrive at a decision as to whether Direct Labour or Contract was to be employed, the Co. Surveyor should furnish full particulars of any arrangements, e.g. plant, etc. which he may have to carry out the work by Direct Labour.

A statement would be required giving the total number of men employed on the work, distinguishing the number of demobilised men of the National Army.

The Co. Surveyor stated he had furnished the Department of Local Government with the necessary data.

It was pointed out that the communication from the Department did not deal with £17761 included in the Scheme which had been submitted to them. This was made up of the following items, viz:- Enniscorthy Urban £3384. Wexford Urban £8789 and £5588 increase in amount allocated for the reconstruction of Wexford-Enniscorthy Road.

It was agreed that the Co. Surveyor communicate with the Department of Local Government with a view to securing sanction for starting work in the Urban Districts of Enniscorthy and Wexford without delay.

In connection with Road Grant for Main Roads, letter under date 20th May 1927 (SGD/32) was read from the Department of Local Government stating that £5400 in respect of this Grant had been paid to the Treasurer of the County Council.

ROADS INQUIRY - SPEED LIMITS.

Under date 27th April 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (R.V. 32) forwarding copies of Sealed Order fixing the speed limits for certain classes of vehicles on New Ross Bridge Wexford Bridge and road from Gorey to Courtown Harbour at three

miles per hour, ten miles per hour and fifteen miles per hour respectively. As regards the application of the Council for an Order under Section 7(4) of the Roads Act, 1920, it appeared from the evidence at ~~xxxx~~ Local Enquiry that what the Council contemplated was an Order empowering them to close, as and when considered necessary, any road in the County, except one, to heavy motor cars exceeding four tons unladen weight. The Minister was advised that he had no power under Section ~~xxx~~ 7(4) of the Roads Act of 1920 to give to a County Council power to close a road or roads to a particular class of traffic from time to time as they thought fit. The Section provides for a prohibition of certain classes of traffic on a specified road or roads by the Minister and subject to the conditions imposed by him, and he could not delegate his powers in this matter to a Road Authority. In the circumstances, the Minister did not propose to make any order in the matter.

The communication from the Department further stated:-

"With reference to the resolution adopted by the County Council at their meeting on the 8th November last, relative to the speed of heavy motor vehicles, I am to refer to the Circular letter (R V/209) of the 12th November 1925 which sets out the special speed limits ranging from twelve to five miles an hour, which have been fixed for heavy motor cars, i.e. motor cars exceeding two tons in weight unladen. The County Council, as advised in the final paragraph of the above mentioned Circular letter, should seek the co-operation of the Garda Síochána in dealing with the matter of excessive speed of heavy motor vehicles.

The Minister has also had under consideration the resolution of the Co. Council, adopted at their meeting on 13th December last, relative to a proposed speed limit of ten miles an hour for motor vehicles for certain streets in New Ross Urban District, and the particulars, etc. furnished by the New Ross Urban District Council in the matter. The Minister does not consider that, having regard to all the circumstances, the fixing of a special speed limit is the most effective method of dealing with reckless or dangerous

driving in the Urban District. The Garda Siothchana have power under Section 1 of the Motor Car Act of 1903 to deal with this question and it is suggested that the Council should arrange with the Garda for special observation to be kept on the driving of vehicles on the streets concerned."

It was decided that the two last paragraphs in this letter be furnished Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana and that he be asked to co-operate with the County Council in having the suggestions made by the Minister for Local Government effectively carried out.

It was also decided that the attention of the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, be called to the necessity of dealing with the excessive weight of heavy motor vehicles and the driving of vehicles on the streets in the three Urban Districts of the County.

ERECTION OF NEW BUILDINGS AT ROSSLARE.

The Co. Surveyor submitted the following letter from Mr Michael Kelly, Rexall Pharmacy, Rosslare under date 18th May 1927:- "In reply to your letter of 16th inst, I desire to state that I am not prepared to remove my shop from its present site. I rely on the permission granted by the resolution quoted in your letter of the 20th ultimo which I believe gave me authority to continue the erection of the shop and I shall be surprised to learn that Mr Elgee does not take the same view."

The following resolution was adopted:-

"The Roads Committee see no reason to alter the resolution which was adopted by the Co. Council on 9th May 1927 refusing to agree to Mr Kelly's request to allow his shop to remain in its present position."

In his letter of 23rd March 1927, Mr Kelly applied for permission to erect his shop in conformity with an interview which he had with Mr Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor. The County Council gave him permission in accordance with that interview at which Mr Kelly agreed to place the premises five feet back from the road. Mr Kelly went back of this promise and hence Co. Council withdrew

their permission.

The Committee desire to call Mr Kelly's attention to Section 9(2) of Summary Jurisdiction Act 1851 and Section 33(1) of Local Government Act of 1925."

The Co. Surveyor submitted letter from Mr James Billington South Main Street, Wexford in connection with the erection of two bungalows at Walsheslough, Rosslare and asking if there was any objection to same.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr Billington be referred to Section 9(2) of Summary Jurisdiction Act of 1851 and Section 33(1) Local Government Act, ~~1925~~ 1925."

Mr William J. Walsh, Rosslare, wrote in regard to erection of bungalow stating that he would forward plan of same as soon as possible. He also called attention to a letter in the "People" newspaper of the 20th May 1927 over his name, and the authorship of which he repudiated. It had never been written by him or by his authority.

Order- That Mr Walsh be referred to Section 9(2) of Summary Jurisdiction Act of 1851 and Sec 33(1) of Local Government Act, 1925.

Mr John Rossiter, Rosslare wrote under date 25th April 1927 that he had purchased a building site on the road from the Railway Station to Rosslare Strand and wanted information as to how far from the road premises should be erected.

Order- Mr Rossiter to be referred to Sec 9(2) of Summary Jurisdiction Act of 1851 and Sec 33(1) of Local Government Act of 1925.

Under date May 1st 1927, Mr Patrick Brennan, Ryland Road, Bunclody applied for permission to erect a bay window in the front of his house and also a railing about three feet high to stand out about ~~xxx~~ three or four feet from front wall of premises.

It was decided to take no action in the matter.

ROSSLARE SLOB ROAD.

Mr Elgee forwarded the following letter from the General Manager, Great Southern Railways Company, under date 14th May 1927:-

"With further reference to your letter of the 11th April addressed to the Secretary, I have now had an opportunity of taking the instructions of the Board.

I must, in the first place, remind you that at a very early stage it was pointed out to the Wexford County Council that the Accommodation Crossing in question could not be converted for use as a public Road Level Crossing without the consent of the Company. Notwithstanding the intimations made, the work of reconstruction of the roadway on each side of the Accommodation Crossing was proceeded with.

The Railway Company have no desire to assume an unreasonable attitude or to hamper the County Council in their efforts to improve the roads. On the other hand, the Company cannot agree to any additional cost or responsibility being cast upon them in connection with the Crossing in question which would be involved if your Client's proposals were given effect to.

If you will be good enough to suggest the nature of the Agreement which the County Council would be prepared to enter into both as regards the provision of new gates, the consequential alteration of the Crossing and the provision of signal protection, at the same time dealing with the additional maintenance and attendance charges involved, the matter will receive careful attention."

The Chairman proposed, Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded and it was carried:-

"That the Co. Surveyor and Mr Elgee be requested to ~~xxx~~ approach the General Manager of the Railways Company as soon as possible with a view to ascertaining the nature of any Agreement they require and the cost of carrying out same.

That the Department of Local Government be asked to give any assistance in their power to the Co. Council as regards arriving at an agreement with the Railway Company in this matter."

ROAD AT BALLYGILLANE.

Under date 14th May 1927, Mr Elgee, County Solicitor wrote that in his opinion this road was not a public road because in the first instance it was not a through road and there never had been any dedication to public use. In the circumstances, the Council could not legally expend any money on its repair or maintenance.

Order - Referred to County Council.

CARRIGANEAGH QUARRY.

Under date 28th April 1927, Messrs M.J.O'Connor & Co, Solicitors, wrote on behalf of Mr George Stacey, Carriganeagh, complaining that the Council had levelled four perches of a boundary fence between Mr Stacey's land and the public road. Consequently there was no protection to prevent his cattle straying on to the public road.

The Co. Surveyor submitted report from Mr Treanor, Asst. Surveyor, that he had arranged, subject to approval, with Mr Stacey to take in 10 perches of ground and erect fence on lands clear of the quarry. If the fence which had been levelled were restored it would be destroyed by the next blast.

A resolution was adopted approving of the arrangement made by Mr Treanor with Mr Stacey for the ten perches of ground provided the amount of any compensation required by Mr Stacey meets with the approval of the County Council.

TAGHMÓN FOOTPATHS.

Representations were received from a number of residents in Taghmón as to the state of the footpaths there.

It was decided to inform the writers of the application that the matter would be attended to by the County Surveyor as soon as practicable.

THE "GREEN" ROAD.

Under date 9th May 1927, Messrs Andrew Ronan, Arthur J. Alexander and W. Napper Neville wrote calling attention to the state of the road between Sullivan's public house to the Maudlins Bridge via Barrett's Park, New Ross.

The Co. Surveyor was instructed to carry out what repairs he considered possible to this road.

DERELICT TELEGRAPH LINE - DUNCORMACK.

Under date 4th May 1927, letter was received from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs (T.5632/27) relative to the resolution of the Council asking that portion of the derelict telegraph line which passes through Duncormack should be utilised for the purpose of providing telegraphic or telephonic facilities for that village, and stating that even by making use of the spare wire in question, the erection of the necessary additional wire was too expensive to warrant the project taking effect.

It was decided to ask the Department of Posts and Telegraphs to state what would be the actual cost of carrying out the project in question.

LICENCE FOR PETROL PUMP.

Mr F. J. Doyle, New Ross applied for permission to erect a Petrol Pump at Priory Street in that town and forwarded map of site.

The Co. Surveyor reported in favour of the application which was granted.

TENNIS GROUNDS, ETC. AT GOREY WORKHOUSE.

Under date 18th May 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (P. 23586/27) relative to letting portion of the grounds attached to Gorey Workhouse to the Gorey Branch of the Gaelic League and stating that the Minister did not think he could approach the Oireachtas for approval to a proposal based on a rent of 5/- per year which is, in his opinion, entirely too small.

It was decided to point out to the Department of Local Government that only a nominal rent had been fixed in this case in order to hold control of the ground which was very small in area and of no utility to the Board of Public Health.

The Committee considered the County Council should again ask the Minister to agree to accept the figure in question.

DAMAGE TO KILMORE PIER.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor, submitted letter from Mr H. Pollard, 18 Kingsland Crescent, Barry Dock under date 11th May 1927 relative

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to damage done by the S.S. "Ready" to Kilmore Pier.

Mr Pollard stated that previous damage had been done by the schooner, "Clara" and under the circumstances, he did not see he was liable for the full amount claimed. However, in order to have the matter cleared up, he offered £30 without prejudice in full settlement.

Mr Elgee in a letter under date ~~30th~~ 13th May 1927 to the Council stated that he had informed Mr Pollard that the damage done by the "Clara" was done at a much later period than the damage caused by the S.S. "Ready".

It was decided to wait until the completion of the work at the Pier to forward the account for the full cost thereof to Mr Pollard.

LINOLEUM FOR DISTRICT COURT.

Under date 18th May 1927, Mr P.J. Gregory, District Court Clerk, Wexford, wrote stating that he had been directed by the ~~XXXXXX~~ District Justice to call attention to the need for linoleum or matting on the floor of the Court leading to the public entrance as much noise was made by people entering and leaving the Court.

It was decided that the matter be referred to the County Surveyor to obtain information as to price of linoleum and matting.

CINEMATOGGRAPH ACT.

Application was received from Mr Hassett for licence γ under the Cinematograph Act in respect of premises at Kilmore.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne it was decided that renewal of the licence be granted in this case.

WEXFORD COURTHOUSE.

Under date 18th May 1927, the Town Clerk, Wexford wrote forwarding copy of a Memorial which had been submitted to the Corporation relative to the reconstruction of Wexford Courthouse.

This Memorial stated that no plans were drawn up or tenders invited for re-building the Courthouse on the old site and the Memorialists were informed that Mr Patrick O'Connor, Builder was prepared to reinstate the Courthouse to its former condition

for the amount of the Award, viz, £5000.

The County Surveyor stated that plans, etc., had been prepared for both sites and submitted to the Minister for Finance.

The Chairman stated that the County Council had arrived at a certain decision in this matter and he did not see any reason why they should go into it again.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Boggan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That Minutes of Roads Committee of 23rd May, 1927, be received and considered"
Brownwood Quarry.

The County Surveyor mentioned that the Pioneer Road Construction Company had now made satisfactory arrangements with Mr. O'Flaherty, Solicitor, in connection with the extension of Brownwood Quarry for the procuring of road metal for Enniscorthy-Wexford road. There was apparently great delay in getting the work in hands. The contractors started the previous week but the cement concrete mixer went wrong and after its repair a re-start was made when the pump went wrong. A new pump was to have been supplied on that date but it had not yet come to hand. He had wired to the Pioneer Company to Dublin calling their attention to the delay and he thought some steps should be taken by the Council and a resolution adopted which could be forwarded to the Local Government Department in order to hurry on the work.

Colonel Gibbon proposed and Colonel Quin seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the attention of the Local Government Department (Roads) be drawn to the fact that the contractors for the Enniscorthy-Wexford road, who were accepted by the Council with the sanction of the Department, are proceeding very slowly, and we consider the Department should put pressure on the Company to expedite the work".

It was proposed by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Gaul, and carried:-

"That the Minutes of Roads Committee in respect of meeting on 23rd May, 1927, be and are hereby confirmed"

GUSSEANE LANE.

Mr. Murphy mentioned that in connection with this matter there was an understanding between the local people and Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, and Mr. Cloney, M.C.C., that the people concerned would do any necessary carting work, the County Council to supply the material. On the day Mr. Cloney visited the place, one farmer refused to carry out the agreement. Mr. Cloney had advised the local people to endeavour to persuade this man to re-consider his position.

Order - County Surveyor to report to next meeting as to how the matter stands.

CARRIGANEAGH QUARRY.

Under date 2nd June, 1927, letter was read from the County Surveyor stating that George Stacey, owner of the land to be taken at Carriganeagh Quarry for its extension, in order to avoid any further damage there, was prepared to accept £5 as compensation. He (County Surveyor) had made a claim against the Insurance Company for £3 as damage to the fence. If this claim was met, the balance to be paid by the Council would be only £2, and all further trouble with regard to injury to fence would be obviated.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was passed unanimously:-

"That a sum of £5 be paid to Mr. George Stacey, Carriganeagh, for additional land taken at Carriganeagh Quarry, the County Surveyor to endeavour to obtain payment of claim for £3 for damage to fence from Insurance Company"

WATER SPLASHES AT WHITEHOUSE AND AUGHTIGUEMORE.

Mr. Shannon proposed that the bridge at Whitehouse

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(Rathnure) be built before the winter.

Mr. Clince seconded.

During the course of the discussion which followed, several members pointed out that the building of a bridge at Kilmuckridge was much more urgent than that at Whitehouse.

Mr. Shannon finally withdrew his motion.

TOURIST ROAD AT ROSSLARE.

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The County Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 11th June, 1927, from Mr. M. F. Keogh, General Manager, Great Southern Railways, Dublin:-

"Your letters of the 11th April and 17th May were submitted to the Directors at their last Board Meeting, when I am instructed to advise you that whilst the improvement of the roadway which the County Council have undertaken appears to be very desirable, it is not essential for any direct purpose of the Company. As Ratepayers the Company will, of course, contribute their quota of the cost, and if apart from the expenditure there is any assistance which the Company can afford, the Directors will be glad to co-operate with the Council in any reasonable way!"

The County Surveyor pointed out that the Railway Company were not paying anything towards this road as it was being done out of Grant money.

Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution which was passed:-

"That the County Surveyor again communicate with the General Manager, Great Southern Railways, as to improvement of Station Road at Rosslare, and point out to him that the widening of this road will certainly afford considerable convenience for railway transport and passengers, and, in the circumstances, the Council are of opinion it is only reasonable to expect that the Railway Company will make some contribution in aid of the work".

Under date 31st May, 1927, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, wrote relative to improvement of this road stating that he could not advise the Council to proceed with the work until he was satisfied that the title of the parties to whom it as proposed to pay compensation, viz., O'Brien, Swan and Murphy, was in order.

The action of Mr. Elgee in this matter was approved.

EMPLOYMENT OF DRINAGH CEMENT WORKERS.

Mr. Doyle complained that although it had been agreed to by the Roads Committee that Drinagh Cement Workers (who were unemployed for a considerable period through no fault of their own) were to have been employed in Kerlogue Quarry, he mentioned specific instances of men who had not been taken on at the quarry.

The County Surveyor stated that he had directed his Assistant to see that the cement workers were to get preference as regards employment. He would look into the matter and report to next meeting of Roads Committee.

Mr. Boggan said that in connection with the specific instances given by Mr. Doyle, whoever was responsible in failing to carry out the instructions of the County Council should be made amenable.

PURCHASE OF COMPRESSOR PLANT.

In connection with this matter the County Surveyor submitted correspondence between himself, Messrs Fleming & Co., Robertson Street, Glasgow and Mr. Elgee Solicitor.

The following letter under date 30th April, 1927, from Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, to the County Surveyor was read:-

"I have received letter from Messrs Fleming and Company and also the Agreement which they sent as to the above plant.

"On looking through the Agreement however, I find that what they propose is entirely different to what their Representative

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stated at the last meeting of the County Council with regard to the payment of the balance.

"What the Agreement they send proposed to do is, to sell the plant to the County Council on the hire purchase system that is, that the property in the plant does not pass to the County Council until all the instalments have been paid, and that the machinery would belong to Messrs Fleming & Company until the final instalments had been received by them.

"What their Representative proposed at the meeting was, that the County Council should purchase the plant for the sum stated in the Agreement, that is, £1457: 13 : 4d, and that they were to pay for same by quarterly instalments and to get credit for the balance, interest being paid in the meantime on the outstanding instalments, the property in the machinery to pass at once to the County Council.

"I accordingly cannot advise the Council to sign the Agreement which the Company now send, and consider that they adhere to the original proposal as made by the Company's Representative at the meeting of the Council."

The letter of Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, to County Surveyor, was approved.

In reply to Mr. Sean O'Byrne, the County Surveyor stated that the Compressor Plant at Kerlogue Quarry was not working up to the guarantee given by the representative of Messrs Fleming. He would not take over the plant until he was satisfied with its performance.

LOCOMOTIVE BYE-LAWS.

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Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, submitted draft bye-laws as instructed at meeting of the Roads Committee.

It was decided that steps be taken to have these bye-laws legally adopted by the Council.

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EXCHANGE OF STEAM ROLLER.

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In connection with proposed exchange of steam-roller with Louth County Council as recommended by Roads Committee at their meeting on 25th April, 1927, the County Surveyor said that he had decided that it was inadvisable to make the exchange.

Order - Agreed to

PETROL PUMPS.

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Colonel Quin proposed and Mr. Clince seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the Local Government Department (Roads) be asked to inform the Council if it would be possible to have petrol pumps erected with a projecting arm, the same as obtains in England, in order to avoid any encroachment on footpaths"

DUNANORE QUARRY.

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At the meeting of the Roads Committee on 28th March, 1927, the County Surveyor referred to the proposed purchase of Dunanore Quarry. He now submitted the following letter on the matter from the Irish Land Commission, under date 10th June, 1927:-

"Mr. T. J. Flood, Land Commission Inspector, has forwarded me your letter of 3rd instant, and also 6 inch O.S. shewing the plot of land which the Wexford County Council desire to buy from the Land Commission. The scaled area of said plot is 1 ac 3 rds 0 per.

"I am to inform you that the Commissioners are prepared to sanction the sale of this plot for the sum of £20 (Twenty Pounds) provided your Council undertake to fence it from the adjoining land".

Mr. Sean O'Byrne proposed and Colonel Quin seconded

the following which was adopted:-

"That a sum of £20 be paid to the Irish Land Commission for 1 acre 3 roods of land at Dunanore Quarry in accordance with their letter of 10th June, 1927."

ROAD AT BURROW ROSSLARE.

James Bent, Rosslare, came before the meeting and stated that Rosslare Golf Club had shut him off by four barriers of barbed wire so that he had now no way to get to fair, train or market except by boat.

The Chairman pointed out that the Committee had no jurisdiction in this matter and Mr. Bent would have to take his grievance into a court of law.

Mr. Elgee pointed out that the Circuit Court had already decided Mr. Bent had no claim against the Golf Club.

The Chairman stated that as the road referred to by Mr. Bent had never been repaired at the expense of the County and was not vested as a public road, the County Council had no power to expend money on it, or in fact, to interfere with it in any way.

MAIN ROADS NEW ROSS URBAN DISTRICT.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. James E. Walsh:-

"That the resolution of County Council of 9th May, 1927, dissenting from recommendation of Finance ^{Committee} to enter into an agreement with New Ross Urban Council relative to maintenance of main roads in New Ross Urban District be rescinded and that the County Council enter into said agreement, annual amount to be £518 as estimated by County Surveyor"

Mr. Hall seconded the motion.

Mr. Cooney asked the Council not to agree to the

the resolution as the New Ross Urban District Council were not maintaining the streets under their own jurisdiction by Direct Labour.

After considerable discussion a poll was taken with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Boggan, Doyle, Hall, Jordan, Kavanagh, Murphy, O'Donoghue, Thorpe, Walsh, White, Colonel Quin and the Chairman - 12.

Against:- Messrs P. Byrne, Clince, Colfer, Connors, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, Pender and Shannon - 12.

The voting being equal the Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the resolution which he declared carried.

It was decided to add the following to Mr. Walsh's resolution:-

"That the amount to be paid to New Ross Urban District Council relative to maintenance of main roads in New Ross Urban District under proposed agreement for 1927-28 be £518 less any amount which may have been spent for the current financial year by the County Surveyor up to the date when Agreement becomes effective".

REMUNERATION OF HAULIERS.

The following motion of which Mr. Gaul had given previous notice was moved by him and seconded by Mr. Connors:-

"That the question of allowing carters an increase over present remuneration be considered at meeting of County Council on 13th June, 1927, and that said meeting fix a new rate, should they consider same expedient".

In reply to Mr. Thorpe, the County Surveyor stated that the annual cost of hauling was about £8000. Men who were engaged at haulage work pure and simple could not make a living out of it, but the work was worth while to the man who only took it up in spare time.

Mr. Gaul mentioned that if any increase was to be granted he did not wish it to be the means of cutting down the employment of men engaged under the Direct Labour system. His motion was contingent on sufficient money being found in the Contingencies Fund to warrant the increase.

A vote was taken on Mr. Gaul's motion ^{with} which the following result:-

For:- Messrs P. Byrne, Clince, Colfer, Connors, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, Pender, Rossiter and Shannon 13

Against:- Messrs Boggan, Doyle, Hall, Jordan, Kavanagh, Murphy, O'Donoghue, Thorpe, Walsh, White, Colonel Quin and the Chairman 12.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

Mr. Hayes proposed that the rate paid to carters be increased from 10d to 1/- per yard mile.

Mr. Gaul seconded.

The County Surveyor mentioned that if the amount was to be taken out of the Contingencies Fund, the latter would be very materially reduced. His idea was to make a very slight reduction in the tonnage. If the Contingencies Fund was unduly depleted, the money might be very badly wanted in December and there would be none available. He would prefer to take one-twelfth or one-fifteenth of a yard from the road ~~than~~ to interfere with the Contingencies Fund.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne pointed out that the County Surveyor's proposal would make a reduction in the labour force. The complaint was that they were putting too little material instead of too much on the roads.

Mr. Doyle characterised the proposal as grossly unfair to the ratepayers. They were getting all the carters they required at the existing figure and could get as many more if required. They were going to give away the money of the ratepayers in this matter. He could only regard it as extravagance on their

part.

As an amendment, Mr. Corish proposed the following:-

"That an adjustment be made in the remuneration paid to carters to enable a minimum rate of 8/- per day to be paid".

Mr. Shannon seconded.

The County Surveyor stated it would be impossible to carry out such an arrangement as that proposed by Mr. Corish.

Mr. Thorpe proposed that the Council agree to an extra 2d for the first mile. A great many carters informed him that this was their real grievance.

Mr. P. Byrne proposed that remuneration be fixed at 11d per yard mile.

This was seconded by Mr. Shannon.

Messrs Hayes and Corish withdrew their proposals in favour of that of Mr. P. Byrne.

The Chairman pointed out that if it came a bad winter, the Council would be obliged to spend a lot of money on roads. If the necessary amount was not in the Contingencies Fund it would have to come from ordinary road maintenance and men would have to be disemployed. The Council would have to put ~~the~~ their regular men out of work the same as occurred in February and March 1926 when the Contingencies Fund was exhausted. The same thing might happen this year if they did not take great care of their Contingencies Fund.

After further discussion, a poll was taken on Mr. P. Byrne's motion with the following result:-

For:- Messrs P. Byrne, Cline, Bolfer, Connors, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, Pender, Rossiter and Shannon ...13.

Against:- Messrs Boggan, Doyle, Hall, Jordan, Kavanagh, Murphy, O'Donoghue, Thorpe, Walsh, White, Colonel Quin and the Chairman ;;.12.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

GOREY WATER SUPPLY.

The following motion of which notice was given by Mr. Sean O'Byrne on 25th April, 1927, and issued to the County Council on the following day was moved by him:-

"That the Wexford Co. Council consents (in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of Local Government Act, 1927) to the Wexford Co. Board of Health and Public Assistance obtaining an advance from the Local Loans Fund amounting to £6.800 for the purpose of providing a proper Water Supply for the town of Gorey; said advance to be repayable in 25 years with Interest at the rate of $5\frac{1}{4}$ per cent per annum, the method of repayment to be by equal instalments of Principal with interest on the balance outstanding, area of charge of annual repayments to be the Rural District of Gorey"

Correspondence in connection with this matter was read from the County Board of Health asking for the consent of the County Council to the borrowing of the loan, and also from the Department of Local Government and Public Health forwarding correspondence with the County Board of Health under date 13th April, 1927 (S.16418/1927).

Mr. Clince seconded Mr. O'Byrne's motion which was passed.

LOAN GALBALLY WATER SUPPLY.

The following motion of which notice had been given by Mr. Sean O'Byrne on 25th April, 1927, and issued to the Co. Council on the following day, was moved by him and seconded by Mr. Clince :-

"That the Wexford County Council consents (in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of Local Government Act 1927) to the Wexford Co. Board of Health and Public Assistance obtaining an advance from the Local Loans Fund amounting to £250; said advance to be repayable in 25 years with interest

at the rate of $5\frac{1}{4}$ per cent per annum, the method of repayment to be by equal instalments of Principal with Interest on the balance outstanding, for the purpose of providing a Water Supply for the village of Galbally, the area of charge of annual repayments to be the Dispensary District of Clonroche."

Correspondence was read from the County Board of Health under date 25th April, 1927, asking for the consent of the County Council to the borrowing of the loan and also from the Local Government Department under date 11th April, 1927, (S.14402/1927) in connection with this matter.

The motion was adopted.

WITHDRAWAL OF RESIGNATION - MR. CLONEY.

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Under date 3rd June, 1927, the following letter from Mr. Michael Cloney, M.C.C., to the Secretary, was read:-

"Feeling that I am regaining the health that I lost and wishing to comply with the wishes of your Council and many others to continue on until the term of Council expires, I respectfully wish to withdraw my resignation from the Wexford County Council which I tendered some time ago.

"Thanking the members of the Council and yourself for your kind wishes".

The Chairman and several members of the Council expressed their pleasure that Mr. Cloney had decided to remain a member of the County Council.

Under date 26th May 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (F25881/1927 Ilghneitheact) that the annual meeting of the County Council was to be held on the 10th day after 23rd June.

The Secretary stated that as this date would fall on Sunday, the annual meeting would be held on Monday, 4th July.

TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROADS.

Under date 23rd May 1927, the Local Government Department (Roads) (I R/107/1) forwarded Sealed Order of the Minister authorising the Council to close to public traffic the road between Ferrycarrig Bridge and the Slaney River Bridge at Enniscorthy for a period of seven months from 20th May 1927.

ROAD GRANTS.

Correspondence was read from the Department of Local Government (Roads) under various dates forwarding Paying Orders for Road Grants under the second section, National Road Scheme totalling £18228; also £860 for Tourist Roads.

TOURIST ROAD GRANTS.

Under date 23rd May 1927, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (R/RG/32B) stating that the Minister had approved of the proposed Scheme of road improvement at Courtown Harbour and Rosslare.

In the case of the balance of the Rosslare Grant, details of the proposed widening of the road should be furnished and it should be stated whether it is proposed to carry out the whole work by Direct Labour or otherwise.

It was decided that the Co. Surveyor be directed to communicate with the Department and furnish the information they required in this connection.

PROPOSED COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

Under date 19th May 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (P.H.24344/27 Wex.P.H.&P.A.) forwarding copy of reply given by the Minister for Local Government in An Dail on 22nd March last with regard to the recoupment of Sanitary Salaries.

The question and reply were read for the meeting.

No Order.

SCHEME FOR TREATMENT OF VENEREAL DISEASE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Thorpe:-

"That in pursuance of Section I of the Public Health, Prevention and Treatment of Disease(Ireland)Act 1917,we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to declare the Wexford County Council an authority for the execution and enforcement of regulations made under Section 148 of the Public Health (Ireland)Act 1878 for the treatment of Venereal Disease. That we further approve of the action of the County Board of Health in appointing Dr S.V. O'Connor,Wexford as temporary Medical Officer under the said Scheme.

OUTSTANDING LOANS, LABOURERS' ACTS.

Under date 20th April 1927,the Department of Local Government forwarded particulars of amounts remitted to the Board of Works out of the Exchequer Contribution to be applied towards the repayment of outstanding Loans under the Labourers Acts charged on the areas of the four former Rural Districts of the County.

OVERGROUND TELEGRAPHIC LINE.

The Chief Engineer of the Ministry of Posts & Telegraphs applied for the consent of the Council to the erection of an over-ground telegraphic line from the Post Office at Ballycarney,County Wexford to Clobemon Hall.

Agreed to on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Shannon provided the work be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor.

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER.

Under date 6th May 1927,the Department of Local Government(L1415/27)wrote explaining the assistance which the Garda Siothchana would be prepared to give in connection with the enforcement of the Sheep Dipping Order.

SCHOLARSHIPS-PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Under date 12th May 1927, letter was read from the Department of Education as to the arrangements to be made in connection with examination for above and which would be held on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd. June 1927.

John Hunt, Duncormack applied for extension of his Primary Scholarship for one year.

The Secretary stated that Mr Hunt had obtained a Scholarship under the old Scheme which provided for three years only. The new Scheme covered four years, as this period was considered necessary to prepare pupils properly for examination for Leaving Certificate.

Proposed by Mr White seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne and carried:-

"That Primary Scholarship of John Hunt, Duncormack be extended for one year."

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE.

Correspondence was received from the County Librarian on June 11th (too late for insertion on the Agenda paper for present meeting).

It was proposed by Col Quin and seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee. Carried.

Rev Canon Willis, Rector, Gorey wrote under date June 8th 1927 tendering his resignation as member of the County Library Committee as he found it impossible to attend the meetings.

The Chairman proposed and Mr Thorpe seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That we accept the resignation of Rev Canon Willis and appoint to the vacancy thereby created, Rev T. Talbot, Rector, Hore-town, Taghmon."

IMPROVEMENT CARNE PIER.

Under date 6th June 1927, the following was read from Mr William Cullen, Lady's Island, Broadway, Hon. Sec. Carne Pier Committee:-

"A number of residents have recently made an effort to revive the fishing industry in this district and to have the Pier put into a proper state of repair.

If this can be accomplished it will be the means of finding employment for a number of young fellows who cannot get work on the land in the present depressed state of agriculture and who would otherwise have to emigrate.

A Committee was formed and to put the matter in practical shape, Mr Delap was brought down. I enclose herewith copies of his report and also some photographs of the Pier as it is.

A deputation was appointed to proceed to Dublin to interview the Minister for Fisheries and were received by him on the 4th May last. They were introduced by Mr Michael Doyle in a very sympathetic manner and were very grateful for his assistance.

The deputation had an interview of two hours with the Minister who was accompanied by his secretary and the Engineer to the Fishery Department. Mr Lynch promised all the assistance in his power, and providing the County Council would help, his Department would contribute fifty-fifty towards the cost of restoring the Pier to its former condition.

We are anxious to bring the matter before your Council and would be thankful if you could arrange to receive a small deputation at your next meeting on 13th inst.

We feel sure your Council will help us in this good work.

It is essential that something should be done at once as you can see from the photographs that the Pier in its present condition is useless and the fishing season is now upon us."

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne it was decided to receive the deputation which consisted of the following:-Rev. R. Fitzhenry P.P. Lady's Island: Messrs H. Langrishe Solicitor, John Joyce, S.B. Weldon, James Ryan, T. Davis and W. Cullen, Hon. Sec. to Pier Committee.

Report of Mr Delap, Engineer, Northern Bank Chambers, 115 Grafton Street Dublin was read.

Mr Delap pointed out that the pier had reached its present^{(t} condition because it is subjected to very heavy seas in winter and because the method used in constructing it ~~is~~^{was} not suitable for such an exposed position. In order to restore the pier to the condition it should be in when complete the cost would be about £4000.

Mr Langrishe who said he was not appearing in an official capacity said that Carne Pier was one and three-quarter miles from Carnsore Point and was sheltered on the west and north by the land. It lay broadly N.N.W., was 480 feet long and 12 feet wide. Having outlined the history of the construction of the pier and its present state, he said that down to ten years ago, it was kept in repair by the Grand Jury and the Co. Council, but no repairs had been done since and the pier had been seriously damaged. The storm wall had gone and the coping on the inside had been washed into the sea, and the result was that now a boat could not get into the harbour at practically full tide. A deputation had gone before the Minister of Fisheries and the Ministry was prepared to give a grant of at least half of what it would be necessary to spend on the pier.

Mr Langrishe referred to Section 7 of the Grand Jury Act of 1853, the substance of which he said was that every pier and harbour erected or improved with public money for the improvement of the fisheries and the adjoining lands purchased in connection with the pier shall be deemed to be and become the property of the County in which they were situate, and are to be held, maintained and preserved by the Grand Jury in the same manner as any road or bridge within the county, the expense of which was chargeable to such county or any district thereof. The Carne Pier was in this position and was public property which the Co. Council were bound to maintain.

The deputation asked the Co. Council not to allow the pier to go to ruin but to take the matter in hands.

Mr Weldon pointed out that the pier in its present condition was useless. If it were repaired even to the way it was, the local people would be quite satisfied. The Department of Fisheries

promised to help in every conceivable way. There were numbers of young men in the district who were anxious to start fish^{ing}eries ; they could not secure work on the land and they would have to emigrate if employment could not be found for them.

Rev. Father Fitzhenry said he was one of the deputation that called upon the Minister of Fisheries. Though it was a busy day, the Minister gave them two hours and went into the question of Carne Pier as closely and as much in detail as possible in the time. He and the Officials present thought it a pity that a pier in such a position should be allowed to go to ~~w~~rack and ruin. It was one of the finest fishing districts in the world- a district which was particularly rich as regards lobsters. During his ten years in the Barony of Forth a number of fine young fellows had emigrated and further emigration would take place if something was not done.

The Chairman said the farmers were very hard hit at present, and as repairs to Carne Pier would mean an extra rate, he wished to know if the people of Carne would be prepared to give a certain amount of free labour in order to reduce the cost.

Father Fitzhenry said he had no doubt if a strong appeal was made to the Carne workers and others, they might be got to consider it. They would get voluntary labour on a football ground or ball court, but with regard to a question of public funds with public authority in charge, he did not think they could guarantee voluntary labour. They were living in very selfish times.

The Co. Surveyor said that a report from Mr Delap stated that repairs to the pier would cost £4000 and that more extensive work would cost £6000 or £7000. He attended at Carne Pier and measured up the whole work with Mr Hassard, Engineer of the Fishery Department and it was probably that engineer who stated that a lesser sum than £4000 could be usefully spent.

Mr Langrishe said the first thing they wanted was to have the berths cleaned. They would then have a proper view of what repairs would be necessary. He was sure £40 or £50 would cover the cost of cleaning the berths.

The Co. Surveyor said he thought the cost would be about £200.

Mr Corish said it would be better for the County Council to do all the work if they were going to do anything and not to do it piecemeal.

The Secretary said it was in the power of the Co. Council to make the charge for the work a county-at-large charge.

Mr Weldon said he thought there would be six boats to start fishing if the pier were repaired.

The Chairman said the pier was a scheduled pier and that the Co. Council was responsible for it.

In reply to Mr Boggan, the Secretary said they were bound to maintain the pier, and if they did not the Board of Works would repair it at the Council's expense.

Mr Corish said he entirely disagreed with the matter of voluntary work. If men were going to work they should be paid for working.

Mr Boggan said he thought that was a most unreasonable attitude for Labour to take up. He did not want the people to work at an unreasonable wage, but the matter concerned everyone in Carne, and he thought if the Scheme was brought forward the people should give a hand. He was only referring to the clearing away of the debris.

Mr Corish said that while he was always an advocate of direct labour he recognised realities. The job at Carne was ~~not~~ not one for Direct Labour- it was an engineering job- and he did not think anyone should be allowed to interfere with it until they got a proper contractor to do it. He would not approve of tinkering with it. They should do everything they could to facilitate the Carne people in the matter.

Father Fitzhenry agreed with Mr Corish, as Mr Delap had suggested that nothing could be done to advantage without a little machinery such as derricks, etc.

The deputation withdrew, Father Fitzhenry thanking the

Council for receiving them.

The Chairman proposed and Col Quin seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the Co. Surveyor be instructed to prepare for next meeting of the Roads Committee a report as to the condition of Carne Pier with estimate as to its repair."

ROSSSLARE SANITATION.

The Co. Surveyor submitted the following letter from the Secretary, County Board of Health under date 21st May 1927:-

"I laid your letter in connection with above matter before the Board of Health and Public Assistance at its meeting on the 16th inst, when it was decided to await the report of the Inspector from the Local Government Department in the matter."

TEMPORARY CLOSING OF MOYEADY BRIDGE.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor under date 30th May 1927:-

"This bridge requires some repairs. It is not possible to carry these out without closing the road for a period of 12 days. I am ready to start as soon as the necessary foundations are completed. The closing of this road would not inconvenience anybody very much as the alternative route by Ballycarney Bridge and Clohamon is not more than half a mile longer and a very fair road. I will use a quick setting cement for this job, but at the same time 12 days would be the minimum period."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Hall seconded by Mr Clince:-

"That application be made to the Minister for Local Government for Order for the temporary closing of Moyeady Bridge for at least 12 days-from 4th July 1927 to 16th July 1927 (both dates inclusive)-alternative route to be by Ballycarney Bridge and Clohamon."

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT.

Mr Shannon proposed and Mr Colfer seconded that new licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 be issued to

Michael R. Moran, 3 Castle Street, Enniscorthy and Laurence Power, Shelbourne Agricultural Co-Operative Society, Campile and that renewals of licences be issued to Nathaniel Tackaberry, Bunclody and Laurence Harpur, North Main Street, Wexford.

GOREY HILL QUARRY.

Under date 28th May 1927, Mr Elgee, Solicitor, reported that on the previous day he had obtained an Order from the District Justice at Gorey to enter on Miss Palmer's land at Gorey Hill for the purpose of obtaining access to the quarry.

The question of compensation had not been settled, but he made an offer to Miss Palmer through her solicitor of £5. He had not yet heard if she was willing to accept that sum.

Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed and Mr Thorpe seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That we approve of the action of our Solicitor in offering Miss Palmer, Gorey Hill a sum of £5 as compensation for land taken for the quarry on her holding at Gorey Hill."

RECONSTRUCTION OF ENNISCORTHY COURTHOUSE.

Only one tender was received for the reconstruction of Enniscorthy Courthouse, from Mr Robert C. Williamson, Abbey Quay, Enniscorthy at £2988.

The County Surveyor stated the amount of compensation was £2901 and of this amount £20 had been spent for plans, which left £2881 available. He believed it would be possible to ~~xxx~~ arrange with Mr Williamson to carry out the work for this figure as some items would bear reduction.

Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed and Mr Jordan seconded the following which was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor endeavour to arrange with Mr R. C. Williamson for carrying out the work of the reconstruction of Enniscorthy Courthouse at the sum of £2881. In the event of the failure on the part of the County Surveyor to come to an agreement with Mr Williamson the work to be placed in charge of the County Surveyor."

SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE.

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On the motion of Col Quin seconded by Mr Thorpe, the ~~fn~~ following was adopted:-

"That the following Scholarship Committee be reappointed and that they be requested to meet as soon as possible to ~~reconsider~~ reconsider the Primary and University Scholarship Schemes of this Council:-

Col. Gibbon, Sleedagh, Wexford: William Boggan, Hayestown, Wexford: Richard Corish, St Ibar Villas, Wexford: Thos McCarthy 11 Rafter St, Enniscorthy: John O'Byrne, The Avenue, Gorey: Seumas Doyle, The Bungalow, Ballycarney, Ferns: E. P. Foley, Crossabeg, Wexford: Rev. Thos. Talbot, Rector, Horetown, Taghmon: Rev Bro. Markey, Superior, Christian Bros' Schools, Wexford: Very Rev. W. F. Murphy, President, St Peter's Coll. Wexford: J.J. Kelly N.T. Taghmon: Hugh O'Byrne N.T. Ballindaggin."

APPLICATION FOR LOAN OF FURNITURE.

Under date June 2nd 1927, Mr T.D. Sinnott wrote that the Irish Summer College Committee which was holding a Summer course at Valentia House, Camolin was anxious to obtain the use of the tables and forms in the Old Jail during the College session in July. The Committee would be responsible for the transfer and return of the furniture and would be prepared to make good any damage or breakages.

Mr Gaul proposed and Mr O'Byrne seconded:-

"That the furniture at the Old Jail which is at present not in use be handed over on loan to the Irish College Committee at Valentia House, Camolin on the terms and conditions in letter of Mr T. D. Sinnott, (a Trustee of the College) under date 2nd June 1927."

Passed.

APPLICATION FOR REVISION OF VALUATION.

On the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Shannon the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the various applications for Revision of Valuation submitted to this meeting by our Secretary be forwarded to the Commissioner, General Valuation Office, Dublin to be examined and dealt with by him."

ANCIENT MONUMENTS COMMITTEE.

In connection with the proposed deputation to Mr Eamonn Duggan relative to the introduction of legislation for the preservation of ancient and historic monuments, the Secretary of the General Council of County Councils wrote under date 18th May 1927 suggesting that the deputation should be postponed until after the General Elections.

This suggestion was approved.

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS IN IRELAND,

A letter was received from the Editor, "Irish Messenger," asking the Council to confirm resolution adopted by the Town Commissioners of Mullingar as follows:-

"That we respectfully desire to place on record our unanimous wish that the Eucharistic Congress for 1932 be held in Ireland; especially as that year will be the Fifteenth Centenary of the coming of St. Patrick to our shores. The authorities concerned can rely on our fullest support."

On the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Shannon the above resolution was unanimously confirmed.

IRISH TOURIST DEVELOPMENT.

Under date 2nd June 1927, the Secretary of the above Association submitted Scheme for the development of Tourist Traffic and which had been approved by the Minister for Industry and ~~Commerce~~ Commerce.

On the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Shannon the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we approve of the Scheme of Tourist Development as sanctioned by the Department of Industry and Commerce on 3rd May 1927 and which accompanied letter of Secretary, Irish Development Association under date 2nd June 1927."

COUNTY COUNCILLORS AS JURORS.

The following resolution from Tirconail Co. Council was adopted on the motion of Col Quin seconded by Mr Jordan:-

"That as County Councillors devote a considerable portion of their time to their duties for the good of the

"community, without remuneration, it is only right that they should be excused from service as Jurors. We call upon the Government to bring in the necessary legislation without delay. That copies of this resolution be sent to President Cosgrave, the T.D.'s of the County, the General Council of County Councils and the other County Councils in the Saorstát."

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES) ACT 1926.

The following resolution from Cavan County Council was adopted on the motion of Mr Doyle seconded by Mr Gaul:-

"That we, the Co. Council of Cavan voicing as we do the views of the overwhelming majority of the people of the County call upon the Government to repeal "the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act 1926 as the majority of the people are opposed to the continuance of this measure.

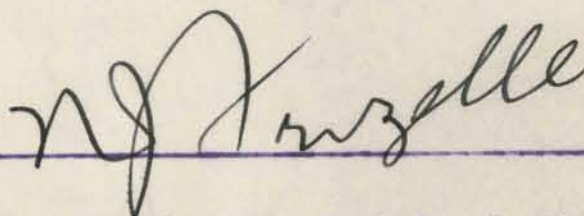
That copies of this resolution be sent to the Government all the County Councils and various Parliamentary Parties of the County Cavan."

Wm J. Butler
July 4th 1927

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY.
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I hereby certify the foregoing to be
a correct record of the Minutes of Proceedings
of Wexford County Council in respect of meeting
held on 13th June, 1927.

(Signed) _____



Secretary Wexford County Council.

Dated this 20th day of June, 1927.

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.
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M I N U T E S
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OF MEETING HELD ON 9TH MAY, 1927.
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N. J. FRIZELLE,
SECRETARY.

FORTVIEW,
WEXFORD.

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A meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 9th May, 1927.

Present:- Mr. T. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding; also :- Messrs William Boggan, Patrick Byrne, James Cline, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, Michael Doyle, James Gaul, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, David Kavanagh, Aidan Mernagh, John O'Byrne, M. M. O'Donoghue, John Pender, Thomas Rossiter, James Shannon, William Thorpe, James E. Walsh, John White, Colonel Gibbon and Colonel Quin.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, were also present.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Rates 1927-28.

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On the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall the following resolution was adopted:-

"That, as set out on Forms 42 and 43, we hereby strike the Rate for General and Separate Charges for financial year 1927-28, as agreed to at meeting of Wexford County Council on 14th February, 1927, as follows:-

GENERAL CHARGES:-

8/8d in the £.

SEPARATE CHARGES:-

No.	No.	Name of Separate Charges	Area of Charge	Net amount to be raised	Poundage Rate	Included in Demand on Urban Councils
4	4	Arklow Harbour Loan	Barony of Gorey	£ : s : d 214 : 0 : 3	.909(1d)	£ : s : d
14	14	Repayment Loans, - Enniscorthy Union	Enniscorthy R.D. Enniscorthy U.D.	151 : 19 : 1 13 : 3 : 3	.339(1d)	13 : 3 : 3
15	15	Repayment Loans Gorey Union	Gorey Rural District	210 : 13 : 2	.620(3d)	Enniscorthy (Urban)
16	16	Repayment Loans New Ross Union	New Ross R.D. New Ross U.D.	176 : 9 : 8 21 : 17 : 0	.590(3d)	21 : 17 : 0
17	17	Repayment Loans Wexford Union	Wexford R.D. Wexford U.D.	57 : 7 : 8 12 : 2 : 4	.144(1d)	(New Ross Union) £12 : 2 : 4 (Wexford Urban).

No.	Name of Separate Charges	Area of Charge	Net amt to be raised	Poundage Rate	Included in Demands on Urban Council
20	Repayment Loans Enniscorthy R.D.Col.	Enniscorthy R.D.	3467:11:11	7.75(8d)	
21	Repayment Loans G Gorey R.D.Col.	Gorey R. D.	1655: 0: 3	4.874(5d)	
22	Repayment Loans New Ross R. D. Col.	New Ross R.D.	1452: 4: 7	4.996(5d)	
23	Repayment Loans Wexford R.D.Col	Wexford R.D.	1237:15: 0	3.105(3½d).	
25	Part arrears quarries & Machinery due by Enniscorthy R.D.Col	Enniscorthy R.D.	1483	3.315(3½d)	
26	Part arrears quarries & Machinery due by Gorey R. D. Col	Gorey R. D.	830	2.444(2½d)	
27	Part arrears quarries & Machinery due by New Ross R.D.Col	New Ross R. D.	932	3.117(3½d)	
28	Part arrears quarries & Machinery due by Wexford R.D.Col	Wexford R.D.	1195	2.998(3d)	
2A	Lighting Newtownbarry Town	Townland of Ballinapark & Newtownbarry	54: 0: 7	8.431(8½d)	
3A	Ferns Water Supply	Ferns Dispensary District	12: 2: 10	.205(¼d)	
4A	Ballymurn Pump	Oulart Dispensary District	73: 1: 1	.751(1d)	
1B	Sanitary Works & Water Supply	Gorey R.District	47: 4: 6	.139(¼d)	
4B	Sanitary Works & Water Supply	Gorey Town	9:16: 9	.443(½d)	
5B	Coolgreany Sewerage	Coolgreany Dispensary District	2: 4: 0	.032(¼d)	
7B	Sewerage Gorey Town	Gorey R.District	173: 2: 3	.511(½d).	
7B	Sewerage Gorey Town	Gorey Dispensary District	173: 2: 3	1.697(1¾d)	
	Criminal Injury Decrees:-				
209	Mgt Tweedy £20:18:0	County at Large	All		
210	Thos Power £24:18:0	"	Rural		
211	Patk Lambert 24:18:0	"	Districts		
212	John Gleeson 22:18:0	"	in County:-		
	£93:12:0		84: 9:11	.057(¼d)	
			(Urban Districts)-		
			9:2: 1		
					2: 4: 1 (Enniscorthy Urban)
					2: 2: 2 (New Ross Urban)
					4:15:10 (Wexford Urban)
	Criminal Injury Decrees				
206	Minister of Posts & Telegraphs 2:0:11	E.D.Newtownbarry			
207	N.Thackaberry 11:12:6	" " "			
208	G.T.Lewis 16:16:4	" " "	29:19: 9	1.571(1¾d).	
	29:19:9				
204	Criminal Injury Decree John Brien	D. E.D.of Rathaspeck	15: 6: 0	1.110(1¼d)	
205	Criminal Injury Decree Robert Conway	Polling Districts of Gusserane No.1 and Gusserane No.2	215: 5: 3	7.735(7¾d)	

N ^o .	Name of Separate Charges	Area of Charge	Net amt to be raised	Poundage Rate	Included in Demand on Urban Councils
1343	Criminal Injury Decree Minister for Posts & Telegraphs	D. E. D. of Rathroe	8 : 13 : 0	.629($\frac{3}{4}$ d).	
1414	Criminal Injury Decree James Kennedy	D.E.D. of Ballyhack & Rathroe	152: 19: 6	5.138(4 $\frac{1}{4}$ d)	
9797	Criminal Injury Decree B. Radford	Electoral Divisions of Aughwilliam Killag Kilowan Mayglass Kilmore Newcastle	273: 18: 5	4.26(4 $\frac{1}{2}$ d)	
20202	Criminal Injury Decree John Staples	Electoral Divisions of Aughwilliam Killag Kilowan Mayglass Kilmore Newcastle Rathaspeck	38: 19: 3	.521($\frac{3}{4}$ d)	

"We allow and make the same as assessed in the Rate Books, said Rates being in conformity with the Valuation in force for the time being as set out in the Valuation Lists forwarded by the Valuation Department.

"That the allowance of said Rates as entered at foot of said Rate Books, signed by the Presiding Chairman, and two members present at this meeting, be adopted, attested by the seal of the Wexford County Council and countersigned by the Secretary.

"That the demands of the Wexford County Council on the Urban Councils of Enniscorthy, New Ross and Wexford, be duly signed and sealed, the amounts demanded from the said Urban Councils being:-

	Roads	Co. Services	Poor Relief Charges	Board of Health Charges.	Separate charges	Total
Enniscorthy	£330	£1064: 19: 9	£1236:1: 4	£30:0:0	£15: 7: 4	£2676: 8: 5
New Ross	£315	999: 14: 4	£1160:11:2	£28:0:0	£23:19: 2	£2527: 4: 8
Wexford	£716	2449: 9: 2	2843:14: 6	65:0:0	£16:18: 2	£6091: 1: 10

"That we hereby strike Drainage rate for financial year 1927-28 as follows:-

SCHEDULE referred to in the foregoing Charging Order.

District of KILMANNOCK in the County of WEXFORD.

No. of Sheets of Ordnance Map on which Lot is represented and annexed to Final Award,	No. of Lot on Map, Same No. to one property.	LANDS CHARGEABLE.						Proportion in which the gross Amount mentioned in Charging Order with interest thereon at 5½ per cent. is charged upon said lands and payable in respect of same.	Proportion in which the gross Amount mentioned in Charging Order is charged upon said parcels or portions of lands respectively.	Amount of each half-yearly Instalment of principal and interest payable in respect of the several parcels or portions of the lands charged by Charging Order.
		NAMES OF				Areas of lands drained or improved, Statute Measure.	Increase in the original value of lands drained or improved.			
		Reputed Proprietors.	Townlands (as named on Ordnance Maps) chargeable.	Barony in which Townlands are situate.	County in which Townlands are situate.					
						A. R. P.	£ s. d.	Decimals.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
39	1	Stafford, James	Ballyedock	Shelburne	Wexford	33 1 16	17 0 9	-02428	20 9 9	1 0 3
Do.	2	Kavanagh, Julia	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	11 0 23	5 14 2	-00812	6 17 0	0 6 9
Do.	3	Rossiter, Martin	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	12 3 2	6 10 7	-00929	7 16 9	0 7 9
Do.	4	Kavanagh, John	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	25 1 24	12 19 9	+01851	15 12 4	0 15 5
Do.	1	O'Neill, J. J.	Kilmannock	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	32 3 2	22 2 11	-03155	26 12 5	1 6 4
Do.	2	Ryan, Colonel	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	48 2 3	79 13 8	+11351	95 15 5	4 14 8
Do.	3	Corcoran, Michael	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	33 0 18	37 5 1	+05308	44 15 9	2 4 3
Do.	4	Henehan, Captain	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	61 0 3	104 14 6	-14918	125 17 4	6 4 5
Do.	5	Harte, Matthew	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	39 0 3	71 6 10	-10163	85 15 0	4 4 9
Do.	6	Clancy, Captain	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	44 3 20	84 2 9	-11985	101 2 5	4 19 11
Do.	7	Barnwell, Major	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	29 3 27	56 1 10	-07990	67 8 4	3 6 8
Do.	8	Great Southern Railways Co. . . .	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	8 2 0	15 18 9	-02269	19 2 11	0 18 11
Do.	1	Bryan, Martin	Greatisland	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	0 2 9	1 0 11	-00149	1 5 2	0 1 3
Do.	2	Doherty, William	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	17 2 17	33 2 2	-04716	39 15 9	1 19 4
Do.	3	Connors, Patrick	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	22 3 25	42 11 3	-06063	51 3 1	2 10 7
Do.	3a	Connors, Patrick.	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	0 3 4	1 1 4	-00152	1 5 8	0 1 3
Do.	4	Furlong, Martin (sen.)	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	3 1 37	6 10 10	-00932	7 17 3	0 7 9

SCHEDULE—continued.

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39	5	Furlong, Martin (jun.) . . .	Greatisland . . .	Shelburne . . .	Wexford . . .	A. R. P. 0 2 39	£ s. d. 1 7 11	Decimals. ·00199	£ s. d. 1 13 7	£ s. d. 0 1 8
Do.	5a	Furlong, Martin (jun.) . . .	Do. . .	Do. . .	Do. . .	0 1 17	0 9 9	·00070	0 11 10	0 0 7
Do.	5b	Furlong, Martin (jun.) . . .	Do. . .	Do. . .	Do. . .	4 2 14	6 6 6	·00901	7 12 1	0 7 6
Do.	6	Connolly, Patrick . . .	Do. . .	Do. . .	Do. . .	4 0 0	5 10 5	·00787	6 12 10	0 6 7
Do.	6a	Connolly, Patrick . . .	Do. . .	Do. . .	Do. . .	0 2 10	0 5 4	·00038	0 6 5	0 0 4
Do.	6b	Connolly, Patrick . . .	Do. . .	Do. . .	Do. . .	6 0 23	8 9 6	·01207	10 3 8	0 10 1
Do.	7	Dunne, Daniel . . .	Do. . .	Do. . .	Do. . .	6 1 25	8 16 8	·01258	10 12 4	0 10 6
Do.	7a	Dunne, Daniel . . .	Do. . .	Do. . .	Do. . .	1 0 0	0 9 8	·00069	0 11 8	0 0 7
Do.	8	Murphy, Nicholas . . .	Do. . .	Do. . .	Do. . .	29 0 14	15 6 4	·02182	18 8 2	0 18 2
Do.	9	Stafford, Anthony . . .	Do. . .	Do. . .	Do. . .	0 1 4	0 2 6	·00018	0 3 0	0 0 2
Do.	10	Irish Land Commission . . .	Do. . .	Do. . .	Do. . .	0 0 36	0 2 1	·00015	0 2 6	0 0 2
Do.	11	Great Southern Railways Co. . .	Do. . .	Do. . .	Do. . .	1 0 39	2 6 9	·00333	2 16 2	0 2 9
Do.	4	Henehan, Captain . . .	Formerly in Townland of Greatisland, now in Kilmannock	Do. . .	Do. . .	12 2 20	23 14 9	·03381	28 10 6	1 8 2
Do.	8a	Great Southern Railways Co. . .				0 3 20	1 12 11	·00234	1 19 6	0 1 11
Do.	5	Harte, Matthew . . .				1 0 0	1 17 8	·00268	2 5 3	0 2 3
Do.	5a	Harte, Matthew . . .	Formerly in Townland of Saltmills, now in Kilmannock	Do. . .	Do. . .	14 1 38	27 3 3	·03869	32 12 11	1 12 3
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Enrolled in the Central Office of the High Court of Justice, Saorstát Éireann on the 21st day of January 1927.

HENRY MAGUIRE.

Dated the 19th day of January, 1927.

Drainage Maintenance Acts, 1866 & 1924

**District of KILMANNOCK,
County of WEXFORD**

CHARGING ORDER

BY THE

**Commissioners of Public Works
in Ireland.**

*The Treasury Solicitor in Ireland,
51 St. Stephen's Green,
Dublin.*

Wt. 1959.—20. 125. 2/27. B. and N. Ltd.—Group 6.

THE DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE ACTS, 1866 & 1924.

District of KILMANNOCK,
In the County of WEXFORD.

CHARGING ORDER.

Whereas the necessary works for the Drainage and Improvement of the Lands within the Drainage District of Kilmannock in the County of Wexford having been completed pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Act of 5 & 6 Victoria Chapter 89 and the Acts amending the same the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland hereinafter called the Commissioners acting in execution of the said Acts made their Final Award for the said Drainage District dated the Twenty-sixth day of October One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-nine and it was by said Award amongst other things declared that the Lands drained and improved and the Proprietors of such Lands for the time being should in future be annually charged with the costs and expenses of maintaining the said works which had been so executed in said District in such proportions as are in the said Award and the Schedule thereto set forth and which Award was duly enrolled as by the said Acts directed AND WHEREAS pursuant to the powers given them in that behalf by Section 2 of the Drainage Maintenance Act 1924 the Commissioners in the month of January One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-four appointed Mr. C. H. Olley Civil Engineer to inspect the said works and duly received the report of the said Mr. C. H. Olley from which it appeared that the works of the District had not been kept and maintained in good order repair and condition so as in the opinion of the Commissioners to be fit and proper for their intended purpose AND WHEREAS the Commissioners with the sanction of the Minister for Finance decided to execute the necessary works of maintenance and repair in the said District AND WHEREAS the Minister for Finance in pursuance of the power given to him by Section 4 (1) (a) of the Drainage Maintenance Act 1924 decided to pay out of moneys provided by the Oireachtas *Twenty-five* per cent of the cost of such necessary works of maintenance and repair AND WHEREAS the Commissioners did cause the necessary works of maintenance and repair to be executed in the District and expended thereon including the costs and charges incidental thereto the sum of *One Thousand and Eighty-nine Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Nine Pence* *Twenty-five* per cent of which or *Two Hundred and Seventy-two Pounds Nine Shillings and Two Pence* is to be paid by the Minister for Finance out of funds provided by the Oireachtas and the remaining *Seventy-five* per cent or *Eight Hundred and Seventeen Pounds Seven Shillings and Seven Pence* with interest up to the 31st day of October 1926 making a total of *Eight Hundred and Forty-Three Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Nine Pence* is chargeable as hereinafter mentioned

NOW KNOW YE that We the Commissioners in execution of the Drainage Maintenance Acts 1866 and 1924 do by this our Order under our Common Seal Order and Declare that the said last-mentioned sum of *Eight Hundred and Forty-three Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Nine Pence* is and shall be charged upon the Lands in the said District of Kilmannock in the County of Wexford and the Proprietors thereof respectively according to the Schedule hereto annexed the quantities of Land belonging to each Proprietor drained and improved and chargeable as aforesaid and the proportions in which such Lands respectively and the Proprietors thereof are and shall be chargeable with the payment of the same being set forth in the said last-mentioned Schedule

And We further Order that the said sum of *Eight Hundred and Forty-three Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Nine Pence* shall with interest at the rate of *Five and a-half* per cent per annum be paid to the Council of the County of Wexford by *Thirty* equal half-yearly payments or instalments of *Forty-one Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Eleven Pence* by the Proprietors of the said Lands for the time being respectively until the whole of said sums be fully paid off and discharged and that said instalments shall be paid in the several sums and proportions in said last-mentioned Schedule for that purpose respectively mentioned on every First day of March and First day of September in each year the first of which said payments shall become due and payable on the First day of March now next ensuing the date of this Order And We further Order that the said sum of *Eight Hundred and Forty-three Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Nine Pence* with the said interest is and shall be charged on the County Fund of the Council of the County of Wexford and shall be paid by the said Council of the County of Wexford to us the Commissioners in *Thirty* equal half-yearly payments or instalments and that said payments or instalments shall be paid on every First day of May and First day of November in each year the first of which said payments or instalments shall become due and payable on the First day of May now next ensuing the date of this Order

IN WITNESS whereof We the Commissioners have hereunto caused our Common Seal to be affixed this 19th day of January One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-seven



T. CASSEDY,
Secretary.

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 14th April 1927.

Present:- Messrs Sean O'Byrne, E. Mernagh, James E. Walsh, and Patrick Hayes.

The Secretary and the County Surveyor were in attendance.

On the motion of Mr Walsh seconded by Mr Hayes, the chair was taken by Mr Sean O'Byrne.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £ 5283-5-7 was examined and signed.

NEW ROSS URBAN COUNCIL AND

MAINTENANCE OF MAIN ROADS.

It was decided to receive at meeting of Finance Committee to be held on 28th April 1927, a Deputation from New Ross Urban Council to discuss with them the question of County Council entering into an agreement with the Urban Council for the maintenance of the Main Roads in the New Ross Urban District.

COLLECTION OF POOR RATE.

The following shows amount of second moiety of Rate for 1926-27 collected to 13th April 1927:- E. J. Murphy 84½: B. Cleary 84: J. J. O'Reilly and J. Quirke 83: T. Rowe 82: J. Curtis 81: Sean Gannon and J. J. Sinnott 78: P. Furlong and J. Cummins 77: C. McCarthy 76: P. Donohoe 72: P. Fitzpatrick and W. Cummins 71: M. Deegan 69: J. Doyle and P. O'Byrne 68: M. Kelly, P. Walsh and J. J. Kelly 66.

On the motion of Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Mernagh, it was decided that the Secretary inform Collectors who had not 70 per cent of their collections lodged that the Finance Committee are not satisfied with the manner in which they are carrying out their work, as the whole amount of second moiety should have been lodged by 31st March.

Under date 4th April, 1927, the Department of Local Govern-

ment wrote(G 13352/1927 Wexford County)that, while the Minister could not see his way to approve of the proposed alterations in the conditions of the employment of the Rate Collectors of the County, he would be prepared ~~in~~ at the end of each quarter to consider the authorisation of interim payments of poundage fees on account in the light of the rates collected provided satisfactory progress had been made-the balance of poundage to be dealt with at the end of the half year.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Hayes:-

"That the Department of Local Government be requested to allow the proposals of the County Council as regards payment of poundage to remain in force for one year at least."

Under date 11th April, 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote(G 15324/1927 Wexford County), stating that, as regards the proposed permanent appointment of Mr P. J. Furlong as Rate Collector for No 4 Collection District, if this Collector had shown by his past efforts that he was satisfactory, the Minister would be willing to entertain the proposal for his permanent employment on the understanding that the position would be regarded as a part time one not involving pensionable rights.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Walsh seconded by Mr Hayes:-

"That letter from Department of Local Government under date 11th April 1927(G 15324/1927 Wexford County) be submitted to next meeting of the County Council for their approval."

NEW ROSS R. D. COUNCIL AND

COSTS OF BANK MORTGAGE

In connection with application from Manager, National Bank, New Ross, for payment of £12-19-0, costs of mortgage to ensure the late New Ross R. D. Council an advance of £6000 for housing purposes, the Department of Local Government wrote under date 7th April 1927(H 576/5394/1927 Wexford County) that the cost of preparation of a mortgage in connection with a loan obtained by a local authority was a liability of such local authority and the

County Council were liable for the payment of the costs of the mortgage in regard to the loan in question.

The Chairman proposed and Mr Mernagh seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

That costs of mortgage obtained from National Bank by New Ross Rural District Council be paid and amount of same be debited to New Ross Rural District Separate Charge provided that Mr Elgee, Solicitor, does not think the payment statute-barred under Local Government code.

OVERDRAFT TO COUNCIL.

Under date 24th March 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote sanctioning overdraft of £30,000 to 30th June 1927, Interest to be payable at the agreed rate.

CLAIM OF MR JOHN J. FANNING.

Under date 9th April 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (P.15480/1927/Wexford County), enclosing copy of Statutory Declaration made by Mr John J. Fanning for loss of emoluments as Superintendent Registrar for the Gorey area and stating that before making a determination in the matter, the Minister was prepared to consider any representations which the County Council may wish to put forward.

Referred to County Council.

APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF SCHOLARSHIP.

Under date 7th April 1927, Thomas B. Larrissey, Primary Scholarship holder wrote for a further extension of one year of his primary scholarship. This scholarship had been already extended by a year but he wished to compete in the Leaving Certificate Examination in June 1928.

It was decided to recommend the County Council to refuse the application.

ILLNESS OF MR TREANOR, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR, GOREY.

The County Surveyor wrote under date 9th April 1927, that Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, Gorey District, was at present unable to attend to his duties owing to an attack of gastritis. He had forwarded medical certificate.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Hayes seconded by the Chairman:-

"That Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, Gorey District, be granted sick leave until next meeting of Finance Committee and that the County Surveyor make the necessary arrangements for the discharge of Mr Treanor's duties in the meantime."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Minutes of the Finance Committee, in respect of meeting of the 14th April, 1927, be and are hereby confirmed".

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee of 28th April, 1927, were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 28th April 1927.

Present, Mr Thomas McCarthy (Chairman) presiding: Also, Col Gibbon, Messrs W. Thorpe, Sean O'Byrne, and Aidan Mernagh. and J.E. Walsh.
The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor and Mr Elgee, Solicitor were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £37/5-19-9 was examined and signed.

POOR RATE RETURN.

The Poor Rate Return up to date was submitted. The amount of second moiety of Rate for 1926-27 collected was as follows:- E. J. Murphy 91 per cent: J. J. O'Reilly 91: J. Quirke 88: J. Curtis 88: T. Rowe 87: S. Gannon 86: J. Doyle 86: B. Cleary 84: C. McCarthy 83: J. J. Sinnott 83: J. Cummins 81: M. Deegan 79: W. Cummins 78: P. Fitzpatrick 77: P. Donohoe 77: T. Sutton 77: J. J. Kelly 77: P. Walsh 76: P. O'Byrne 72 and M.M. Kelly 70.

The meeting was not satisfied with the collection of Mr M. Kelly and it was decided that he be summoned to next meeting of the Committee to explain the backwardness of his work.

CONSULTATION WITH LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

In connection with above, a letter was read from the Librarian that Rev. R. Fitzhenry, Messrs P. Hickey. D. Whelan and E. P. Foley were appointed to meet the members of the Finance Committee.

The deputation, with the exception of Mr Foley, was in attendance.

Col Gibbon said that the powers of dealing with all matters in connection with the Library rested ~~with~~ absolutely with the County Council, but it should be admitted that the working of a Library meant knowledge, enthusiasm and a good deal more time

than the County Council could afford to give to its working. He suggested they should have the Library Committee re-constituted on the following basis:-

Six members of the County Council, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman as ex-officio members, and one member from each of the four districts of the County: Six members appointed by the Co. Council but not County Councillors; one from each district of the County and an additional one from Gorey and New Ross to balance the ~~represent~~ representation of Enniscorthy and Wexford given by the appointment of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Co. Council. The Co. Council should ask the Library Committee to nominate six other members for appointment by the Co. Council, - one from each district and two from anywhere in the County in which energetic and enthusiastic people could be found. The Library Committee would, therefore, consist of eighteen members. He further suggested that the list of attendances at the Library Committee meetings should be examined and that the Co. Council in consultation with the Library Committee should strike out the names of members who had shown by never attending that they took no interest in the work and were not likely to be any help in the future. Then there could be four members nominated by the Urban Councils of Enniscorthy, New Ross, Wexford and the Town Commissioners of Gorey to directly represent the Urban interests. This would bring the strength of the Committee to 22. If, on going through list of existing members, the Co. Council found that nine were disqualified through non-attendance, three should be members of the County Council, three appointed by the County Council, and three by the Co. Council on the nomination of Library Committee.

In forming a complete Library Committee on this basis they would have a body that would co-operate and work with the County Council. The second point was as to the delegation of powers to the Committee. He was in favour of the delegation which was given by former County Council on 27th April 1925 being restored. This would give the power of appointment and dismissal of their

own officials as far as the County Council were concerned to the Library Committee who would be responsible for the work of these officers.

In connection with the salary of the Librarian, this had been portion of the agreement with the Carnegie Trust when the Library was taken over and could not be less than £250. If at any time the Library Committee thought this amount should be increased or the salary of any of their officers raised, the Library ^{Committee} should have in writing the consent of the County Council to such action. As regards the delegation of powers it should be understood that the delegation included the power of the Library Committee to dismiss officials for incompetence or negligence. He (Col Gibbon) believed the Librarian was a pensionable officer and before the Library Committee hastily dispense with her services they would consult with the Co. Council as to how the matter stood.

As regards funds the Library Committee would have the ^{under the present rate} produce of a half-penny rate in the £ over the County, viz., £824 and in addition a small amount, £10 or £12 per annum, representing subscriptions from members of Wexford Reading Circle. The Library Committee would present to the Co. Council annually, before consideration of yearly budget the proposals for application of their funds showing in detail cost of administration, purchase of books, etc. The amount received by the Library Committee from Wexford Reading Circle should be lodged in full by Librarian with the Treasurer of the County Council, the National Bank, at least once a month. The Local Government Board on 2nd May, 1904 issued a Circular letter as regards the administration of the Library Service and he considered that the following suggestions contained in this circular should be adopted:-

The Library Committee should hold meetings from time to time- it was suggested monthly- for the purpose of examining accounts of expenditure incurred by them and certifying the same for payment by the Co. Council. These ~~se~~ accounts, having been classified, should be entered on a list by the Librarian, which list, having been totalled, the Chairman and two members of the Committee should sign a request

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thereon asking that the several sums specified may be paid (the total amount being also named) to the persons mentioned. The list with the accounts attached should be forwarded to the Secretary of the County Council at least two clear days before that appointed for the holding of Finance Committee meeting at which it is desired the payments should be made. Library Committee should take care not to incur any large or unusual expenditure without the sanction of the Co. Council and should be specially careful that no liabilities are incurred which would cause an expenditure in any year in excess of the estimate approved by the County Council. All miscellaneous receipts of the Library Committee are to be ~~xxx~~ accounted for by the Librarian each month and lodged with the Treasurer of the County Council.

Continuing, Col Gibbon said that regulations laid down that proper Minutes of the proceedings of the Library Committee should be kept by the Librarian and copy of these Minutes should be forwarded to the Co. Council ~~merely~~ for reference and not necessarily brought before the Co. Council or Finance Committee unless the Library Committee express a wish that any particular matter mentioned therein should be submitted to Council or Finance Committee for instruction and direction. He would further recommend that a quarterly report of the working of the Library be prepared by the Library Committee and brought to the attention of the Finance Committee meeting immediately preceding a meeting of the Co. Council by the Librarian in person and any members of the Library Committee who wished to attend in order to submit to the Finance Committee any matter of special importance. The quarterly report would be read at the succeeding County Council meeting and embodied in the Minutes.

In regard to the selection of books, he believed the County Council would definitely rule that no books would be paid for unless before issue to centres a Certificate ^{was} signed by the Chairman of the Library Committee and two members of Book Selection Committee and the Librarian stating that so far as was practicable they had satisfied themselves that the books were in their opinion

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suitable for circulation. Some centres had been closed because of the unsuitability of the books sent them. He considered that as the County Council had to pay for the books, it was not asking too much of the Library Committee to furnish certificate of their suitability.

The recommendation of the Inspector to transfer the present Librarian to the general County service ^{at her salary of £15 per week} was not practicable.

In the course of further discussion, the Chairman pointed out that the Finance Committee had no power to come to definite decisions at that meeting; they could only make recommendations to the County Council. He agreed with the suggestion as to restoration of full powers to the Library Committee and to the formation of the Committee and the scheme of administration as outlined by Col Gibbon. The latter had, in fact, been already proposed by the Co. Council to the Library Committee. If the latter was prepared to carry out the work, to meet regularly and to report to the County Council, he had no objection to their being granted the fullest possible powers that any Act of Parliament or any Regulation would allow the County Council to give them.

Father Fitzhenry, as Chairman of the Library Committee, said he cordially and whole-heartedly endorsed every word Col Gibbon had said. The Library Committee were most anxious to put before the Co. Council not only the details suggested by Col Gibbon but anything else in the shape of detail which the Co. Council would require. The Committee were most anxious for the most close, the most intimate and the most whole-hearted co-operation between themselves and the County Council. The only regret was that they did not have more co-operation in the past; he thought if they had, it would never have been necessary to hold the present conference.

Mr O'Byrne considered that it might not be wise to select the Committee in geographical units. Personally he believed it would be much better if the Committee- irrespective of residence- consisted of people who had a good knowledge of literature and who were prepared to give their time and knowledge to the selection of suitable and interesting books.

The following resolutions were then adopted on the motion

of Col Gibbon seconded by the Chairman:-

"That we recommend the Co. Council to restore to existing Co. Wexford Library Committee the powers contained in County Council resolution of 27th April, 1925."

"That the Co. Council proceed as soon as possible to reconstitute the Library Committee on the lines suggested to this meeting and transmit to the Library Committee the suggestions of Col Gibbon as a guide to future working of Library Service."

"That the resignations of Mr P. Hickey, Enniscorthy, and Mr T. Lungley, New Ross, be accepted and vacancies filled as soon as possible."

The Delegation from Library Service then withdrew.

In presenting these resolutions the Finance Committee desire to point out:-

1. That it is not compulsory on the County Council to restore the powers under the Public Libraries Act (Ireland) 1855 (18 & 19 Vic Cap 40) but we believe the Library Service would be more efficiently carried out by a Special Committee.
2. That in making the appointment of an Assistant to Librarian, the County Council acted entirely within their legal rights.
3. That it would be advisable for the Council to adopt a resolution pointing out the necessity for a fresh delegation of powers with each new County Council. As the relations between the County Council and Library Committee are only those of "Principal" and "Agent", the Library Committee will always remain in a state of uncertainty and doubt unless each new County Council invests the Committee with full powers under Libraries' Acts.

The Finance Committee have given the most careful consideration to the whole situation, and, in view of the enormous influence for good which a properly equipped and up-to-date Library Service must have on a community, suggest to the County Council that the proposals they now offer afford the best means of putting into effect what everyone concerned has at heart.

It was decided to refer to County Library Committee the correspondence from Bibliographical Society of Ireland as to pre-

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paration of an Irish bibliography with a recommendation that the £5 asked for by the Society to meet the expenses of printing should be voted from Library Funds.

THE CORONERS (AMENDMENT) ACT 1927.

Circular letter of 28th March 1927 (B.G. 12282/1927 Mis.) in connection with the above *was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health.*
The various provisions of the Act were also under consideration.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Thorpe seconded by Mr Walsh:-

"That we recommend the County Council to make no change in the salaries of the County Wexford Coroners viz, £120 to Dr. Lawler for North Wexford and £100 to Mr J. J. Roche for South Wexford."

MAINTENANCE OF MAIN ROADS - NEW ROSS URBAN DISTRICT.

Under date 27th April 1927, the Town Clerk, New Ross forwarded the following resolution which was adopted by his Council on the previous evening:-

"That the Clerk tender on behalf of the Council for the maintenance of the Main Roads in the Urban District, for financial year ending 31st March 1928, in accordance with specification received from the Co. Surveyor and at the price mentioned in it, viz, £518."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Thorpe:-

"That the County Council be recommended to enter into an agreement with the Urban District Council of New Ross for the maintenance of main roads in New Ross ^{District} Urban to 31st March, 1928, at the amount allowed by Co. Surveyor, viz, £518," said agreement to provide that the work is to be executed according to the ~~specified~~ specification of the Co. Surveyor and to his satisfaction. Agreement is to be deemed as if for full period of financial year as Co. Surveyor has not found it necessary to spend any money for maintenance on main roads in New Ross Urban District as from 31st March 1927 to the present."

Under date 26th April 1927, Sergeant Sweeney, Garda Siothchana, New Ross, wrote applying for order for new set of stencils for sandblast machine.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne, it was decided to agree to application of Sergeant Sweeney as regards purchase of stencils for hand-blast machine. ~~The remainder~~

The remainder of the business was referred to the County Council meeting.

Colonel Quin proposed and Mr. Hall seconded:-

"That the Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 28th April, 1927, be and are hereby confirmed"
County Library Service.

Colonel Gibbon mentioned that, in drafting recommendations as regards the County Library Service, he had deliberately refrained from consulting any members of the Finance Committee or of the County Library Committee.

Maintenance of Main Roads in New Ross Urban District.

In connection with this matter Mr. Cboney proposed and Mr. Cline seconded the following:-

"That we dissent from the Minute of the Finance Committee recommending that main roads in New Ross Urban District should be maintained by the said Urban District for ~~the~~ year 1927-28, at a cost of £518".

Mr. Corish inquired what were the wages proposed to be paid to the men on the proposed transfer from the County Council to the Urban District.

The Chairman mentioned that, when this matter first came up, the three Urban Districts sent in estimates as to the amounts for which they were prepared to maintain the main roads in the Urban areas, and these estimates were based on the wages current in the Urban areas.

After considerable discussion, a show of hands was taken on Mr. Cooney's proposal when eleven voted for it and ten against.

Mr. Walsh subsequently served notice of motion for the June meeting of the Council that Mr. Cooney's resolution be rescinded and the recommendation of the Finance Committee adopted instead.

The motion of Colonel Quin was then altered to read as follows:-

"That the Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee of 28th April, 1927, (excepting that portion referring to the proposed agreement between the County Council and the New Ross Urban District Council as regards the maintenance of main roads in New Ross Urban District), be and are hereby confirmed".

Passed.

Roads Committee.

Minutes of Roads Committee, in respect of meeting held on 25th April, 1927, were read as follows:-

The monthly meeting of the Roads Committee of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 25th April 1927.

Present:- Col Gibbon (Vice-Chairman) presiding; Also, Col Quin, Messrs Sean O'Byrne, James Shannon, James Hall, Patrick Colfer and W. Boggan.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, Mr Elgee, Solicitor, and the following Assistant Surveyors were in attendance:- Messrs John Kehoe, T. Treanor, T. Cullen, Sean Birthistle and P. O'Neill.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following Report was read from Mr Barry, Co Surveyor:-

"I have arranged that the Contractors for the Enniscorthy - Wexford Road should attend the meeting and discuss question of material from Kerlogue and other matters.

I submit two tenders for the caretaking of New Ross Bridge and recommend that the lower one be accepted. Both proposers have in the past had charge of the bridge and either would prove satisfactory..

As directed by the Council I communicated with the Gangers to obtain the opinion of the workers in regard to working by old or Summer Time and have a number of replies.

At last meeting of the Council I was directed to report on the cost of providing that hauliers should be able to earn 8/- per day. This is, in my opinion, almost impossible to arrive at. However, by taking former average rate @ 7/6 and the quantity hauled at 40,000 cubic yards, the extra cost in providing for the 8/- per day would be £1,000.

In regard to providing for the spraying work this year I have ordered six extra sprayers. The makers have agreed to accept deferred payments, extending over twelve months, and there will be a hireage charge against jobs for the use of these machines which should practically cover the cost within the period, and, of course, this will come out of the cost chargeable on the Grant.

"I have gone further into the matter of the Compressor Plant and have quotations from two firms. There is some difficulty in deciding on the matter of the haulage of the plant, and I believe that the best system to adopt would be to arrange for local traction engine owners to do the haulage, and thus reduce the capital expenditure. One of the firms has offered to accept extended payments with a charge of 5% on the outstanding balance, and this will enable the purchase to be made without unduly depleting this year's estimated expenditure. (1

On the 6th inst. Messrs Jordan and Cline met me at Verona Bridge and we discussed matter of the drainage. The adjoining owner, Mr McCarthy, complained of flooding, but as already reported to the Council, I have endeavoured to settle the matter with him. He has not yet replied to my communication. The Committee considered that a drain through Mr Davis's field would probably meet the circumstances and I have interviewed Mr Davis who is quite willing to give the Council the necessary permission.

In accordance with the directions of the Enniscorthy Courthouse Committee I am at present preparing preliminary draft plans on the lines of the Gorey Courthouse reconstruction and shall submit these in the rough to the Committee.

The work of restoring Gorey Courthouse is now in progress.

On the 13th inst, I again inspected Corramacorra Road, and two of the Committee, Messrs Corish and Hayes, were present.

I have been in treaty with the Enniscorthy Co-Operative Society in regarding to taking over some extra ground adjoining Machinery Yard. At the present time the yard is so congested that we require a good deal of extra storage for bitumen and tar products I have had to arrange with the Co-Operative Society for temporary storage and consider that the taking in of the extra ground is essential if this can be obtained at a reasonable figure.

I have had an offer through the Machinery Overseer to make an exchange of one of our rollers for a heavier engine. From time to time, we have found it would be an advantage to have a heavier

"roller, and if the one offered in exchange for ours be up to the standard claimed, I think exchange would be advisable. Our rollers are only up to 13 tons fully loaded, and the engine offered, which is a "Marshall" and practically new, runs to 15 tons. Of course, if ^{the Council} decides on exchange, we would have a thorough inspection made of the "Marshall" and be satisfied as to its condition.

I have thoroughly examined into the allocation of the Tourist Grant for Rosslare area, and believe that the best way to lay out the money will be in widening the road from the Station to the Strand in Rosslare. I have interviewed the owner of the land on the northern side, and he is willing to give necessary permission for the widening, including taking down of annex to his dwelling house. If the work be done in this manner, we could make a very satisfactory road leaving only to be dealt with in the future the removal of the projecting house of Mr Murphy's on the southern side. Mr Swan, owner of the land, seeks compensation for disturbance which he estimates at £90. I have gone into this figure with him and do not consider it unreasonable. If the Council approves of the work, I can at once submit particulars to the Roads Department for sanction. I have been in communication with the Railway Company in regard to their contributing towards the cost of the improvement work, and they await further particulars as to what is proposed to be done. These particulars I can supply at once if you agree to my suggestions.

I have recently had an interview with the representative of the Cement Marketing Company in regard to the use of "Ferrocrete" cement for road work. They have made me an offer to supply ten tons free on condition that we purchase a further 15 tons of cement, and / carry out concrete road work adjoining Ferrycarrig Bridge. This portion of the road is very difficult to maintain owing to the soft substratum, though we have placed a quantity of rubble filling as foundation for our surfacing. The use of concrete will distribute the pressure over a larger area, and I believe will enable the road to stand up to the traffic. The cost of the work

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"including material will, I estimate, be £200, and I ask for permission to transfer this sum from Contingencies Fund.

There has been a dispute between the Engineer in charge and the Clerk of Works on the work being carried out on the County Hospital Road, and the matter has been reported in the local Press. I have written a special report on this and submit it to you. I am sending a copy of this report to the Secretary of the Health Board and also to the Engineer."

Wexford-Enniscorthy Road.

The Co. Surveyor submitted correspondence from the Pioneer Road Construction Company, East Wall, Dublin, contractors, for work of improvement, Wexford-Enniscorthy Road. Under date 15th April 1927, the Company wrote that they had not lost sight of the terms of their contract as regards date of completion and hoped that by erecting a large production plant at Brownswood Quarry they would be able to finish the work quicker than they anticipated and earlier than was called for by the terms of the contract. As a matter of fact it was quite possible that with the Council co-operating on deliveries of stone from Kerlogue Quarry, they might be able to complete the whole contract this year instead of only the seven miles provided for by the specification.

The County Surveyor pointed out that the main point as regards this contract was the supply of material from Kerlogue Quarry and the working of Brownswood Quarry. There was the difficulty about securing the extended area in Brownswood Quarry and he (County Surveyor) was afraid it would be necessary to put the matter into the hands of the County Solicitor as the owner of the quarry was not agreeable to come to any terms. Of course by taking a supply from Kerlogue they would relieve the necessity for a big extension of the area in Brownswood, but some extension would be required because a dumping ground for waste and for clearing stone would be required. He was in favour of the Co. Council taking the proceedings that would be necessary to acquire the land required.

Mr C. O'Brien, Director of the Pioneer Road Construction

Company (who was in attendance) said that even if it was not found possible to obtain the necessary addition at Brownswood for a month, there would be no handicap to the work. The Company would require about 5,000 cubic yards from Kerlogue, viz, about 60 cubic yards ~~macadam~~ concrete stone and 30 cubic yards macadam each day.

The County Surveyor pointed out that he had already 600 or 700 cubic yards in Kerlogue Quarry.

Mr O'Brien said they intended starting work on the 27th April. They were only bringing Key men from Dublin.

The Co. Surveyor stated that in order to meet the requirements of the contractor it would be necessary that he and his Assistants should have full control over the work at Kerlogue Quarry.

Mr Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, mentioned that at present some of the men were prepared to "take a chance" as they knew that small matters would not be reported to the County Council, and it would tend to greater efficiency if, as regards this particular work the Surveying staff had complete control so that they could dispense with ~~the~~ undeserving men without having to wait investigation of complaints by the Roads Committee or the County Council.

Col Gibbon proposed and Mr Boggan seconded the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:-

"That we recommend the County Council, in view of the extreme importance of the work on Wexford-Enniscorthy Road, to give power to our Surveying staff, dealing with this special work, to dismiss any unsatisfactory employee engaged at Kerlogue Quarry, and that the rule of the County Council obliging the Surveying staff to suspend a man pending investigation of a complaint against him, be not enforced for this particular work."

The County Surveyor further pointed out the necessity of having hand-breaking of material at this quarry done by piece work.

After discussion, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Hall:-

"That we recommend the County Council for this special

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" work of preparing material at Kerlogue Quarry for improvement of Wexford-Enniscorthy road, to agree that men engaged in hand-breaking should be paid at a piece rate approximating 2/6 per cubic yard. "

In reply to queries, Mr Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, stated that haulage for this work would be mainly done by engine, the cost being somewhat less than 4/6 per cubic yard. If carters were available, however, he would be prepared to employ them at the same rate as was paid for mechanical haulage.

Mr Sean O'Byrne mentioned that it had always been understood that a small addition to rates charged for mechanical haulage was to be allowed to carters, owing to the fact that they caused less damage on roads than engines.

Co. Surveyor--- A string of carts hauling along a road, would do a lot of damage.

The Chairman stated that the County Surveyor could furnish a report as to what the haulage from Kerlogue would cost, to what extent carters would be employed, and what would be the cost of wear and tear on the road by haulage of engines and ordinary carts.

A long discussion took place between Mr O'Brien, the Co. Surveyor, and the members present relative to the price to be charged the Pioneer Road Construction Company for the material to be supplied from Kerlogue Quarry.

The following resolution was proposed by Col Quin seconded by Mr Hall and unanimously adopted:-

"That, as regards supply of stone from Kerlogue Quarry to the Pioneer Road Construction Company, we recommend the County Council to sell to this Company broken stone which is to be used for concrete at the rate of 11/6 per cubic yard and macadam stone (of from 2 to 6 inch gauge) at 10/- per cubic yard, all to be delivered on the road from Ferrycarrig to Kyle; if haulage is to be done beyond Kyle, the Co. Council to be prepared to deliver material at an increased price of 8d per cubic yard per mile beyond Kyle Cross. The amount to be supplied to be approximately 5,000 cubic yards."

Mr O'Brien mentioned that sections of road as they were concreted would want at least twenty-eight days to "cure." As far as possible, they would meet the case of farmers who resided along the road and would take steps to see that they were put to as little inconvenience as possible.

The Chairman considered that it would be advisable if the County Surveyor and Mr O'Brien would prepare a statement which could be issued to the Press giving the public some indication as to the closing of the various sections on this road.

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Caretaking of New Ross Bridge.

The County Surveyor submitted tenders for above to the 31st March 1928, from Thomas Lee, Quay, New Ross at £37-10-0 and from E. Lawlor & Son, Bridge Quay, New Ross at £40.

The tender of Thomas Lee was accepted on the motion of Col Quin, seconded by Mr Shannon.

Old and New Time.

In connection with the above question, the Co. Surveyor reported that the majority of the men employed by the Co. Council on roads and in the quarries were in favour of working by Summer Time, which was being observed at present.

The meeting decided to take no action.

Hauliers at 8/- per Day.

It was decided to refer this matter to the Co. Council.
Compressor Plant.

In connection with above, the Co. Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs Fleming & Co. 10 Burgh Quay, Dublin, stating they would be agreeable to supply Compressor Plant, payment to be spread over a period of twelve months, the outstanding balance to carry 5% interest.

Mr Gibson, representing Messrs Fleming & Co. came before the meeting and stated he had just finished a three days' demonstration in Cavan county in respect of which the Co. Surveyor of Cavan made up figures showing that the Compressor Plant meant a saving of 75% in drilling work. He would be prepared to guarantee to

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sink three 20 feet holes inside of eight hours.

The County Surveyor stated that with steam-drilling they could only get 20 feet per day and the cost ran a great deal higher proportionately.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Co. Council on the point of finance, otherwise the Roads Committee were convinced that the employment of Compressor Plant would mean a great saving in drilling.

Verona Bridge.

The Co. Surveyor stated that the cost of the proposed drain as referred to in his report would be about £50.

Mr Elgee contended that the Council had no power to make a drain through private property.

The Co. Surveyor pointed out that the drain was really to take away the water from a place which was causing great damage to the recently constructed Verona Bridge.

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Council.
Corramacorra Road.

Consideration of this matter was adjourned pending receipt of report from Messrs Hayes and Corish.

Extension of Machinery Yard.

The Co. Surveyor read letter from the Manager, Co-Operative Society, Enniscorthy asking £5 per annum for the waste piece of ground referred to in his report .

In reply to this letter, the County Surveyor pointed out that the price asked was exorbitant as the ground was really waste and of no use at present to the Co-Operative Society. He had asked them to make a further offer at a more reasonable figure.

The action of the County Surveyor in this matter was approved.

Further consideration was adjourned for result of ~~negot~~ negotiations between the Co. Surveyor and Co-Operative Society.

Exchange of Steam Roller.

The Co. Surveyor stated that the heavy roller referred to

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in his report was in County Louth where the County Surveyor was wanting a lighter roller. He was prepared to exchange the "Marshall" without any cost to the Wexford County Council.

The Committee recommended the County Council to agree to the proposed exchange of rollers.

GRANT FOR TOURIST ROADS.

In connection with Grant of £1000 from the Local Government Department for improvement of roads in Rosslare area, the Chairman proposed and Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to submit plan of road from Railway Station to Strand Road in Rosslare to meeting of County Council to be held on 9th May 1927, and in the meantime that he endeavour to obtain from Mr Murphy, Merchant, a definite figure as to the amount of compensation he would be prepared to take for the removal of the projecting portion of his premises on this particular road. If a real improvement is to be effected on this thoroughfare, it is absolutely necessary that the projecting portion of Mr Murphy's premises should be taken away."

Letter was read from the Rosslare Tourist Development Association recommending that the Grant of £1000 for Rosslare area should be applied in part to the widening and surfacing of the road leading from the Railway Station to the Strand.

"Ferrocete".

It was decided to accept the offer of the Cement Marketing Company, the work to be carried out when haulage for the improvement work on the Wexford-Emiscorthy road has been completed. Road to County Hospital.

In connection with the above, referred to in report of County Surveyor, the following special report was submitted from him:-

"I have read in local papers the report of meeting of Health Board at which the above was under discussion. It is necessary that I should place clearly my position and action before the County Council.

"In the first place, I do not accept responsibility for the work as carried out. From the commencement I have considered the question of stability of the retaining walls as of the first importance and pointed out to the Roads Committee and also to Mr Flood in Mr Kelly's presence the necessity of safeguarding this. At first I suggested concrete or grouted work at the side of the filling, but later agreed with Mr Flood that the large stones laid as headers and well packed would prevent undue side pressure from the filling. I found that the rubble was being filled in "random" and few large stones used. I therefore objected and Mr Flood and Mr Kelly promised to amend this. Later I inspected and found this work being carried out properly, and as I was dealing with other officials and not with a contractor, I concluded that the whole of the work would be so carried out. It now appears that Mr Kelly has not followed these instructions. Further Mr Kelly states that I approved of the work and gives this as his excuse for not following Mr Flood's instructions. I most emphatically deny this. I never approved of loose random rubble being used along the side of filling. I did not object to large stones used in centre as I now understand Mr Flood does, but his objection appears to be to the waste of good material that might be profitably used elsewhere.

I pointed out to Mr Kelly that it will be necessary to erect buttresses against the retaining wall adjoining the stream on up-stream side. This with the proper laying of the large stones at side of filling will safeguard the walls.

As regards the gradient, I pointed out to Mr Kelly that it will be necessary to raise the several gateways to get a proper grade. I also told him how this can be done but left details of grade, etc. to Mr Kelly, of course, as I expected he would be acting under Mr Flood's directions.

As the paper states, Mr Kelly is at "loggerheads" with Mr Flood and seeks to put me in the position of supporting him against Mr Flood. I am quite certain Mr Flood would carry out the work as agreed upon between us, and Mr Kelly has no authority to refuse to take Mr Flood's directions because of fancied approval of his (Mr Kelly's) action by me.

"I shall be only too pleased to meet Mr Flood on the ground and discuss the whole matter-walling, gradient, etc. but I shall decline in the future to give my instructions directly to Mr Kelly, who is Mr Flood's subordinate and an official of the Health Board that initiated the work."

The meeting recommended that the Co. Surveyor should arrange to meet Mr Flood and have the work on this road completed as satisfactorily as it was possible at the moment.

Brownswood Quarry.

The County Surveyor read letter from Messrs P. J. ~~XXXXXXX~~ O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, Enniscorthy, stating that Mrs Ryan, owner of above quarry was ill and they were unable to approach her about the matter.

It was decided to instruct Mr Elgee to take the necessary Court proceedings to enable the County Council to secure the additional portion of the quarry required.

WEXFORD COURTHOUSE.

Under date 19th April 1927, the following letter was read from the Secretary, Wexford Harbour Commissioners:-

"At a meeting of the Wexford Harbour Commissioners held to-day, reference was made to the inconvenience of the hoarding erected outside the old Courthouse whereby pedestrians are deprived of the use of the footpath.

Arising out of this discussion, it was proposed seconded and passed that the Commissioners are of opinion that some steps should be taken immediately to have the Courthouse rebuilt on the old site which they believe the most suitable for the convenience of the general public."

Col Quin proposed and Mr Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the communication of Wexford Harbour Board relative to Wexford Courthouse be marked read:-

The County Surveyor pointed out that the hoarding in question had been erected for the safety of the public and the work had been carried out under his own supervision and approval.

John Walsh, St Leonard's, Ballycullane wrote under date 18th April 1927 asking permission to erect dwelling house 15 feet from side of the public road at St. Leonard's.

Mr J. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, wrote that the proposed house would not interfere in any way with the road or water-table.

On the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Col Quin, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr Walsh be informed that he must submit plan of proposed house before the Roads Committee can entertain his application."

The Co. Surveyor submitted letter from John Cullen, Ballykelly, Ballymurn, stating he wanted to build a shed at the end of his house on Ballykelly Lane and requested the necessary permission from the County Council to erect same.

On the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Col Quin, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That John Cullen be informed that he must submit plan of proposed shed before the Roads Committee can entertain his application."

In connection with permission given to Mr Michael Kelly, M.P.S.I., Rosslare Strand, relative to erection of new premises, the following letter under date 4th April, 1927, was read from Mr Kelly:-

"During my absence the front of my new premises was not, as I had originally intended, placed five feet from the road. My workman mistook the outer line of the wall for the inner line which would account for the difference. The wall was too far advanced when I returned to have it rectified and as it is, there is a good footpath between the edge of the road and my shop."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Col Quin:-

"That the Co. Surveyor inform Mr Michael Kelly M.P.S.I. that, as he has failed to comply with the terms of the permission given him for erection of premises at Rosslare, the County Council are

"recommended to withdraw the permission already given through the Roads Committee and that Mr Kelly be informed that he must carry out the erection of this premises on his own responsibility."

The Co. Surveyor submitted letter from John McGurk, Carnival Grounds, Rosslare, as to erection of pillars on the sea side of road at Rosslare Strand.

It was decided that the Co. Surveyor arrange with County Councillors from Wexford Electoral Area to inspect all premises at Rosslare in respect of which application had been made at this meeting and report to next meeting of Roads Committee. That he further communicate with Rosslare Tourist Development Association and point out to them that if dwellings are erected too close to the roadside or allowed to encroach on the road, it will be to the detriment of Rosslare as a sea-side resort particularly when it may be found necessary to widen certain thoroughfares in the district.

KILMORE PIER.

The following report was read from Mr J Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor under date 23rd. April, 1927.:-

"I beg to report that a vessel belonging to Mr Rochford, Ballyhealy, Kilmore, when leaving Kilmore Harbour last week collided with the railing protecting the stairway at the outer end of the pier and carried it away.

The railing should be re-erected as soon as possible as the water is deep out there and an accident might occur at any time?"

The Chairman proposed and Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That, owing to urgency, work at Kilmore Pier be carried out immediately by the Co. Surveyor and that Mr Elgee, Solicitor, be instructed to recover cost of same from Mr Rochford, Ballyhealy."

BURROW, ROSSLARE.

Mr James Bent, Burrow, Rosslare, wrote, asking for 300 tons of stone which he stated would be required to save his house from flooding. If something was not done by next winter, he feared his whole place would be washed away.

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Mr Elgee, Solicitor explained that he had written to the Board of Works asking for the names of the Commissioners of Drainage Board and had a reply that the Board was unable to supply them. He then wrote to Messrs Meldon & Co, Solicitors, 8 Merrion Square North, Dublin, who in reply wrote the following letter under date 26th March 1927:-

"We are writing our clients for their permission to furnish the particulars and also to the Tynte agent and asking him if Miss ~~xi~~ Miss V. Tynte is his owner.

We wrote you a good deal about the Ford of Lyng but you have not favoured us with your point of view. If we had your case and the reasons why the Commissioners or Owners are bound to drain the Ford of Lyng we could judge the matter better, and it might not be necessary for you to do as you say, but as we view it, neither the Commissioners nor the Owners have anything to say to the matter.

Could you give us the levels from the road down to the canal which would save us getting a survey. Until we know this it is not possible for us to say anything, but from viewing it, it seemed to us that there was a considerable fall before the Slobbs were even reached by the stream. The land adjoining the road is not part of the Slob."

Continuing, Mr Elgee said he did not like, without taking instructions from the Council, to furnish the opinion of Counsel to Messrs Meldon, but he did not think any harm could be done to Council's case if they did furnish a copy of the opinion.

Col Quin proposed, Mr Shannon seconded and it was carried:-

"That Mr Elgee, Solicitor, be instructed to supply copy of Counsel's opinion re Ford of Lyng to Messrs Meldon provided Mr Fergus O'Connor B.L. who furnished the opinion has no objection to the adoption of this course."

DEPUTATION FROM CARTERS - BANNOW DISTRICT.

A letter under date 4th April 1927, signed by ten carters employed in Bannow district asking the Council to receive a deputation, was read.

This pointed out that the present rate of haulage was a

"degrading" one and the men wished to put their views before the Council.

It was decided that the deputation be received.

John Davey, Cullenstown, Bannow, acted as spokesman and pointed out that on some days the men were only able to earn from 1/6 to 5/-. They could only bring 14cwt. on their carts and they had to go half a mile to the strand.

Report was read from Mr J. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, stating that the earnings of these hauliers at present was from 6/- to 6/6 per day working a full day. The horses and carts were generally on the smaller side and they could not expect to earn as much as men drawing from a quarry with strong horses and larger carts.

He (Mr Kehoe) would like ~~as an official~~ to see the men paid better but up to the present he had no difficulty in getting sufficient hauliers to do the work.

After discussion, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Boggan seconded by Mr Hall:-

"That no change be made in the haulage rate paid to carter^S in the Bannow district."

Mr. Sean O'Byrne proposed and Colonel Quin seconded:-

"That the Minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 25th April, 1927, be considered".

Passed.

Wages of Hauliers.

In connection with this matter, the Chairman, after discussion, said that, as there seemed to be a desire in the minds of some members that an increased rate should be paid to some hauliers, he would ^{rule} ~~rate~~ this could only be done on notice of motion.

Mr. Corish favoured the consideration of this matter at the next meeting of the Council so that a carter would earn at least 7/- per day. He asked the County Surveyor to go into the matter and see what exactly this increase would represent in the County rates.

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Mr. Gaul gave notice of motion that the question of allowing carters an increase over present remuneration be considered at the next meeting, and that said meeting fix a new rate should they consider same expedient.

Compressor Plant.

The County Surveyor mentioned that the amount estimated by him for machinery for last year had included a sum of £1220 for arrears of Loan repayments. This year he had brought in the same estimate so that they ought to have £1000 to the good at the end of the year. Messrs Fleming & Co., offered to give them extended payments. He discussed the matter with their representative who suggested that they should pay £100 per month payable at the end of every three months; this to carry interest on the outstanding balance.

The meeting accepted this suggestion of the County Surveyor and decided to purchase Compressor plant in view of the great saving that would be effected by its utilisation.

Verona Bridge.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Cline seconded:-

"With reference to Verona Bridge, as the proposed drain through Mr. Davis's field would save the structure of Verona Bridge and the expenditure of a very large sum by the Council in the event of the bridge being undermined, we agree to an expenditure of £50 for the making of said drain; provided the County Surveyor obtain in writing the consent of Mr. Davis^S, the owner of the field, and that of Mr. McCarthy, the adjoining owner".

Passed.

Corramacorra Road.

Messrs Hayes and Corish reported that they had inspected this road with the County Surveyor and Mr. Hayes proposed:-

"That, on the completion of the promised work by the inhabitants of the district as proposed to the County Surveyor, the County Council carry out the further repairs of ^{this} work, including the necessary drainage".

Colonel Gibbon seconded.

Passed.

Extension of Machinery Yard.

The County Surveyor stated that he had not yet received any reply from the Manager of the Enniscorthy Co-Operative Society.

It was decided that the matter be referred to the Roads Committee to consider reply of Manager of the Enniscorthy Co-operative Society when it comes to hand.

Exchange of Steam Rollers.

The County Surveyor mentioned that, when this matter was first mooted to him, he understood there was to be an exchange of rollers pure and simple, neither Council making any cash payment. Since then, however, he understood that the County Surveyor of Louth was looking for a substantial cash payment for the exchange of his Marshall roller for the light roller in the County Wexford

On the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Quin, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be directed to inform the County ^{*Surveyor*} of Louth that the Wexford County Council will be prepared to exchange steam rollers in accordance with the proposal of their County Surveyor, provided that no cash payment is involved on either side"

Ferrocete.

In connection with the proposal of the Cement Marketing Co., to present to the Council ten tons of Ferrocete free on condition that they purchased fifteen tons, a letter was read from the Cement Marketing Co., regretting the delay of three months for the experiment, as the object of the test was to enable the County Surveyor to judge the value of this form of road surfacing in cost, durability and method of laying. The delay of three months would not enable them to do so and they suggested that a trial section should be laid on some other road if this were possible.

Mr. Corish proposed:-

"That the offer of the Cement Marketing Co., to the County Council in connection with the presentation of ten tons of ferrocete be refused, as this Company was responsible for the closing of Drainagh Cement Works"

Mr. Clince seconded.

Some members of the Council were against the proposal as they believed it was a mistake to reject a free gift of cement costing £38: 2: 6d but the resolution was put and carried nem.con.

Grants for Tourist Roads - Rosslare Section.

The County Surveyor produced a plan showing the proposed alterations and extensions of the Strand road at Rosslare towards which portion of the £1000 Government Grant for tourist roads would be applied.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr. Gaul:-

"That, as recommended by the County Surveyor, we hereby agree to pay the following sums for land etc., in connection with improvement of Strand Road, Rosslare:- Captain James Murphy for removal of annexe to house £250; Mr. Frank Swan for removal of portion of house and also for land £90; Mrs James O'Brien for removal of corner at end of road £20".

The County Surveyor pointed out that the sanitation of Rosslare was in a very bad condition and a number of new houses were being erected there but no sanitation was being provided. Later on, when the roads were interfered with and became a nuisance, the County Council would be obliged to proceed against those responsible. In the circumstances, the Board of Health should take into consideration the question of proper sanitation at this seaside resort.

Mr. Thorpe mentioned that the Board of Health were really transacting no business except the question of Rosslare sanitation.

The Chairman mentioned that Dr. Berry of the Department of Local Government and Public Health had informed the meeting that he would be reporting to his Department on the sanitary condition of Rosslare.

Mr. Doyle mentioned that the ratepayers were agreeable to do all that was necessary to provide a sanitary scheme for Rosslare and no one would object to it or would stand in the way; but as

they were faced with a proposed expenditure of £13,000 or £14,000, he would like to see the person who would be able to get it off the County at the moment.

It was decided that the County Surveyor call the attention of the County Board of Health to the question of providing a suitable sanitation scheme for Rosslare .

County Hospital Road.

The County Surveyor stated that he had seen Mr. Flood about this matter and arranged with him as to the erection of buttresses for the protection of the wall. The road, although open, was not yet finished. As regards the removal of the dangerous corner Mr. Elgee had seen the owner who asked £3 for it but he informed Mr. Elgee that, considering the amount of land required, such a payment was out of the question. Mr. Elgee had again interviewed the owner who agreed to take 30/-.

On the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Thorpe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Council agree to pay 30/- to Miss Margaret Roche, Carcur, for land taken to ease dangerous corner at Tivoli Terrace Junction"

Wexford Courthouse.

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Gaul seconded a resolution, approving of the proposal of the Wexford Harbour Commissioners as to removal of hoarding and re-erection of Courthouse at the old site.

The Chairman mentioned that the Council had already decided that the Courthouse should be erected at the old Jail, ^{and} in view of this, he declined to accept the resolution which, in his opinion, could be moved only on notice of motion.

Applications - Erection of Houses.

In connection with erection of shop at Rosslare by Mr. Michael Kelly, the following was read from Mr. Kelly:-

"I have received a communication dated 2nd instant from the County Surveyor's office quoting a resolution of the Roads Committee which I will thank you to bring to the notice of the County Council at next meeting.

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"According to the County Surveyor's letter to me under date 20th ultimo a resolution was passed as follows by your Council:-

"That permission be given to Mr. Kelly to erect shop at Rosslare Strand in accordance with terms of his letter dated March 23rd, 1927"

"In face of this plain statement the resolution of the Committee alleges that my authority to build was granted, not by the County Council but through themselves and that I have not kept to the terms of my letter".

"I desire to state that relying on the Council's resolution I have had the building erected that it is strictly in accordance with my letter of 23rd March, 1927, and that as the shop is and was obviously meant to be a permanent structure, the Council's resolution must be regarded as final and conclusive".

The County Surveyor called attention to the letter of Mr. Kelly of 4th April in which he stated that, during his absence, the front of the new premises was not, as he originally intended, placed five feet from the road. It would, therefore, be seen that Mr. Kelly had not carried out the arrangement he had made with Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, in view of which, he gave him permission to erect the building.

Mr. Hall proposed and Colonel Quin, seconded the following:-

"That Mr. Kelly be informed that, as he failed to carry out his agreement with Mr. Birthistle, the representative of the Council, in connection with the erection of his shop, we call upon him to remove same from present site; otherwise, that Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, to the Council, be instructed to proceed against him"

In reply to a query it was stated that Mr. J. Walsh, who applied for permission to erect bungalow had been informed that he should supply a plan for the consideration of the Roads Committee, but no reply had been received from him. It was understood that the building was completed.

Mr. Hall proposed and Colonel Quin seconded the following:-

"That as Mr. Wm. J. Walsh has failed to supply plan of new house erected by him at Rosslare, though requested to do so by the County Surveyor, we call upon him to remove same from present site; otherwise that Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, be directed to proceed against him".

As an amendment, Mr. Hayes proposed:-

"That Messrs Kelly and Walsh be requested to attend next meeting of the County Council and offer some explanation as to their action in regard to erection of houses at Rosslare".

Mr. Cline seconded.

A show of hands was taken with the result that six voted for the amendment and twelve against.

A further show of hands was taken on Mr. Hall's motions when fourteen were in favour and nine against.

The Chairman declared the resolutions carried.

Colonel Gibbon proposed:-

"That, as regards the erection of houses at seaside resorts such as Courtown, Rosslare, Kilmore, Cullenstown &c., plans in duplicate must be submitted, drawn to a scale of eight feet to the inch. One plan would be retained by the Council and the other marked "approved" would be returned to the applicant".

Mr. Cline seconded.

Passed.

An application from Mr. James Billington, Wexford, which had been received on the morning of the present meeting in connection with the erection of two bungalows at Rosslare was referred to the Roads Committee.

Ford of Lyng

In connection with the proposal that Mr. Elgee furnish Messrs Meldon & Co., with copy of Counsel's Opinion regarding the Ford of Lyng, it was decided that the opinion be not furnished unless Mr. Fergus O'Connor, B.L., who gave same, informs Mr. Elgee that this will not prejudice the case of the County Council in any way.

Hauliers from Bannow District.

In connection with the recommendation of the Roads Committee in this matter, it was agreed, on the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by the Chairman, that the matter be further considered by the Roads Committee when a report as to where it is possible to obtain banking places on the strand, is received from Mr. John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor.

On the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Quin, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Minutes of Meeting of Roads Committee of 25th April, 1927, be confirmed subject to any amending resolutions adopted at this meeting"

ANCIENT MONUMENTS COMMITTEE.
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Minutes of Meeting of Ancient Monuments Committee of 19th April, 1927, were submitted as follows:-

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A meeting of Ancient Monuments Committee of Wexford Co. Council was held in Co. Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 19th April, 1927.

Present:- Rev. R. Fitzhenry P.P. (Presiding); Miss Browne and Rev. W. Hanton C.C.

The Co. Secretary and Co. Surveyor were also in attendance.

Letters were received from the following in connection with various monuments:-

Canon Gibson (Ruins St. Mary's Church New Ross);

Major Boyse (Bannow Church).

John Mernagh (Killiane Castle.)

Lord Templemore (Butter Milk and Ballyhack Castles).

Edward Stafford (Clongheart Castle).

Arthur J. Alexander (Mountgarrett Castle).

Richard Codd (Clonmines Castles).

P. Murphy (St. Vaux's).

It was decided to ask the County Council to put before the General Council of Co. Councils the necessity for appointing (in conjunction with Historical and Antiquarian Societies) a deputation to wait upon Mr. E. Duggan at the office of Public Works to urge upon him the necessity for securing an Act of Oireachtas to preserve the ancient and historic monuments of the Country. Such a measure is urgently needed if a priceless National heritage is to be saved. Adequate protection can be made for the rights of property owners on whose lands such monuments stand. In present circumstances the Committee are convinced that powers entrusted to the Offices of Works under a measure such as proposed would be exercised with tact, and, also with due regard for the rights of all concerned.

It was further agreed that the members of the Committee present at meeting should take steps to get into touch with the historical and antiquarian Societies which would be likely to take an interest in the matter of securing members for Joint Deputation to Mr. Duggan.

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On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Clince, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Minutes of meeting of Ancient Monuments Committee of 19th April, 1927, be and are hereby confirmed".

Mr. Sean O'Byrne mentioned that the Executive Committee of the County Councils General Council had agreed to the appointment of the deputation in question!

PROPOSED RESIGNATION OF MR. M. CLONEY.

The following letter, under date 2nd April, 1927, was read from Mr. Michael Cloney, Dungulph Castle, Fethard:-

"I wish to tender my resignation as a member of the Wexford Co. Council (and it follows) and the Committees of which I was a member. Will you kindly bring this before the next meeting.

"For some time I have not been in good health and for the past fortnight confined to bed, under the Doctor's care. He advises me to take this step. He says it would be risky for me to be attending meetings at such a great distance from home. I thought I would be able to continue on until the Elections but now it would not be prudent for me to do so.

"I have received to-day your notification of my appointment on Co. Committee of Agriculture. I shall endeavour to attend these meetings as often as I possibly can.

"It remains for me to thank the members of the Wexford Co. Council, your good self and all the other officials for their kindness to me during my time as a member of that body.

"With best wishes to all".

On the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr. Thorpe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. Michael Cloney be asked to re-consider his resignation as a member of the Council. That he be informed that the Council are unanimously in favour of his remaining on the Council"

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MEMBERSHIP - CO. COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE & TECHNICAL
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Recommendations were submitted from the Co. Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for the appointment on that Committee of Mr. James Shannon, M.C.C., Rathnure and Mr. M. Cloney, M.C.C., Dungulph Castle, vice Mr. R. Rackard, Killanne, and Mr. P. O'Brien, Dungulph Mills, resigned.

On the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Clince, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Messrs James Shannon, M.C.C., Rathnure and Mr. Cloney, M.C.C., Dungulph Castle, be appointed to fill the vacancies on the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, caused by the resignations of Messrs R. Rackard, Killanne and P. O'Brien, Dungulph Mills, respectively.

PROPOSED MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

Under date 12th April, 1927, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (P.H.16274/27 Wexford County), stating that the Council were doubtless now aware of the result of the conference between the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and the deputation appointed by the County Councils' General Council which waited upon him on the 4th March, 1927, with regard to the question of the appointment of County Medical Officer of Health. A copy of the memorandum dealing with the points discussed at the conference was enclosed and the Minister requested that the question might receive the early and favourable consideration of the Council.

Copy of the correspondence with the Minister for Local Government and Public Health; as to proposed appointed^{ment} of County Medical Officer of Health and as to the present position in relation to grants in aid of local taxation, was received from the County Council's General Council.

This, including memorandum from Department of Local Government and Public Health, had been furnished to each member of the Co. Council.

Dr. W. Sterling Berry, who was present, pointed out that, in asking the County Council to agree to the appointment of a County Medical Officer of Health, the Local Government Department were complying with the law, and as it would be recognised, the Local Government Department was obliged to carry out this duty. Referring to the correspondence, which had been submitted, he dealt with the outbreak of typhus fever mentioned therein, and pointed out that, if a county medical Officer of Health had been in office, this outbreak would have been nipped in the bud and valuable lives saved.

A member inquired if it would be advisable in County Wexford to amalgamate the positions of County Medical Officer of Health and Tuberculosis Medical Officer.

Dr. Berry replied that, in a County like Wexford, it would be necessary to have two officers - a County Medical Officer of Health as well as a Tuberculosis Medical Officer, but these two officers with a re-adjustment of duty, should be quite a sufficient staff for the County. The salary fixed for the appointment was £800 per annum with travelling expenses, which he thought might run to about £150. There was no provision as far as he knew for any increments. The County Medical Officer of Health would not be asked to do any special laboratory work &c. All this would be done at a central laboratory in Dublin. The appointment of a trained nurse might be necessary.

In reply to Colonel Gibbon, Dr. Berry stated that he did not think that, within a period of from three to five years, they would effect any appreciable saving in the maintenance of the County Home and County Hospital and kindred institutions as a result of the work of the County Medical Officer of Health. Within ten years they would begin to see some advantage and within 20 years the work would infinitely more than pay for itself.

The Chairman pointed out that they should not lose sight of the fact that there was a statutory obligation on the Council to make this appointment. This law was on the statute book and would have to be obeyed the same as any other legal

liability. A vital factor in this matter was the question of public health, and he did not think public health should be considered in pounds, shillings and pence. One very important item in this matter was the inspection of school children. In fact, in his opinion, the appointment of a medical Officer of Health for this work alone would be money well spent. This was a work of national importance and there was no question that the development of a strong and healthy race would repay the Country in the long run. The principal argument levelled against the appointment was on the score of expense which would be little more than $\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £. The County Council had decided that the appointment should be deferred for twelve months, and this decision would hold. In the meantime, he suggested, they should communicate with the Department of Local Government and Public Health on the subject of a grant for this purpose. He proposed:-

"That the Central Government Authorities be requested to state if they are prepared to pay half the entire cost involved by the appointment of County Medical Officer of Health!"

Colonel Quin seconded.

Adopted on a show of hands by 12 to 9.

Mr. Corish spoke at some length in favour of the appointment being made.

LOCAL APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION

Under date 2nd May, 1927, the following letter (No. M 19911/1927 Wexford B.H.P.A), was received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to the entry on the subject in Minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 11th ultimo, regarding the delay in appointing Medical Officers for the Carrigbyrne and Newtownbarry Dispensary Districts, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that, as regards the Newtownbarry vacancy, application for sanction to fill this position was not received from the Board of Health and Public Assistance till the 18th February last. As the late Medical

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Officer also held the position of Medical Officer of the Clonegal Dispensary District in Carlow County, inquiries had to be made and visit paid to the district ^{by} an Inspector from this Department to determine if more suitable arrangements were feasible. On the 5th ultimo the Minister issued the necessary sanction for filling the vacancy, in accordance with Section 6 of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act 1926.

"As regards the vacancy in Carrigbyrne Dispensary District, I am to point out that the late Medical Officer's death was reported to the Board of Health and Public Assistance on the 21st February last. On the 8th March the Minister requested the Board to consider the advisability of adopting a uniform scale salary for Dispensary Medical Officers in Wexford County, and pending a reply, he has not issued his authorisation to the proposed terms of appointment in this case"

Mr. Doyle said that this letter was red tape from start to finish. On Thursday night in the Dail he stated that he would raise this question and he noticed on Friday's paper one of the vacancies was advertised. By the delay of the Appointments Commission the ratepayers had been mulcted to the extent of £70.

The Chairman agreed with Mr. Doyle that the adoption of a uniform scale had nothing whatever to say to the matter; and it was most unfair to the people that these posts should be left open so long - for over several months. Why should the ratepayers be called upon to pay large sums in connection with temporary appointments which were unsatisfactory from many points of view. Everybody knew that it was much better to deal with a permanent officer than with one who was merely filling a temporary position. Pressure would have to be brought to bear upon the Appointments Commission to expedite the filling of vacancies of this description.

SANATORIUM GRANT.

Under date 20th April, 1927 (letter No. P.H. 16833/1927 Miscellaneous) the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote that the consent of the Minister for Finance had

been obtained to the unexpended portion of the County share in the Sanatorium grant (£3346: 19: 7d) being provisionally assigned to the Board of Health for the purpose of providing institutional accommodation for advanced cases of tuberculosis. The proposals of the Board of Health should be made in connection with an approved Tuberculosis Scheme and should be submitted with necessary, plans, specification and estimate to the Department before the 31st March, 1928, the work, if approved to be completed expeditiously and not later than two years after the date of the approval of the Minister for Local Government. Recoupment might be afforded from the National Tuberculosis Grant of one half of any capital expenditure in excess of the County share in the Sanatorium grant involved in the undertaking approved on the foregoing conditions. If the above-mentioned share should not, by the 31st March, 1928, have been expended on or earmarked for, an approved undertaking, it would be open for the Minister for Finance to allocate such share or portion thereof to the authorities of other counties or county boroughs in which the relevant shares in the grant had already been expended.

It was also proposed to issue to the Board of Health the instalments of recoupment from the National Tuberculosis grant in respect of payments made on or after 1st April, 1927. The final payment from the grant in respect of the year ended the 31st March, 1927, would be issued to the County Council.

Contributions payable by the County Insurance Committee for any period subsequent to 31st March, 1927, under their Agreement with the County Council or the Board of Health in connection with the treatment of Tuberculosis should be paid to the Board of Health.

If credit for the receipts above-mentioned was not taken in preparing the estimate and demand of the Board of Health in connection with their administration of the County Tuberculosis scheme for the current financial year, the necessary adjustments should be made in regard to the instalments payable by the Co. Council to the Board on that estimate and demand.

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On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hall, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Department of Local Government and Public Health be informed that this matter is being attended to by the County Board of Health."

SPEED LIMIT ON ROADS AND BRIDGES

Under date 27th April, 1927, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (R/RV/32), forwarding copies of Order made by the Minister fixing speed limits of (a) three miles per hour for heavy motor cars proceeding over New Ross Bridge; (b) ten miles per hour for motor cars proceeding over Wexford Bridge; and (c) fifteen miles per hour for motor cars proceeding along the road from Gorey to Courtown Harbour from its junction with the Arklow-Gorey-Ferns-Enniscorthy road at Gorey by way of Marlfield House and Ballinatra Bridge to Courtown Harbour.

Arrangements should be ^{made} immediately for the publication of the Order in "Iris Oifigiuil" and some local newspaper circulating in the district concerned. The draft notice should be forwarded to the Department for the approval of the Minister before publication. Warning notices should be erected on or near the road and bridges concerned.

As regards the application of the Council in connection with heavy motor cars exceeding four tons in laden weight, it appeared that what the Council contemplated was an Order empowering them to close, as and when they considered necessary, any road in the County, except one, to vehicles of the above-mentioned class. The Minister was advised that he had no power by an Order under Section 7(4) of the Roads Act 1920, to give to a County Council power to close a road or roads to a particular class of traffic from time to time as they think fit. The section provided for a prohibition of classes of traffic on a specified road or roads by the Minister, and subject to conditions

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imposed by him. He would not delegate his powers in this matter to the road authority, and did not propose to make any order in the matter.

As regards the speed of heavy motor vehicles, the County Council should seek the co-operation of the Garda Siochana in dealing with the matter of excessive speed of these vehicles.

Dealing with the proposed speed limit of ten miles an hour for motor vehicles for certain streets in New Ross Urban District, the Minister did not consider the fixing of a special speed limit to be the most effective method of dealing with reckless or dangerous driving in the Urban District. The Garda Siochana had power under section 1 of the Motor Car Act, 1903, to deal with this question and the Council should arrange with the Garda for special observation to be kept on the driving of vehicles in the streets concerned.

The County Surveyor explained the position of the warning signs.

The Chairman proposed:-

"That the County Surveyor erect Warning Signs on New Ross and Wexford Bridges and on Gorey to Courtown Road as explained by him to this meeting. That our Secretary issue requisite advertisement in "Iris Oifigiúil" and Local Newspapers on receipt of approval of draft from the Department of Local Government"

Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded.

Passed.

It was also decided that the letter from the Department be further considered at the next meeting of the Roads Committee.

BY-LAWS FOR COUNTY BRIDGES.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne that the County Surveyor submit to next meeting of the Roads Committee By-laws governing traffic over bridges with a view to consideration and revision of same.

CLAIM OF DISTRICT COURT CLERK ENNISCORTHY.

Under date 26th April, 1927 (G.18610/1927 Wexford County) the

Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote, forwarding extract from letter of Mr. D. Doran, District Court Clerk, Enniscorthy, claiming payment of £10 for rent of office issued by him for period from 1st March, 1923 to 17th July, 1923. From the latter date the County Council agreed to pay the rent, as this was the date of Mr. Doran's application to the County Council to provide him with suitable office accommodation owing to the Courthouse being burned down. As the County Council had refused to pay rent for any period ~~from~~ prior to 17th July, 1923, Mr. Doran had to pay the £10 himself as he had taken the premises. The Department requested that the sum of £10 be recouped to Mr. Doran.

Referred to next meeting of the Finance Committee.

GLENBRIEN WATER SUPPLY.

Sealed Order No. 13831/1927 dated 26th April, 1927, was received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, fixing Oulart Dispensary District as the area of charge for expenditure incurred in providing a water supply and maintaining same at Glenbrien.

BORROWING BY BOARDS OF HEALTH.

Under date 25th April, 1927 (S.19201/1927, IIg(Gen)), the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote, drawing attention to the provision of section 4 of the Local Government Act 1927, and pointing out that in future the powers of borrowing for sanitary purposes would be exercisable by the County Board of Health and Public Assistance acting as Sanitary Authority, subject to the prior consent of the County Council being obtained to the raising of the loan. Attention ~~was also~~ directed to section 4(4) of the Act which enacted that, on and after 1st April, 1927, all payments due on foot of any loan borrowed by a County or Rural District Council before the passing of the Act of 1927, for the purpose of ^{the} exercise or performance of any power or duty now vested in a County Board of Health should be made

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through and by such County Board of Health.

In the case of loans of former Boards of Guardians, the liability for repayment rested with the County Council in pursuance of Section 7 (2)(b) of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923.

GOREY WORKHOUSE AND GAELIC LEAGUE.

Under date 4th May 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (P.17757/1927/Wexford County) asking to be furnished with a sketch of the lands at Gorey Workhouse proposed to be let to the local branch of the Gaelic League and a statement of their dimensions.

The Secretary stated that the County Surveyor had been asked to supply the sketch in question, and when this was received it would be forwarded to the Department of Local Government.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

Under date 29th April 1927, the Department of Lands and Agriculture wrote (L 1454/27) that one of their officers had obtained on 6th April 1927, at Enniscorthy, four samples of butter which were submitted to the County Analyst who certified that they proved to be genuine.

SAWMILL AT CAMOLIN.

Under date 29th April 1927, the Department of Lands and Agriculture (Forestry Division) wrote (No. 262/F) that, in regard to the resumption of saw-milling operations at Camolin Park, they had no timber at Camolin which could be advantageously converted by them at that centre.

PRIMARY SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS
AND PREPARATORY COLLEGES.

Under date 19th April 1927 (F 10597), a letter was read from the Office of National Education forwarding copy of letter addressed to the Secretary, Kerry County Council, which pointed out in regard to the question of holders of Primary Scholarships taking their scholarships in preparatory colleges, that, owing to the different age limits for these two scholarships and to the fact that a special entrance examination must be passed which would be at least a year later than the Primary Scholarships Examination, the

Primary Scholarship winner must spend at least the first year of his secondary course in an approved school other than a Preparatory College, and it was assumed that the Council would continue to award their Scholarships as heretofore. In the case of the holders of these Scholarships subsequently securing places in a Preparatory College, as a result of the entrance examination, the Department would be prepared to consider any proposals which the Council might desire to make regarding the continuance of their Scholarships in whole or in part during the Preparatory College course.

CLOSING OF ROAD. WEXFORD-ENNISCORTHY.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we apply to the Minister for Local Government for permission to close the Wexford-Enniscorthy road in sections during reconstruction, and approve of the following draft advertisement in connection therewith:-

Closing of Roads. Public Notice Regulations 1925.

To all whom it may concern

Take notice that it is the intention of the Wexford County Council to apply to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for an Order authorising them to close to public traffic (in sections as may be required from time to time) the road leading from Wexford to Enniscorthy and situate between Ferrycarrig Bridge and the Slaney River Bridge in the Urban area of Enniscorthy for a period of seven months from the 16th day of May 1927, during which period the road will be under repair.

The alternative routes are:-

- (1) Wexford via Killurin to Enniscorthy.
- (2) Ferrycarrig to Garrycleary via Crossabeg or via end of Ballydickon Road.
- (3) Slaney Lodge turn to Oylegate via Ballynaslaney Road.
- (4) Oylegate to Enniscorthy via Darby's Gap.

It is proposed to carry out works of repair between Ferrycarrig Bridge and Kyle Cross roads first and the alternative route will be via Ferrycarrig Hill and the Killowen Road or the

Saunderscourt Road.

The next section to be closed will be duly advertised.

Objections to closing the above road to be lodged with the Minister of Local Government and Public Health, 51 Upper Mount Street, Dublin between the dates of 6th May and 11th May 1927.

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CLAIM OF MR J.J. FANNING.

Under date 9th April 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (P. 15480/1927 Wexford County), forwarding copy of statutory declaration received from Mr John J. Fanning in regard to his claim to compensation for loss of emoluments as Superintendent Registrar for the Gorey area. Before making a determination in the matter, the Minister was prepared to consider any representations which the County Council might wish to put forward.

The declaration of Mr Fanning set forth that he was appointed Superintendent Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages for Gorey District on March 27th 1920. He continued to perform the duties of Superintendent Registrar after the abolition of his office as Clerk of the Union on 30th June 1922 and up to 30th June 1924. His emoluments as Superintendent Registrar were not taken into account in determining his pension, viz. £28-4-8 per annum for loss of office as Clerk of the Union. He had now ceased to perform the duties of Superintendent Registrar and had handed over all Register Books, Documents, etc. to the Secretary, County Board of Health on 30th June 1924, by direction of the Registrar General. His emoluments for each of the last three years during which he performed the duties were as follows:-

Year ending 31st March 1922	£28-10-0
" " 31st " 1923	£31-17-6
" " 31st " 1924	£35-15-6

On the motion of Mr Gaul seconded by Mr O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That this County Council is satisfied that Mr Fanning should be granted the full amount of compensation for abolition of

office as Superintendent Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages, to which he is legally entitled."

REPAIRS - GOREY WORKHOUSE.

The Co. Surveyor submitted Estimate of £38-15-0 from Mr James Doyle, The Bridge, Gorey for repairs to Gorey Workhouse.

In view of the amount involved, it was decided that the work be entrusted to the County Surveyor.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Gaul, renewals of licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act were granted to Mr James J. Codd, Court Street, Enniscorthy and Mr John Doyle 22 North Street, New Ross.

ANALYST'S REPORT.

Report of Miss Ryan, County Analyst for quarter ended 31st March 1927 was submitted. The number of samples analysed was:-
Foods 77: Drugs 35: Water 1: Total 113.

The number adulterated was:-

Butter 1: New Milk 2: Buttermilk 1: Separated Milk 1: Brandies 2.

WEXFORD HORTICULTURAL SHOW.

Mr W. Hillock, Horticultural Instructor, Wexford, applied on behalf of County Wexford Horticultural Society for permission to hold the Society's Show in the Old Jail premises.

In reply to the Chairman, the County Surveyor stated he did not consider it advisable to have a Horticultural Show held at the Old Jail. It would be impossible to prevent the general public from roaming over the premises.

It was decided to inform Mr Hillock that, in the opinion of the County Council, it would be more advisable to hold the Horticultural Show at Wexford Park than at the Old Jail premises.

COST OF MORTGAGE.

In connection with payment of costs of Bank mortgage of former New Ross R. D. Council, Mr Elgee, Solicitor, wrote under date 22nd April 1927, that it appeared, from decisions of the Courts, the liability for costs would not commence to run until the costs had been taxed. The liability of the County Council only arose after the passing of the Local Government Act of 1925 which would bring

the costs in a way inside the statutory period of two years. As the Department recommended they should be paid, he thought the Council might safely pay the amount as there was only a small risk of surcharge. He could not recommend that the costs should be taxed as this would mean the addition of a further sum of about £2 to the amount.

It was decided that the amount be paid.

CLAIM - DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.

Under date 23rd April 1927, Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the ~~XXXX~~ Co. Council, wrote, in reference to claim of Department of Finance for payment of accounts for Malicious Injury Decrees going back to the year 1919 and also in connection with expenses incurred by the Royal Irish Constabulary, that, in his opinion, the Council had no power to pay these claims as they were barred by the provisions of Section 4 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1902, which provided that the Local Government Department might extend the time for payment of such accounts to a time not exceeding two years from the date at which the liabilities were incurred. The Department had no power to extend the time beyond two years, and if the Council paid the accounts now, they would be liable to be surcharged by the Auditor.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Hall, it was decided that copy of letter of Mr Elgee be furnished the Department of Finance.

BASIS OF ASSESSMENT OF RATES.

The following resolution from Cavan County Council was read:-

"Whereas the present system of assessing Rates on the basis of Valuation has been and is being abused to such an extent that the Rates have become an intolerable burden on the Ratepayers who are paying their full share of other taxation besides: and whereas there is no justification for imposing the burden of most of the services now charged on the ratepayers more than on other classes ~~and~~ of the community who can better afford it, - only a custom, which from the changed circumstances of the times and the abuses above referred to, has become unjust, anomalous and out of date, We the Council of

Cavan, are convinced it is high time to amend the law with a view to an equitable adjustment of those burdens as between the Ratepayers and the State: and we urge on the Government and all members and prospective members of the Dail the necessity for immediate legislation in the matter."

No action was taken, as the resolution was too indefinite and did not state what services were to be adjusted as between Ratepayers and the State.

PAYMENTS.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the several proposals for payment to Road Contractors as appearing on Form 22, be and are hereby agreed to."

DEPUTATION FROM COURTTOWN HARBOUR.

Mr Jordan mentioned that a deputation was in attendance from Courtown Harbour Development Committee in connection with the expenditure of special grant of £1000 for Tourist Roads in the neighbourhood of Courtown.

The Chairman pointed out that in accordance with Standing Orders, a deputation should give at least seven days' notice of their intention to appear before the County Council in order that the matter might be mentioned on the Agenda paper. If deputations were to be received without notice, it would be impossible for the Council to carry on its ordinary business. In the present instance, however, if the Standing Orders were suspended, he would hear the deputation at the end of the business.

On the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Corish, the suspension of the Standing Orders was agreed to.

After the ordinary business of the Council was finished, Messrs Dudley Butler, John Dunne, Thomas McGarry and Michael Wafer came before the meeting.

Mr Butler pointed out that the Gorey street which had been selected for improvement was not the direct road to Courtown Harbour. One part of the selected road went to Tara Hill and Castletown and then to the Dublin road. This was not the direct road to Courtown

Harbour which was from Giles' corner to Murphy's public house.

The County Surveyor explained that the County Council were obliged to take from the Dublin main road and link up with the branch to Courtown Harbour.

The deputation pointed out that, in summer time, the dust from the principal street in Courtown Harbour was appalling and a great drawback to visitors.

Col Gibbon proposed that the street in Courtown be sur-~~fa~~ faced in a satisfactory manner by the County Surveyor.

Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded.

Passed.

The deputation further pointed out that they understood it was intended to remove two dangerous corners at Courtown Harbour.

The Co. Surveyor stated that, if the local people would facilitate the Co. Council in obtaining the necessary land, the ~~corners~~ corners would be eased.

Col Gibbon suggested that the Co. Surveyor should attend in Courtown for preliminary inspection of the corners with the deputation and ascertain if the necessary land could be obtained at a reasonable price. The amount they paid for easement was 5/- per perch.

The deputation promised to afford every assistance to the Co. Surveyor in the matter.

The deputation further pointed out that there was no means of getting to the walk leading to Courtown Demesne.

It was one of the pleasure spots of Courtown Harbour. The Committee had no funds to pay for the removal of the stuff which obstructed the road at present, but hoped the County Council might see their way to spend a little money on it.

The Co. Surveyor pointed out that the money was allocated only for trunk or main roads. It was impossible to spend even a penny on a private road of this description.

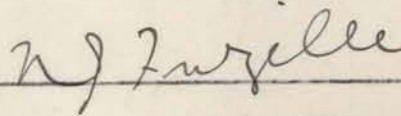
The deputation, having thanked the Council, withdrew.

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CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY.
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I hereby certify the foregoing to
be a correct record of the Minutes of
Proceedings of Wexford County Council in
respect of Meeting held on 9th May, 1927.

(Signed) _____



Secretary Wexford Co. Council.

Dated this 12th day of May, 1927.

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

MONTHLY MEETING -- 11TH APRIL 1927.

M I N U T E S.

N. J. FRIZELLE

FORTVIEW

SECRETARY

WEXFORD.

The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 11th April 1927.

Present:- Mr T. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding: Also Col. Gibbon, Col Quin, Messrs W. Boggan, James Clince, Michael Cloney, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Thomas Cooney, R. Cdrish, Ml. Doyle, J. Gaul, James Hall, P. Hayes, Ml. Jordan, D. Kavanagh, A. Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, M.M. O'Donoghue, John Pender, James Shannon, W. Thorpe, James E. Walsh and John White.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, the County Survey^{or}, and Mr Elgee, Solicitor were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEES.

Finance Committee.

The following Minutes of Finance Committee meeting held on 16th March 1927 were submitted:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 16th March 1927.

Mr T. McCarthy (Chairman) presided. Also present Messrs Aidan Hernagh, Sean O'Byrne, M. Jordan Wm Thorpe and P. Hayes.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary and the Co. Surveyor were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5115-6-2 was examined and signed.

COUNTY HOSPITAL ROAD.

On the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Thorpe the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to issue an Order to the further closing of road from Tivoli Terrace junction, Wexford to Park Cottage, Wexford (for the purpose of raising the level of said road to public traffic from 31st March 1927 to 30th April 1927 (both dates inclusive). The alternative route will be Main Road SW by Farnogue and Park Lane."

CONTINUANCE OF OVERDRAFT.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested ~~see~~ to sanction for a further six months to 30th, September 1927 continuance of present overdraft with the Treasurer of Wexford County Council, viz, £50,000."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Clince:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 16th March 1927 be and are hereby confirmed.

The Minutes of Finance Committee held on 31st March 1927 were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on March 31st 1927.

Present:- Mr T. McCarthy, Chairman (presiding); Also:- Messrs William Thorpe and Sean O'Byrne.

The Assistant Secretary and the County Surveyor were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £9,102-10-8 was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

The state of the Rate Collection was submitted showing the following percentage of second moiety lodged:-

E. J. Murphy 74.52: B. Cleary 68.74: J. Quirke 66.60:
P. Furlong 66.48: J. Curtis 66.24: C. McCarthy 64.47: T. Rowe 63.38:
S. Gannon 61.61: J. Cummins 61.44: P. Donohoe 60.36: Ml Deegan 60.10:
John Doyle 56.60: J.J. Sinnott 55.03: W. Cummins 52.13: J.J. O'Reilly
52.02: T. Sutton 51.67: P. Walsh 50.09: M. Kelly 49.70: P.J. Fitzpatrick
49.46: P. O'Byrne 49.14: and J. J. Kelly 44.94.

Average 58.25 on 30th March 1927.

The average collected last year was practically the same being 60.91 on 31st March 1926.

The amount of first moiety at present outstanding was £3040-7-1 and second moiety £29,851-19-2.

It was decided that Rate Collectors be paid 56.25% of poundage on amounts of their lodgments to 31st March 1927.

ADVANCE FOR PURCHASE OF SAMPLES

BY FOOD AND DRUGS OFFICERS.

The following letter dated 23rd March 1927 was read from the Chief Superintendent Civic Guard, Wexford:-

"I am in receipt of yours of the 23rd ult, and in reply I wish to state, in reference to your proposal of advancing the sum of £20 to the Chief Superintendent, that it would be more satisfactory if this sum was given to the Superintendent at Divisional Headquarters, Wexford, and he would be responsible for the payment

of expense incurred by the Food & Drugs Inspectors in the whole county.

All claims when receipted and certified will be forwarded direct to you by the Superintendent, so that you will always be able to know how the money is being expended. If you agree to this proposition it will not be necessary to send these Accounts to the Garda Siothchana Accounts Branch. Heretofore, the claims were sent to our Accounts branch for payment, but now, if the amount is paid by the local Superintendent, it would, in my opinion, be a much better arrangement to have the accounts, etc., forwarded direct to you by the latter Officer."

Under date 28th March 1927, the following letter (P.H.12629/27/Wexford Co.) was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"In reply to your letter of the 22nd inst, relative to financial provision for the administration of the Sale of Food and Drugs Act in County Wexford, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to draw attention to the terms of Sec. 136 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, as adapted by Article 3 of the Adaption of Irish Enactments Order, 1899."

The Assistant Secretary explained that Section 136 authorised the County Council to advance such money as might be required by the Garda Siothchana to cover the expenses of administration of Food & Drugs Acts, etc.

It was decided on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman to agree to advance the sum of £20 to the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana at Divisional Headquarters, Wexford. Statements of Accounts and vouchers thereof to be furnished by that Officer to County Council at least quarterly.

ADJUSTMENT MINISTRY OF FINANCE-MALICIOUS INJURY
AND OTHER CLAIMS.

The following letter (No. F. 25/1/27) under date 26th March 1927 was submitted:-

"In reply to your letter of the 3rd inst, I am directed by the Minister for Finance to state that the sum of £5-10-0 which was stated in my letter of the 28th ult. to be due to the Wexford County Council in respect of a decree for damage to property sustained

within the period 21st January 1919 to 11th July 1921, discharged by the Council consists of £2 compensation with £3-10-0 costs and expenses, etc., paid to the Postmaster General by the Wexford County Council on the 5th August 1919. This information was furnished by you in a letter which you addressed to this Department on the 13th August last, in reply to a circular letter from this Department requesting the information.

In regard to the sum of £140-18-2 stated in my letter of the 28th ultimo to be due by the Council in respect of decrees for damage to property sustained prior to the 21st January 1919, I enclose a statement giving full particulars of these decrees.

The sum of £258-4-0 due by the Council in respect of conveyance of prisoners expenses, etc., has been certified by the British Government as the amount due by the Wexford County Council in respect of:-

(a) expenses incurred by the Royal Irish Constabulary in the conveyance of prisoners previous to committal chargeable on the County Council under 14 and 15 Vic. Cap. 85, Section 4, as amended by subsequent enactments.

(b) expenses of ex-officio Inspectors of Weights and Measures chargeable under Section 80 of the Weights and Measures Act, 1878, and

(c) expenses incurred by the Royal Irish Constabulary acting as Inspectors for Local Authorities under the Food & Drugs Acts.

The Minister is unable to furnish you with details of this item or with particulars as to how it is divided between the three heads, but he understands that it was the practice of the local Royal Irish Constabulary in the past to furnish local Authorities quarterly with vouched statements of the amounts due in respect of these expenses and the details should accordingly be in the possession of the Wexford County Council.

The Minister trusts that this information will enable your Council to pay at an early date the sum of £393-12-2 due by it under the adjustment of the matters referred to in my previous letter of the 28th ult. The failure or refusal of the Council to discharge this liability will result in other local Authorities being deprived

of a substantial portion of the amounts properly due to them in the adjustment and the Minister feels that your Council will agree with him that this would be neither proper nor just."

Mr O'Byrne pointed out that as these claims were due for over six years, the accounts were Statute barred and could not be legally paid by the County Council.

The Assistant Secretary stated that the Section in Local Government Act precluding the Council from paying Statute barred accounts did not apply to monies payable to a Government Department.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Thorpe to refer the Ministry's letter to Mr Elgee, Solicitor for report.

CLAIM, PLANS - GOREY COURTHOUSE.

Account for £37-10-0 from James Doyle, Gorey for preparing plans, quantities, etc., in connection with claim for Gorey Courthouse was submitted.

Approved for payment on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne.

FIRE INSURANCES.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman to insure two dwelling houses on County Council property for £700 with the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE, LIBRARIAN.

Miss Walsh, County Librarian wrote stating that she had been granted leave of absence by the Chairman of Library Committee to attend Conference of Librarians in Dublin on Friday 25th March.

She submitted account for 13/5 travelling expenses.

Payment approved on the motion of the Chairman.

TENDERS FOR PRINTING.

The following tenders for printing in Council Offices were submitted:-

The Echo, Enniscorthy £128-10-6

The Free Press, Wexford £ 118-13-3

The People, Wexford £94-2-0.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr O'Byrne, the tender of the People at £94-2-0 was accepted.

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ADVANCE FOR PREPARATION OF ELECTORAL LISTS.

Mr J. N. Scallan, County Registrar applied for advance of £100 towards expenses in preparation of present Electoral Lists.

Payment approved on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman.

ERECTION OF BUILDINGS NEAR PUBLIC ROADS.

On the motion of Mr Thorpe seconded by the Chairman, the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That the County Council be recommended to object to the erection of buildings within 30 yards of the centre of road unless plans and elevations are submitted and approved by the Council."

LIBRARY COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS.

Miss Walsh, Librarian submitted accounts amounting to £95-18-5 for Books and sundries.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Thorpe that same be re-submitted to next Finance Committee, Miss Walsh in the meantime to furnish certificate in each account for Books entered therein that they have received approval of Book Selection Committee and that Name^s of Authors be furnished on each Book account.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Clince:-

"That the Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 31st March 1927, as submitted to this meeting, be and are hereby confirmed.

Roads Committee.

The following Minutes of Roads Committee in respect of meeting held on 28th March 1927 were submitted:-

The monthly meeting of the Roads Committee of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 28th March 1927.

Present:- Mr T. McCarthy, Chairman (presiding), Also ~~MESSRS~~ Col Quin, Messrs Sean O'Byrne, Ml. Cloney, Wm. Boggan, Richard Corish, James Hall, Patrick Calfer and James Shannon.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor and the following Assistant Surveyors were in attendance:- Messrs T. Treanor, John Kehce, R. J. Ennis, T. Cullen and Patrick O'Neill.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

TENDERS COMMITTEES

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Quin seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That the following reports of Tenders Committees for Enniscorthy, Gorey, New Ross and Wexford Electoral Areas be received and approved:-

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

TENDERS COMMITTEE.

Enniscorthy District.

Committee met on 16th March 1927. Present: Mr T. McCarthy, Chairman County Council, presiding, Also Messrs James Cline, Michael Jordan, and James Shannon.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors Ennis and Cullen were in attendance.

The following Tenders were accepted:-

(Period from 31st March 1927 to 31st March 1930.)

Road No. 120E.-420 perches between turn in Clonjordan and Road in Mombeg. Amount allowed £25 per annum.

No tender was received and work was given in charge of Co. Surveyor for one year to 31st March 1928 at the full amount allowed viz:-£25.

" " 218E--335 perches between turn in Coolamain and turn in 217E (Aughar Lane). Amount allowed £36 per annum.

No tender received and work was given into the charge of the County Surveyor for one year to 31st March 1928 at £36 per annum, the amount allowed.

" " 263E--330 perches between East turn in Knockstown and District bounds in Clonleigh (at two points). Amount allowed £24.

The only tender received was that from Daniel Moore, Killegney, Clonroche at £23-9-6, the sureties being James Murphy, 13 Market Square, Enniscorthy and Aidan O'Brien, Killegney, Clonroche. Accepted.

" " 285E-280 perches between turn in Ballinure and turn in Woodlands. Amount allowed £15. No Tender.

The work was given in charge of the Co. Surveyor for one year to 31st March 1928 at the full amount allowed viz:-£15.

" " 304E 150 perches between turn at St John's House and Knock-marshall Cross Roads. Amount allowed £9 per annum.

No tender received and work placed in charge of County Surveyor for 1 year to March 31st¹⁹²⁸ at ~~full~~ amount, £9.

Road No. 347E--305 perches between New Road at Killanure and Foot-bridge over Clody River. Amount allowed £8 per annum.

William Kane, Killanure, Buncloody tendered alone at £8 giving as his sureties John Connors, Mandoran, Buncloody and Christopher Glinch, Ballylusk, Buncloody. Accepted.

" " 348E-240 perches between Martin Foley's house in Killanure and Craan Lane. Amount allowed £8.

William Kane, Killanure, Buncloody tendered at £8 giving as his sureties John Connors, Mandoran, and Christopher Glinch, Ballylusk, Buncloody. This was the only tender and was accepted.

" " 349E--280 perches between Killanure Lane and turn at Martin Connors' house in Mandoran. Amount allowed £8.

Only one tender was received but as the person tendering was surety for another road contractor, the tender was withdrawn and the work given in charge of Co. Surveyor for one year to March 31st 1928 at £8.

" " 350E-400 perches between turn on Old Road in Glaslacken, and Martin Foley's house in Killanure. Amount allowed £20.

The only tender received was that of William Kane Killanure, Buncloody who tendered at the full amount, viz:- £20 giving as his sureties John Connors Mandoran and Christopher Glinch Ballylusk.

This tender was accepted.

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.TENDERS COMMITTEE.GOREY DISTRICT.

Tenders Committee for Gorey Electoral Area met at Town Hall, Gorey on 26th March 1927.

Mr Sean O'Byrne presided; Also present, Messrs P. Byrne, John Connors, and M.M. O'Donoghue.

The Secretary, the Co. Surveyor and Mr T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor were in attendance.

The following tenders were accepted:-

(Period from March 31st 1927 to March 31st 1930.)

Road No. 94G.--345 perches between turn in Ballycown and turn in Ballygullen. Amount allowed £20 per annum.

Henry O'Neill, Ballingarry tendered at £20, but his tender form did not set out the names of any sureties, and on being questioned he also stated that he was not prepared to provide the specified amount of tonnage.

In the circumstances, it was decided to reject the tender and place the work in charge of the Co. Surveyor for one year to 31st March 1928 at the amount allowed, viz £20 per annum.

" " 95G--620 perches between Main Road in Glandoran and Keys' Cross Roads, with branch to the Main Road in Ballinacoola. Amount allowed £24 per annum.

Henry O'Neill, Ballingarry tendered at £24 Patrick Ebbs, same address at £22. The latter offered as his sureties T.E. Ireton Creagh and James Kavanagh, Ballygarrett Upper, Craanford.

The last named tender was accepted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Connors.

" " 98G--600 perches between turn in Lacken and Ramsfort Road at two points. Amount allowed £42 per annum.

James Dooley, Clonsilla tendered at £42 and Thomas Kins Gorey at same amount. Patrick Ebbs, Ballingarry tendere at £38 giving as his sureties Thomas E. Ireton, Creagh.

and James Kavanagh, Ballygarrett Upper, Craanford.

The last named tender was accepted on the motion of Mr
Connors seconded by the Chairman.

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NEW ROSS DISTRICT.

Tenders Committee for New Ross Electoral Area met on March 23rd 1927.

Mr Wm Thorpe presided: Also present, Messrs T. Cooney and Michael Cloney.

The Assistant Secretary, the Co. Surveyor and Mr P. J. O'Neill Assistant Surveyor were in attendance.

The following Tenders were accepted:-
(Period from March 31st 1927 to March 31st 1930.)

Road No. 82R-540 perches between turn in Ballyleigh and turn near Poulmounty Bridge. Amount allowed £20 per annum.

No tender was received and work was given in charge of County Surveyor for one year to March 31st 1928 at £20 the full amount allowed.

" " 88R-325 perches between Main Road at Scarke and far turn at Ballyanne House Amount allowed £12 per annum,

Richard McGrath, Knockree, Palace tendered alone at £12 and was accepted on the motion of Mr Cooney seconded by the Chairman. His sureties, Thomas Murphy & Martin Wickham.

" " 98R-325 perches between turn in Mandlins and Main Road near Talbot Hall. Amount allowed £16 per annum.

No tender was received and work was given in charge of Co. Surveyor for 1 year to March 31st 1928 at full amount allowed, viz:-£16.

" " 99R-390 perches between Urban boundary and turn in Arnes-town. Amount allowed £14 per annum.

Patrick Connors, Ballylane West, New Ross tendered alone at £14. He offered as his sureties John Brennan, Camblin New Ross and Thomas Holden Three Bullet Gate, New Ross. His tender was accepted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Cooney.

" " 110R-405 perches between turn in Courthoyle and turn in Raheenakenedy. Amount allowed £16 per annum.

Patrick Nolan, Templenacrow tendered alone at £14-19-6 offering as his sureties Thomas Doyle, Mary Street, New Ross and John Furlong, Ballagh, Raheen. His tender was accepted on the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by Mr Cooney.

Road No 113R-580 perches between turn near Railway Bridge at Aught-na-glough and turn in Oldcourt. Amount allowed £17.

No tender was received and work was given in charge of County Surveyor for 1 year to 31st March 1928 at the full amount, viz: -£17.

" " 114R-565 perches between turn in Carrigmastia Hill and The Leap. Amount allowed £38 per annum.

Richard Miskella, Coolboy tendered at £36-19-0 and William Rochford, Templenacroha, Palace, New Ross at £36-15-0, giving as his ³ sureties Thomas Doyle, Mary Street, New Ross and John Furlong, Ballagh, Raheen. His tender being the lowest was accepted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Cooney.

" " 115R-280 perches between turn in Coonogue and turn at Adamstown Castle. Amount allowed £10 per annum.

Richard Miskella, Coolboy tendered at £9-17-6 and William Rochford, Templenacroha at £9-9-0. The latter offered as his sureties Thomas Doyle, Mary Street, New Ross and John Furlong, Ballagh, Raheen, and being the lowest tender was accepted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Cooney.

" " 141R-485 perches between Shanicle Cross Roads and District Bounds at Poulpeasty, excluding part of 140R. Amount allowed £18 per annum.

No tender was received and work was given in charge of County Surveyor for 1 year to 31st March 1928 at £18, being the full amount allowed.

" " 150R-380 perches between turn near Tottenhamgreen Bridge and Molmountry District Bounds. Amount allowed £15.

No tender received. Work placed in charge of County Surveyor for 1 year to 31st March 1928 at full amount.

" " 154R-380 perches between turn in Knockmullen and Main Road in Camblin. Amount allowed £14 per annum.

Patrick Connors, Ballylane West, New Ross tendered alone at £14 and was accepted on the motion of Mr Cooney seconded by Mr Cloney.

" " 189R-655 perches between middle turn in Boley and north turn in Boley, south turn in Yoletown and East turn in Boley. Amount allowed £20 per annum,

Bartholomew Day, Boley tendered at £20 and Richard Miskella, Coolboy, Ballycullane at £19-9-6 giving as his sureties John Moran, Ballybrack and John Smith,

Newbawn. The latter being the lowest tender was accepted on the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by the Chairman.

Road No226R-260 perches between turn at Great Island Rectory and

turn River at Newtown. Amount allowed £10 per annum,

No tender received. Work given in charge of Co. Surveyor for 1 year at full amount, £10 to March 31st 1928.

" " 227R-420 perches between turn in ~~Great~~ Great Island and River opposite Cheekpoint. Amount allowed £12.

No tender. Work given in charge of Co. Surveyor for one year to 31st March 1928 at full amount allowed, viz:-£12.

" " 230R-530 perches between Main Road in Ballinteskine and turn in Ballybrazil. Amount allowed £18.

No tender. Work given in charge of Co. Surveyor for 1 year to 31st March 1928 at full amount, £18.

" " 232R-340 perches between turn in Ballysop and Main Road in Ballykelly. Amount allowed £12.

William Power Ballybrazil, Campile tendered alone at £12 giving as his sureties Richard Ryan Garryduff, Campile and Patrick Forristal, New Ross. Accepted.

" " 236R- 380 perches between turn in Ballykeerogue more and turn in Ballykeerogue beg. Amount allowed £15.

William Power, Ballybrazil tendered alone at £15 and was accepted giving same sureties.

" " 242R-590 perches between St James's Catholic Church and Main

Main Road near Dunbrody, with the branch to the Campile Road in Ballykeerogue. Amount allowed £29.

William Power, Ballybrazil tendered alone at £29 and was accepted giving same sureties.

" " 270R-370 perches between turn near Templeboy Old Castle and turn in Kilbride. Amount allowed £13.

No tender. Work given in charge of Co. Surveyor for 1 year to March 31st 1928 at full amount, viz:-£13.

" " 280R-160 perches between turn in Clonagh and Road near Fethard Amount allowed £6.

Thomas Orange, Connagh, Fethard tendered alone at £5 and was accepted, his sureties being William Powell, Ramstown, Fethard and John C. Hearne Fethard.

" " 293R- 330 perches between Ballyleagh Reservoir and Main Road at Ballybanogue. Amount allowed £12.

No tender. Work given to Co. Surveyor 1 year at full amt.

Road No. 296R-260 perches between Taulaught Cross and Garrycullen Cross. Amount allowed £6 per annum.

John Murphy Tallaught, Ballycullane tendered alone at £6 and was accepted, his sureties being Michael Finn, St. Leonard's and James Hennessy, New Ross.

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

TENDERS COMMITTEE.

WEXFORD DISTRICT.

A Meeting of the Tenders Committee(Wexford District) was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 19th March 1927.

Present:- Col Gibbon Vice-Chairman Co.Council(presiding),
Also, Messrs James Gaul and P. Hayes.

The Secretary, County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors Kehoe and Birrhistle were in attendance.

The following Tenders were accepted:-
(from 31st March 1927 to 31st March 1930)

Road No. 67W. -- 660 perches between Main Road at Monmore and turn at Crory Middle and Main Road at Garrycleary to Slaney Lodge gate. Amount allowed £40.
Thomas Brien Glenteigue, Glenbrien tendered at £39 giving as his sureties Thomas Nolan, Redmond Place, Wexford and Daniel Dempsey, Coorawn, Edermine.
This was the only tender and was accepted, on the motion of Mr Hayes seconded by Mr Gaul.

" " 74W --440 perches between turn in Galbally and turn in Ballyhowbeg. Amount allowed £28.
Three tenders were received:- John Murphy, Ballinablack Curracloe tendered at £15 giving as his sureties Richard Fortune, Ballinacoola, Curracloe and James Staples of Ballinablack, Curracloe.

Tenders were also received from the following:-
Denis Murphy, Johnstown, Castlebridge at £15-10-0: and John Roche, Ballyhoo, Screen at £17-4-11.
The tender of John Murphy Ballinablack at £15 being the lowest was accepted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Gaul.

Road No 75W--415 perches between turn in Ballina and turn in Ballymore. Amount allowed £25.

Four tenders were received:- Denis Murphy, Johnstown, Castlebridge tendered at £21: John Roche, Ballyhoo, Screen at £24: 9:9, Martin Murphy, Ballina, Curracloe at £23:10:0 and John Murphy, Ballinablake, Curracloe at £15. The latter gave as his sureties James Staples, Ballinablake, Curracloe and Richard Fortune Ballinacoola, Curracloe. The tender of John Murphy, Ballinablake, Curracloe being the lowest was accepted on the motion of Mr Gaul seconded by Mr Hayes.

- " " 79W-130 perches between District bounds at Tinnakilla and Main Road at Shanahona. Amount allowed £8. No Tender.

It was decided that road be placed in charge of County Surveyor for one year, viz, from 31st March 1927 to 31st March 1928.

- " " 82W--460 perches between road in Johnstown and the Slob with branch to the Curracloe Road in Ardcolm. Amount allowed £16. Denis Murphy (old contractor), Johnstown, Castlebridge tendered at £15 and Martin Murphy, Ballina, Castlebridge Curracloe tendered at the same amount.

Mr Gaul proposed and Mr Hayes seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the tender of Denis Murphy, Johnstown, Castlebridge at £15 be accepted for Road No 82W, he being the old contractor."

Passed.

The sureties in this case are John O'Leary, O'Hanlon Walsh Street, Wexford and James Kelly, Baker, North Main Street, Wexford.

- " " 107W--455 perches between turn in Harpurstown and turn in Aughermon. Amount allowed £25. William Stafford, Cools, Barntown tendered at £24-14-6: Matthew Walsh, Rochestown, Taghmon at £25 and Henry Long, Kingsford, Barntown-who gave as his sureties John Dowd, Glenview, Barntown and Edward Woods, Kingsford, Barntown- at £24:6:0. His tender being the lowest was accepted on the motion of Mr Gaul seconded by the Chairman.

- " " 112W--385 perches between turn in Harveystown and Main Road in Traceystown. Amount allowed £18. Wm Stafford, Cools, Barntown tendered at £17-9-0 and Henry Long, Kingsford, Barntown at £16-17-0. The latter gave as his sureties John Dowd, Glenview, Barntown and

Edward Woods, Kingsford, Barntown.

Long's tender was accepted on the motion of Mr Gaul seconded by the Chairman.

Road No 123W---265 perches between turn at Barntown Castle and Main Road at Arcandrisk. Amount allowed £9.

Henry Long, Kingsford, Barntown tendered at £7-9-0.

William Stafford, Cools, Barntown " " £8-9-6

Patrick Devereux, Barntown " " £7-0-0

John Cooney do " " £6-18-0

The latter gave as his sureties Patrick Doyle, Colestown, Barntown and Nicholas Codd of same address.

Cooney's tender was accepted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Gaul.

" " 159W-- 465 perches between turn in Russelstown and Road at Muchtown Bridge. Amount allowed £11.

The only tender received was that of Edward Furlong, Knocktown Cross, Duncormack at £11. He gave as his sureties Thomas Keyes, Gibberwell, Duncormack and William Walsh, Graiguesallagh, Duncormack.

The tender was accepted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Hayes.

" " 199W--175 perches between Road in Barrystown and turn beyond Kiltrahouse. Amount allowed £10.

There was no tender received and the road was given in charge of the Co. Surveyor for one year, from 31st March 1927 to 31st March 1928, at the amount allowed.

" " 213W--865 perches between turn in Ballyteigue Slob and Road in Chapel, with branch to road in Sarshill excluding part 214W and including branch to Lannagh. Amount allowed £22.

The only tender received was from John Cullen, Killag, Duncormack at £18-18-6. This was accepted on the motion of Mr Gaul seconded by Mr Hayes.

The sureties in this case were Thomas Keyes, Gibberwell, Duncormack and William Walsh, Graiguesallagh, do.

" " 257W--285 perches between Urban boundary and Mulgannon. Amount allowed £16.

The only tender received was that of Johanna Bishop, Ballyboggan, Ferrycarrig at £15. This was accepted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Gaul.

The sureties in this case were Thomas E. Quaid, Ferrycarrig and Philip Cowman, Main Street, Wexford.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following report was submitted from Co. Surveyor:-

"I submit list of Road machinery at present owned by the County Council, and I have put approximate value on the various items. I do not expect that the Council could obtain this price disposing of the machinery second-hand, but it is the value to the Council having allowed for reasonable depreciation.

On the 22nd inst I had an interview with the representative of the firm quoting for Compressor Plant, and he was accompanied by the Works Manager. I went fully into the points raised by the County Council at their meeting on the 14th inst, and am satisfied that the two Fordson Tractors would not be serviceable for the work. The Compressor engine which will be started on petrol will be run generally on paraffin. I have prepared particulars as to working cost, etc., and shall discuss this further at the meeting.

I have quoted on for Tar Sprayers and shall submit same to the meeting. At a former County Council meeting it was decided these should be obtained if possible for the Grant work. As there is a large amount of spraying work to be done this year, it will be impossible to carry out the work without these machines, a small hireage rate will cover the initial cost and the saving will be considerable.

I have placed order with Messrs Goodwin Barsby for the Breaker as approved by the County Council, and I expect it will come to hand in the course of a few weeks.

I have arranged with the police authorities to have small quantities-up to 5 lbs- of gelignite left in charge of approved gangers for use in the various quarries, and I expect this will enable us to ~~very-materially~~ improve the work very materially. I have a number of replies from other counties regarding the procedure there, and in most cases escort is required. In a few cases Surveyors state that they are allowed to deal with explosives apparently without any restrictions.

I have obtained from the Assistant Surveyors particulars giving instances of earnings made by hauliers doing work at the fixed rate of 10d per yard mile, and shall submit same to meeting.

"It will be necessary for the County Council to fix rates for quarry material and machinery hireage during the coming year and I recommend that last year's rates be adopted. In regard to the machinery charges, the rates may appear high, but they are calculated to cover the full expenses of the machinery department including repayment of loans, rent, insurance of machinery premises, motor taxation, upkeep and repair-including Overseer and overhead charges.

I directed Mr O'Neill to obtain signed Agreements in connection with removing turns on Road 67R, going to Mr ~~XXXXXX~~ Quigley's Mills. When these Agreements are complete we will be able to have the necessary work carried out, and the cost will be charged to the Direct Labour Proposal for the coming year.

On the 21st inst, I made inspection of the Corramacorra Road accompanied by Mr Hayes M.C.C., Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, and a number of interested parties. It was arranged that a special undertaking should be put in by the local people so that the Council could understand exactly what liability they would be undertaking. I shall have further particulars for the meeting.

At last meeting of the Council, complaint was made of the Camblin Road, No. 23R (New Ross). I have now made arrangements and the work is in progress, to have a quantity of material from Ballinaboola Quarry, and I believe it will be necessary for the future to obtain material either from Ballinaboola or Tincarrig new Quarry if this road is to be even reasonably maintained.

Complaint has been made of the footpath in Taghmon, and I have arranged that under the coming year's maintenance proposal, the footpath shall be treated with tarred screenings. This will be an improvement but unless proper sewerage system is adopted, we cannot improve the defective drainage.

As requested by the Council, I submit Ordnance Sheet showing location of the Railway Crossing on the Slob Road. The matter of obtaining Counsel's opinion in regard to our rights is in hands of Mr Elgee.

As directed by the Council, I have been inspecting and inquiring in regard to new quarry at Dunanore. I was informed that Capt Alcock's Estate, of which this is part, had

been disposed of to the Land Commission, and I have written this Department on the matter.

Complaint has again been made by Mr McCarthy of Fairfield regarding flooding of his land adjoining Verona Bridge. I wrote Mr McCarthy suggesting three alternative methods of dealing with the matter and asking his views. Also I asked him if he had any other suggestions to make, and stated that the Council would be prepared to adopt any reasonable method to mitigate the nuisance. I have not yet heard from Mr McCarthy in reply.

There is an application for moving out fence at St John's near Emm'scorthy, and I consider the Council may allow this. Also there are two applications in regard to new buildings at Rosslare. In the case of Mr Kelly, I have sketch showing proposed work, and I am satisfied that it will not be objectionable. In the other case, I have not yet had time to examine into the matter."

Machinery.

The list of machinery and present value of same as submitted by the Co. Surveyor was as follows:-

Drills(Jackhammer) 4, value £280: Stonebreakers 11, value £3400:
Traction Engines 6, £4275: Portable Engine 1, £250: Steam Waggon
1 value for £600: Trailers 13, £1000: Steam Rollers 6, £3850:
Scarifiers 6, £350: Watering Carts 12, £450: Bitumen Sprayers
6, value £500: Living Vans 14, £1000. Total £15,875.

Compressor Plant.

The County Surveyor stated he had been going into the cost of a different Compressor Plant than that referred to at last meeting, and as he had not concluded his investigations, he considered it would be advisable to adjourn further consideration of the matter to next meeting.

This was agreed to.

Tar Sprayers.

It was agreed that County Surveyor should fix hireage rate for these machines so that cost of purchase of same would be covered.

Goodwin Barsby Stone-Breaker.

The Secretary pointed out that no provision for purchase

of this machine had been made in the annual budget, and he wished to know how the cost was to be provided.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Col Quin:-

"That cost of Goodwin Barsby Stone-breaker decided to be purchased by last meeting of the County Council be taken from Road Contingencies Fund and that this fund be recouped so far as is possible by hireage charge for machine."

Gelignite and Small Blasts.

A long discussion took place in connection with this matter, some members objecting to the proposal for fear of raids on the road gangers' premises.

Mr Corish proposed that the County Council be recommended to make no change in the existing system of providing explosives at quarries.

Col Quin seconded.

As an amendment, Mr Cloney moved and Mr Colfer seconded the following:- "That 5 lbs of gelignite be given to gangers for half dozen of the quarries which most urgently require that small blasts should be carried out in order to procure suitable road material."

On a show of hands, the amendment was carried by 5 to 4.

Hauliers.

The Co. Surveyor submitted figures for haulage from various quarries. They were:- Clonhaston 6/- per day; Carrigeen 6/9; Carrigbyrne 7/-; Ballinglee 7/10; Ballyhealy 7/6; Ballinabola (2 horses and one man) 12/-, a second man with two horses in same quarry 8/4½ per day, a third man (one horse) 6/8; Clologue 8/-; Tara Hill 7/-; Gummer 7/6; Carrigfoyle 12/-; In this latter case, a special advantage of 8d per cubic yard was made for negotiating a very steep incline from quarry. The men had brakes on their carts and if the latter over-run in the journey, they would be smashed. There was, of course, in this case far more wear and tear on the horses and carts than in ordinary haulage. In Ferrybank Quarry, the wages were 9/- per day. The average rate paid hauliers was from 7/- to 9/- per day.

Mr Corish proposed:- "That the County Surveyor again consider cost of haulage and report to next meeting of Roads Committee what it would cost the County Council to provide ^{that} men engaged at haulage work should be able to earn 8/- per day.

Mr Shannon seconded the resolution which was adopted.
Rates for Hireage of Machinery
and Quarry Material.

The Chairman proposed. Mr Corish seconded and it was passed:- "That for the six months from 1st April 1927 to 30th. Sept 1927 the Co. Council be recommended to make the following charges for hiring of machinery, viz:- Rollers 7/- per hour: Breakers 12/- per hour: Drills 12/- per hour: Lorries £2-10-0 per day: Sprayers £5 per week:-

Quarry material- Rubble stone and fine screenings 4/- per cubic yard: Broken stone and three-quarter inch screenings 8/- per c.yd.
Corramacorra Road.

The County Surveyor stated he had not yet received the undertaking from the local people. It would be necessary to make a road diversion at the place mentioned (near Corramacorra) as the present road passed through a bog. Taking into account the help which should be given by the local people, the new road would cost about £130. The value of the labour, etc., given by the local people would be between £60 and £70.

After some further discussion, it was decided that a Committee of the County Councillors of Wexford E.D. area should visit this road in company with the County Surveyor on Monday, 4th April 1927 and report to next meeting of the Roads Committee.
Footpaths in Taghmon.

In connection with this matter, a Memorial signed by fifteen ratepayers of Mahony's Row, Taghmon was submitted regarding the condition of these footpaths, the Memorialists stating that they were not exaggerating when they pointed out that the footpaths were a constant source of danger to children and aged residents. If any accident occurred, it would be attributable to the neglect of the Council.

It was decided to inform the Memorialists that the Co. Surveyor was taking steps to have these footpaths properly

repaired.

The County Surveyor mentioned that he had written to the County Board of Health relative to the sewerage of Taghmon, but had heard nothing from them. He understood that Mr Shortall, their Engineer had stated that no drainage was required in Taghmon, but he (Co. Surveyor) differed from that view.

It was decided that the Co. Surveyor communicate with the County Board of Health and point out what was necessary in the shape of sewerage for the village of Taghmon.
Rosslare Slob Road.

In reply to Mr Sean O'Byrne, Mr Elgee said Counsel's opinion was not yet to hand.

Donanore Quarry.

The Co. Surveyor mentioned that he had not yet received any definite reply from the Land Commission in this matter.

It was decided that consideration be adjourned to next meeting.

Flooding of Land at Verona Bridge.

A letter was read from Mr T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor pointing out that it was advisable to have some immediate action taken to remedy this flooding: otherwise the bridge foundations would be sapped resulting in very serious damage.

The Co. Surveyor submitted a letter which he had written to Mr McCarthy, Fairfield, Enniscorthy on November 11th 1926, in which he had pointed out that when the County Council was repairing the bridge, an opening was left into the river which would allow the land water to pass off. It would also have allowed the river water to go in during high floods, but this could only be for a short time. Mr McCarthy had objected to the opening which was accordingly closed.

In the opinion of the Co. Surveyor there were only ~~1/2~~ three ways to deal with the matter, (1) to have the opening in the wall, (2) to put in an automatic flap-gate which would prevent river water from coming in and which would allow land water to pass off when the water was low, and (3) to put a hand-worked sluice in the wall.

He (Co. Surveyor) asked Mr McCarthy to inform him if he were satisfied with any of these methods, or if he had any suggestion to make as to the treatment of the place, but up to the present Mr McCarthy had not replied.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of this matter to next meeting of the Roads Committee pending reply from Mr McCarthy.

Moving Out Fences and Position of New Buildings.

In connection with this matter, the County Surveyor submitted a letter from Mr Thomas Doyle, St. John's, Enniscorthy under date 15th March 1927 asking permission to move fence opposite his house for a distance of 9 feet at gate running into present fence, at a distance of 13 yards. It would be no obstruction to the road and the work would cover a waste piece in the margin.

The County Surveyor was in favour of the necessary permission being given.

Mr Shannon proposed and Mr Hall seconded the following resolution which was passed:-

"That Mr Thomas Doyle, St. John's, Enniscorthy be allowed to move fence opposite his house as described in his letter of 15th March 1927, and as recommended by the County Surveyor."
Erection of Shop at Rosslare.

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter from Mr Michael Kelly, Chemist, Rosslare under date 23rd March 1927

"I wish to make application for permission to erect a shop in front of my premises at Rosslare. The proposed building is to be of concrete 6 inch walls and probably a front of steel windows."

The County Surveyor stated that Mr Kelly intended to excavate a very high bank in order to erect this shop. This would be five feet back from the road and would be no inconvenience to any person.

Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed and Mr Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That permission be given to Mr Kelly to erect shop at Rosslare Strand in accordance with terms of his letter dated March 23rd 1927."

BUNGALOW at STRAND ROAD ROSSLARE.

The County Surveyor submitted letter from Mr William J. Walsh, Walsheslough, Rosslare under date 24th March 1927 as follows:-

"I am erecting a Bungalow on my land at Rosslare Strand Road. I was informed that I had to ask permission from the County Council to do so.

The building will be of the usual Bungalow type, cast iron, wood and cement. I am building it inside a stone wall which exists at present.

I want to have house finished by May 1st. I am willing to appear before next meeting of County Council if required, so as to avoid any delay in having work done."

Col Quin proposed and Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That no action be taken as regards application of Mr William J. Walsh, Walsheslough, Rosslare in connection with erection of Bungalow at Strand Road, Rosslare, pending submission of proper particulars to County Council with regard to same."

GUSSEANE SCHOOL ROAD.

Mr Cloney said that the road from Gusserane School to Nash was in a very bad condition. It was in a similar position to Corramacorra road only that if the people concerned were given a small complement of rough stone out of the quarry and also some fine material, they would carry out all the necessary repairs themselves.

He proposed that the County Surveyor visit the place and make a report to next meeting of the Roads Committee.

Mr Colfer seconded the resolution which was passed.

TRANSFER OF ROAD ACCOUNTS.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall:-

"That as requested by Mr John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, a sum of £13 be transferred from Section J. to Section K New Ross area."

WEXFORD-ENNISCORTHY ROAD.

Under date 23rd March 1927, Mr Elgee, Solicitor reported that the Contract and Bond for above road with the Pioneer Road Construction Company had been completed and stamped.

In connection with work on this road, the County Surveyor submitted the following letter from the Pioneer Road Construction Company as regards provision of material from Kerlogue Quarry:-

"We have not a copy of the Specification before us at the moment, but our recollection of its contents does not make it obligatory on the Contractor to work all of the three quarries mentioned.

The only way we can suggest to meet the points raised at the recent meeting of the County Council is to purchase from you the stone required for that section of the road between Kyle Cross and Ferrycarrig Bridge, that is to say approximately 5'000 cubic yards.

We have made our arrangements for the installation of a large and expensive plant at Brownswood Quarry and it would be quite undesirable and uneconomical for us to split up our organisation in the manner suggested by you.

We trust to hear from you that you will be able to fall in with our plans in this matter."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr Boggan:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to supply 5000 cubic yards of material from Kerlogue Quarry at production price to the Pioneer Road Construction Company for re-construction of road, Wexford-Enniscorthy provided the Company are satisfied with the price proposed to be charged by Co. Surveyor for this material."

FLOODING OF ROAD 342E.

Correspondence was submitted from Mrs Elza Forrestal, Grange, Killanne complaining of the flooding of her land by water from the road at Grange, Killanne.

On the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman it was decided that the Co. Surveyor submit the correspondence in this matter to Mr Elgee, Solicitor with a view to ascertaining what is the liability of the County Council in the case.

ENNISCORTHY COURTHOUSE.

The following letter was received from Mr Elgee, ~~361/KEJ~~
Solicitor:-

"The Circuit Court Judge has made a Decree by consent herein, for the sum of £2901 with £10 costs, and I have taken out the Decree and it has been lodged with the Ministry of Finance.

I expect shortly to hear from them that the matter is in order and that we may proceed with the reconstruction."

It was decided that the following Committee meet the County Surveyor at the Enniscorthy Courthouse site on 6th April viz, Messrs T. McCarthy, James Shannon, James Clince, Ml Jordan, David Kavanagh, A. Mernagh, County Councillors for Enniscorthy Co. Electoral Area and Mr James Hall, with a view to considering plan of reconstructed Courthouse.

GRANT FOR WORKS ON ROAD IMPROVEMENT
IN TOURIST CENTRES.

Under date 25th March 1927, the following (No. R/R/201) was read from the Roads Department of Local Government Department:

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that a Grant of £2000 from the Road Fund has been set aside on behalf of the Wexford County Council for works of road improvement in certain tourist centres in the County. The areas selected and the amount allocated in respect of each area ~~is shown~~ is shown below.

Proposals for the most suitable works should be submitted on Form No. 11 as soon as possible, so that the work may be well advanced, if not completed before the Tourist Season opens.

In framing proposals works of greatest advantage from the tourist point of view should be aimed at.

Area	-----	Courtown	-----	££1,000
"	-----	Rosslare	-----	£ 1,000.
				<u>£2,000.</u>

The County Surveyor stated that £1000 would only go a very small way towards effecting any real improvement at the tourist centres. At Courtown he suggested that they should continue steam-rolling beginning at the Main Street end of Gorey town and proceeding as far as they could go in the direction of

Courtown Harbour.

As regards Rosslare, if they could get some arrangement fixed up with the Railway Company as regards level crossing, the Co. Surveyor would be in favour of completing the Slob Road into Rosslare. The existing road from the Railway Station at Rosslare to the Strand could be made fairly wide except at the lower end at Murphy's house.

The proposals of the County Surveyor were approved of, and he was directed to submit the particulars on the special Form furnished by the Department of Local Government.

On the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Corish the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Railway Company be requested to make a contribution to the cost of improving the road from Rosslare Railway Station to Rosslare Strand and that the Co. Surveyor be authorised to submit particulars to the Great Southern Railways Company on this matter."

GRANT FOR IMPROVEMENT OF MAIN ROADS.

Under date 23rd ~~NOVEMBER~~ March 1927, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (SGD/201) stating that the sum of £9942 had been provisionally allocated to the County Wexford for the improvement of the main roads. Of this sum, £8700 was to be expended on surface dressing with tar or bitumen.

The County Surveyor mentioned that in accordance with the programme which he had submitted to the Department, it was contemplated to deal with 31 miles of main roads with second coating of tar and five miles with first coating. As regards the £1242 left over from the proposal for tarring, he was in favour of finishing the work on the road from New Ross to Wexford with that money. It was necessary that a fair amount of work should be done in the neighbourhood of Tomcoole on this road.

Mr Boggan complained that very little attention was being paid to the New Line from Wexford to Duncannon but the County Surveyor pointed out that there was no money available for this road. Twelve months hence, however, they might be able to apply some towards it.

296E - WALL AT MILL RACE.

Mr Thomas Cullen, Assistant Surveyor reported under date 25th March 1927 that recently he had put a new pipe gullet across this road at the Still by permission of Mr T. J. Davis.

Mr Davis was anxious that the Co. Council would carry out some repairs to mill-race which he stated was the Council's job.

Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed and the Chairman seconded the following which was adopted:-

"That the Co. Surveyor submit the communication of Mr Davis in connection with repair of mill-race on 296E to Mr Elgee, Solicitor for his opinion."

BROADFORD BRIDGE.

In reply to Mr Sean O'Byrne, Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor stated he proposed to commence repairs to this bridge in May, and he would have the work finished in June.

CORBALLY BRIDGE.

The Co. Surveyor reported that on March 26th. in company with Mr Ennis, he had inspected this bridge which was a short distance to the south of Killenagh. One of the arches was badly shaken owing to heavy lorry traffic. The bridge was in a dangerous condition at present and he suggested that it should be closed to lorry traffic. It would cost about £180 for repairs.

On the motion of Mr Shannon seconded by Mr Corish, it was decided that application be made to the Minister for the closing of Corbally Bridge south of Killenagh to lorry traffic for a period of twelve months to allow of repairs being carried out, the alternative routes being through Killenagh or through the Ford of Kilmuckridge.

ERECTION OF DWELLING HOUSE AT DUNCANNON.

Under date 21st March 1927, the following was read from Mr B. Downes, Merchant, Duncannon:-

"I beg to apply to your Council for permission to erect a dwelling house etc. on the banks at Duncannon on the Duncannon-Wexford road adjoining the village. I have got the site from Lord Templemore."

The following report was submitted by Mr John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor:-

"I have inspected the place at Duncannon where Mr Down intends erecting a dwelling house.

He is levelling out the bank by the sea about forty perches on the south side of Duncannon village on road 37R.

The house will be ten or twelve feet in from the road with a concrete path running inside the watertables, along by the house.

It certainly will not interfere in any way with the traffic on the road, and in my opinion, will be an improvement to the place."

It was proposed by Mr Shannon seconded by Mr Colfer and passed:-

"That permission be given to Mr B. Downes for the erection of house at Duncannon banks."

ENNISCORTHY POUND.

In connection with letter from Hon. Sec. Enniscorthy Branch of Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, to pay a Pound-keeper at Enniscorthy and to make provision for upkeep of stray animals, the matter was submitted to Mr J. V. Fahy, District Justice for his opinion.

Mr Fahy wrote stating that the question of Pounds was now in the hands of the County Registrar. He suggested that the matter be taken up with him.

It was decided on the motion of Mr Shannon seconded by Mr Colfer to point out to Mr Davis, Hon. Sec. N.S.P.C.A. Enniscorthy, who was interested in the matter, that the County Council have nothing to say to the payment of the pound-keeper or the arrangements in connection with the Pound, the matter being one for the County Registrar, Mr J. N. Scallan.

BOILERS, ETC. AT OLD JAIL.

The County Surveyor submitted letter under date 19th March 1927 from Mr J.S. McDonald, Ballyeden House, Clonroche, asking if he could purchase a boiler and bath from those in the Old Jail.

It was decided to inform Mr McDonald that pending

the reconstruction of the old Jail premises, the County Council would not dispose of any fittings there at present.

WEXFORD COURTHOUSE.

It was decided to ask the Minister for Finance to receive a deputation relative to reconstruction of Old Jail premises as a Court, Court Offices, etc. in accordance with the consent of the Minister for Justice agreeing to this proposal.

NEW ROSS COURTHOUSE.

It was decided on the motion of Mr Shannon seconded by Mr Boggan that when lease of New Ross Courthouse has been executed by the Tottenham Trustees, the Finance Committee should consider the letting of ^{the} ~~this~~ portion of the premises which will not be required for Court purposes, etc.

CINEMATOGRAPH ACT.

The County Superintendent, Garda Sióthchana, wrote under date 25th March 1927 asking that Sergt. Arthur J. Lee (2185) be appointed as Inspector under Cinematograph Act, 1909 vice Sergt. M. J. Gorman (1831) transferred to another county.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Quin seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That Sergt. Arthur J. Lee (2185) be appointed Inspector under Cinematograph Act, 1909 for Fethard sub-district (Garda Sióthchana) vice Sergt. M. J. Gorman (1831) transferred to another County.

WEIGHTS & MEASURES OFFICE, NEW ROSS.

Under date 21st March 1927 the following was read from Sergt. Sweeney (G.S.) Inspector under Weights & Measures Act:-

"I beg to state that I intend commencing the annual reverification of Weights & Measures in the New Ross Court District within the next few days. For this purpose a suitable office will have to be provided by the County Council. Last year the Office provided was entirely too small for the purpose-the work had to go on too slowly and took too long to complete.

I understand that the Co. Council are taking over the Courthouse, New Ross in the near future and there should be no difficulty in setting aside a room in the building as a

Weights & Measures Office. I would be thankful if an office would be allocated to me as soon as possible. Until then I intend to carry on in the office used last year.

The following requisites should be installed in office:- Writing table, work bench for testing and adjusting weights, scales and measures, shelves for storing standards, traders' weights etc, awaiting verification, also lighting and heating arrangements and gas ring for melting lead together with water supply and tap, trough and basin."

It was decided to refer to the County Surveyor the question of the provision of office for Weights & Measures business in Courthouse and receive a report from him in the matter.

It was also agreed that he should consult with Sergt. Sweeney in regard to furniture required for office. Sergt. Sweeney is to carry on for the present in existing office.

PROPOSED BRIDGE AT WHITEHOUSE.

Mr Shannon said he had been asked by a number of rate-payers to bring before the meeting the necessity which existed for the erection of a bridge on 257E (from Gurrawn Lane to Breen's public house at Rathmure) at the White House.

It was decided that the Co. Surveyor arrange to meet Mr Shannon on road in question in connection with the proposal and that a report be presented to next meeting of Roads Committee.

WATER TABLE AT POULPEASTY.

Mr Shannon referred to a defective water-table at Poulpeasty Chapel. It was decided that the Co. Surveyor should inspect this with Mr Thorpe and Mr Shannon and report to next meeting of Roads Committee.

BROWNSWOOD QUARRY.

Mr James Brien, Glenteigue, Glenbrien came before the meeting in reference to his claim (adjourned from last meeting) for compensation for work of stripping, etc. at Brownswood Quarry which had been afterwards taken over by the Co. Council without compensation to Mr Brien.

After considerable discussion, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Hall seconded by Mr Boggan:-

"That the Co. Council be recommended to pay Mr Brien, Glenteigue a sum of £10 in full discharge of his claim in connection with stripping rock and preparing face at Brownswood Quarry which was subsequently taken over by the Co. Council.

It was proposed by the Chairman seconded by Mr Hall and carried:-

"That the Minutes of Roads Committee in respect of meeting held on 28th March 1927, be and are hereby confirmed.
Enniscorthy-Wexford Road.

Mr Doyle proposed and Col Gibbon seconded the following:-

"That the County Surveyor again approach the Pioneer Road Construction Company and endeavour to arrange with them to have a reasonable quantity of material taken from Kerlogue Quarry in order to provide employment for the men of the district and who are very badly in need of same." Adopted.

Col Gibbon complained of the manner in which the preliminary work of laying the foundation on this road had been carried out, particularly between Edermine and Oylegate. Yards and yards of ~~skw~~ stone put in for bottoming, had, owing to the heavy traffic, bulged over to the sides which were now higher than the centre of the road. He hoped the Co. Surveyor was satisfied with the work done. He (Col Gibbon) was very glad the Local Government Department were responsible for the re-construction of this road, and not the Co. Council. He did not know how it would be possible for any concrete, unless heavily reinforced, to stand on a bottom which had no foundation.
Corramacorra Road.

Col Gibbon complained that he was the only person who attended the Committee for Corramacorra Road on the 4th April.

Mr Corish and Mr Boggan stated that the day in question was so frightfully inclement they thought it was impossible to have a meeting.

After discussion, it was decided that a meeting of the Committee be re-fixed for Wednesday 13th April at 11 o'clock. (Summer Time).

Camblin Road.

Mr Cooney complained that four miles of ^{this} roads were in a very bad condition.

The County Surveyor said he could not do any more than he

had done at present on this road.

It was decided that so far as was possible, the County Surveyor should have the pot-holes filled.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cline seconded by Mr Colfer:-

"That on their next inspection, the Roads Inspection Committee be requested to visit and report as to the state of the road between Duncannon and New Ross via Camblin.

Gorey Hill Quarry.

In reply to Mr Sean O'Byrne, Mr Elgee stated that Miss Palmer, Gorey Hill, Gorey had refused to give a right of way into the proposed new quarry. She alleged that there was a road at the back of the quarry which could be used without crossing her land. He (Mr Elgee) was in communication with the Co. Surveyor in the matter.

Mr Sean O'Byrne pointed out that the order of the Council was that proceedings should be taken against Miss Palmer if she refused to agree to their request.

Mr Elgee considered it was premature to take proceedings. If they went to Court in the present instance they would be met by the statement that there was another road available without crossing Miss Palmer's land. The District Justice would only give an Order to enter the quarry, but he would have nothing to say as to what compensation was to be paid to the owner.

The matter was adjourned to next meeting of the Roads Committee.

Ballylannon Railway Crossing.

In reply to Mr Colfer, the Co. Surveyor stated that he was in communication with the Railway Engineer who had directed his foreman to go on with the work at Ballylannon Railway crossing. Sewerage at Taghmon.

Mr Gaul mentioned that as regards references made to this matter at the Roads Committee by the Co. Surveyor, a report had been received by the Health Board from their Engineer that the

public sewerage in Taghmon was all right. Any repairs which ~~were necessary~~ were necessary were in connection with private owners' drains.

The Co. Surveyor stated his view was that the common drain down the centre of the village had broken down from time to time in years past and had never been satisfactorily repaired. He would certainly say that it was not in a sanitary condition and no proper outfall had been provided. It was not possible to put gulleys and traps to discharge into a place ~~like that~~ ^{like that}. He suggested that they should go into the matter on the spot with the Engineer of the Health Board, Mr Shortall.

This suggestion was adopted.

Old versus New Time.

Mr Connors said it was very unfair to ask road workers to carry on by new time. He did not see what harm could be effected by allowing them to work by the old time from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The County Surveyor did not think this would be a satisfactory arrangement. They worked by ~~h~~ new time last year and had no difficulty whatever in the matter.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Shannon seconded by Mr Colfer:-

"That the road gangers ascertain from the road workers their opinion as to whether they prefer working by old time or new time, and that the matter be further considered at next meeting of the Roads Committee.

The resolution of the Chairman as to the confirmation of the Minutes was then put and passed.

CORONERS' (AMENDMENT) ACT 1927.

Circular letter from the Department of Local Government dated 28th March 1927 (B.G. 12282/1927 Ilgnoitheach) was read.

The Chairman proposed and Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That Circular letter from Department of Local Government (B.G. 12282/1927/Ilgnoitheach) and Coroners (Amendment) Act be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report."

APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION.

Mr Doyle complained of the delay by the Local Appointments Commission in making appointments of Medical Officers for Carrigbyrne and Bunclody. The ratepayers had now been mulcted in at least £66 owing to this delay.

Col Gibbon proposed and Mr Boggan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That this County Council desires to draw the attention of the Minister for Local Government to the unnecessary expense incurred by the rate-payers of this county through the dilatory action of the Local Appointments Commission as regards the vacancies for Medical Officers in the districts of Carrigbyrne and Bunclody."

It was proposed by Mr Hall seconded by Mr Jordan and carried:- "That the attention of the Auditor General be called to the action of the Appointments Commission in neglecting to make within reasonable time, appointments of two Officers under the County Board of Health. The rate-payers of County Wexford have already been mulcted to the extent of ~~££££~~ £66 by this delay, and in the circumstances, we consider the Auditor General should surchar
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 surcharge the responsible officer of the Commission with this amount."

COUNTY LIBRARY SCHEME

Under date 4th April 1927, (G/11166/1927/Wexford County) the Department of Local Government wrote enclosing copy of Inspector's Report regarding the above and stating that the Minister is in accord with the suggestions of the Inspector.

The following is the Report of the Inspector:-

A Chara,

In accordance with instructions conveyed in your letter of the 7th ult., I held on the first and second days of March, 1927, in the Book Repository, 74, North Main Street, Wexford, an Inquiry on Oath into the administration of the Wexford County Library Service.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, attended on behalf of the Wexford County Council, and the following witnesses were sworn and examined:-

Mr. N. J. Frizelle, Secretary County Council
 Mr. Thomas McCarthy, Chairman County Council.
 Mr. William Thorpe, Member County Council.
 Rev. Bro. Markey, Christian Bros. Schools, Wexford.
 Mr. Patrick Hickey, Technical Institute, Enniscorthy,
 (Member Lib. Committee).
 Mr. Edward Foley, Member Library Committee and former
 Ch. Co. Co.)
 Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Member Library Committee.
 Mr. Denis Whelan, Member Library Committee, and
 Miss Josephine Walsh, County Librarian.

The Rev. Fr. Fitzhenry, P.P., Our Lady's Island, Member of the Library Committee, was in attendance throughout the Inquiry, and although he did not himself give evidence, his helpful explanations of some of the points at issue were much appreciated.

At the outset, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, protested against the order in which I had proposed to take and examine witnesses, but, as I took the view that the Inquiry was intended rather as a searching investigation of the whole Library Service than as a trial of particular persons, I did not deem it expedient to alter my arrangements.

Mr. Hickey, member of the Library Committee, contended that as the Library Committee was set up by the Library Authority (the Co. Council), they, the Library Committee, had the right equally with the County Council to requisition the services of Mr. Elgee, but that, as Mr. Elgee had, by his advice to the County Council at their meeting on the 10/5/26 committed himself to the policy of the County Council, they, the Library Committee, had decided to attend the Inquiry without legal representation. I am impressed by Mr. Hickey's contention.

The evidence falls under four main headings as follows:-

- a. Evidence in support of the contention that the full powers vested in the Wexford County Council as Library Authority were, by resolution of the 27-4-25, delegated to the Library Committee and that the powers so delegated were never properly recalled.
- b. Evidence to the effect that in passing their resolution on the 10-5-26, which purported to retain certain powers in their own hands and to delegate others to the Library Committee, the Wexford County Council acted within their authority.
- c. Evidence as to the functions exercised by the County Council and the Library Committee, and of the relationship between these two bodies.

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- d. Evidence as to the working of the Library Scheme and the manner in which the duties of the Library officers were being discharged.

Under a. there is:-

1. The evidence of Mr. Hickey that as the Co. Council had by their resolution of April 1925 already delegated full library powers to the Library Committee, they, the County Council, were not in a position in May, 1926 to make further delegations; that the Chairman of the County Council, the Vice Chairman of the County Council, and Colonel Quin, the proposer of the May 1926 resolution did not appear to have had any knowledge of the powers already possessed by the Library Committee. (This latter contention seems to be borne out by the evidence of the Chairman of the County Council, who stated that "personally, he was not aware of the powers already delegated to the Library Committee").
2. The evidence of Miss O'Ryan and of Mr. Denis Whelan corroborating Mr. Hickey.
3. The evidence of Mr. Edward Foley that "the County Council re-appointed the existing Library Committee but did not question in any way the powers or duties already conferred on the Library Committee by the outgoing County Council".

Under b. there is:-

1. The evidence of Mr. N. J. Frizelle that the powers delegated by resolution of 27/4/25 were delegated to the Old Library Committee, and that the only powers delegated to the present Library Committee were those given by resolution of 10/5/26.
2. The evidence of the Chairman of the County Council, Mr. Thomas McCarthy, that until May 1926 no powers were conferred on the present Library Committee, and that the Library Committee was an "optional" not a "statutory" Committee.

It seems to me:-

1. That the powers and duties delegated to the Library Committee by resolution of April 1925, were in no way affected by the fact that there were subsequent changes in the personnel of the Library Authority (the County Council) by reason of the occurrence of Local Elections.
2. That while the necessity for appointing new committees arises automatically on the taking of office by a new County Council, the necessity for defining the powers and duties of such new committees does not so arise, and, in the present case, did not in fact arise.

(3).

3. That the County Council resln.of May 1926 purporting to confer certain powers on the Library Committee was not occasioned by any administrative necessity.

4. That if the Wexford County Council had had at their meeting on the 10-5-26 a clearer conception of the grave problems involved in the management of a Library Scheme they would have refrained from approving terms which were in effect an affront to their excellent Library Committee, more especially as the members of that Committee were admittedly selected because of their exceptional fitness to deal with the organisation and management of an intellectual enterprise.

Concurrently with these views, however, I am disposed to hold that even although the County Council of Wexford did by resolution of April, 1925 confer upon and assign to their Library Committee all their powers and duties under the Library Act of 1855, the County Council were not thereby precluded from themselves exercising at any time, any of the powers or duties so conferred. The position appears to be simply that of Principal and Agent, that is to say, while a Principal may delegate to an Agent power to do certain things, the Principal may himself also do these same things.

Under c. we have:-

1. The evidence of Mr. Hickey that the action of the County Council was directly responsible for the closing of the Enniscorthy centre; that there was delay in calling together the sub-committee appointed by the Library Committee to deal with the question of filling a vacancy on the Library Staff; that resolutions of protest from the Library Committee were treated with contempt by the Co. Council; that the Co. Council availed of every opportunity to deprive the Library Committee of control; that no Finance Committee of the Library Committee had been set up; that the Co. Council regulated the holidays of Library Officers; that the County Council acted illegally in filling a vacancy on the Library Staff (this contention is covered by my obs.above); that the Co. Council lowered the standard of education and the subjects of examination as decided upon by the Library Committee; that the Co. Council interfered with the authority of the Library Committee by appointing a gentleman on the Book-selection Committee which is a sub-committee of the Library Committee.

2. The corroborative evidence of Miss Nellie O'Ryan and Mr. Denis Whelan.

3. The evidence of the Rev. Brother Markey that the standard of examination as prescribed by the Co.Council was lower than that laid down in an examination for Junior Assistant Librarian in Rathmines; that the standard of Irish prescribed by the County Council was so low that it was impossible to set an examination on it; that the time-table prescribed by the County Council so limited the time for each paper that he was prevented from fully exploring the extent of knowledge that would ordinarily be possessed by students of the standard in question; that the subject of Literature was expunged by the Co. Council.

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4. The evidence of the County Secretary that all representations received from the Library Committee were fully dealt with by his Council; that in fixing the examination subjects and standard the Council had in mind the appointment of a CLERICAL ASSISTANT, not an Assistant Librarian; that the qualifying percentage, namely thirty-three and a third was that fixed on a former occasion for the position of rate collector. (With reference to this post I should say that from the nature of the duties to be performed and the objection to act as substitute during any temporary absences of the County Librarian, the lady recently appointed to the Library Staff was in fact an Assistant Librarian and not a mere clerical assistant. I am strengthened in this view by the testimony of Mr. Hickey to the effect that two former assistants who served in the Wexford Library in a similar capacity had since obtained posts as chief Librarians).

I have noted:-

The chilling mandate of the Co.Co.at their meeting on 10-5-26, the fact that the Library Committee had no authority over the Library Staff; that even the function of checking and vouching library accounts for payment had been denied them; that the Secretary of the County Council was in reality the executive officer of the Library Committee although not under the control of the Library Committee; that instead of prompt and sympathetic understandings on all matters affecting the Library Service, representations made by the Library Committee to the County Council were permitted to take that cold, formal routine course which gave rise to such misapprehension on the part of the Library Committee; that the ambitious standard aimed at by the Library Committee in filling the vacancy on the Library Staff compared very unfavourably with the palpably low standard required by the County Council, and, lastly, that so few members of the County Council deemed the Inquiry worthy of their attendance.

From all this evidence it is clear:-

1. That the relationship between the two bodies has not been characterised by occasional friendly exchanges.
 2. That the disinterested zeal of the Library Committee has met with nothing but aloof domination at the hands of the County Council;
 3. That the position of the Library Committee all through has been one of uncertainty and impotence;
 4. That the interest of the County Council in the affairs of the Library Scheme was quickened by the report of a vacancy on the Library Staff, and
 5. That the highly-commendable and successful endeavour of the County Secretary to inaugurate and establish a Rural Library Service in the County Wexford appears to have been marked by a friendly unwillingness on his part to permit any serious measure of Library control from passing from Fortview to North Strand Street.
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(5).

In connection with the manner in which the County Librarian has been discharging her duties it will suffice to enumerate certain of the admissions made by the lady herself in the course of her evidence - admissions which prove conclusively that she is in fact, unequal to the responsibilities of her office.

Her minutes were incomplete and inaccurate; she failed in her interpretation and execution of the orders of her committee; the lapsing of centres was not properly investigated; she purchases books without authority and made some purchases that were at least indiscreet; she did no real pro-Paganda work; called her committee together at unsuitable times or not at all, and in a general way, displayed a deplorable lack of business and secretarial capacity.

The great function of a Library Committee is, unquestionably, to see that the nature of the books procured; the standard of their excellence and the sufficiency of their numbers conform to the intellectual requirements of the people for whom they cater, but it must be evident that if this function is to be exercised fully and effectively there must be, under the control of that Committee, subject to it, loyal to it, and co-operating whole-heartedly with it, a highly-trained officer of outstanding attainments and ideals, whose duty it would be to reach his people and ascertain their particular local needs; to create a book-atmosphere that would penetrate to every corner of his district.

Books in the hands of a mere "Recorder of Book-Movements" fail to fulfil their destiny, so that not only must the County Librarian be an organiser of minds and of methods but he must at all times enjoy the confidence and respect of his committee. The choosers of his books must be the choosers of him and his assistants.

After careful consideration of the facts and information elicited at the Inquiry I have to recommend:-

1. To the County Council:-

The restoration to the Library Committee of all the powers and privileges of April 1925.

The transfer of the present Librarian to the general county service.

2. To the Library Committee:-

The application of their minds with all earnestness to the question of selecting for the post of County Librarian an officer whose record, education and training qualify in a special way for the great trust of cultivating and developing a scheme of such stupendous importance to the people of Wexford.

In the belief that the spirit in which contradictory views were put and expounded at the Inquiry can be taken as fairly indicative of the capacity of the citizens of Wexford to ventilate and consider their differences in an atmosphere of goodwill, I feel that there is room for but one regret, namely, that instead of a full and friendly exchange of views on the tenth of May 1926 there should have been necessity for a Sworn Inquiry on the First March, 1927.

J. A. GLEESON,
L.G. Auditor.

To/-

The Minister for Local Government & Public Health
Upper Merrion Street,
D U B L I N.

In connection with this matter, the following report under date 5th March 1927 was read from Mr Elgee, Solicitor:-

"I beg to report that, as instructed, I attended on behalf of the County Council at the Local Government Enquiry in connection with the administration and working of the County Library Scheme which was held on the 1st and 2nd inst. in the County Library Office, Wexford by Mr Gleeson, Local Government Inspector.

At the opening of the Enquiry, the Inspector stated that the procedure he proposed to adopt in taking the evidence was, that he would first take the County Secretary's evidence, then that of the Chairman of the County Council, then any members of the Council who wished to be heard, and then he would take the witnesses for the Library Committee.

I objected to this course being adopted, and pointed out that the Enquiry had been asked for by the Library Committee, and that except for the letter from the Local Government Department informing the County Council that an Enquiry was to be held into the working of the Library Scheme in the County, the Council had not been given any particulars whatever of the case which they had to meet or the charges which had been made against them to the Department, and that it was impossible for the Council witnesses to deal with the matter in the dark.

The Inspector refused to alter his ruling as to the order in which he proposed to take the evidence, but stated he would take a note of my objection.

It was only during the afternoon of the second day of the hearing that Mr Hickey, Principal of the Technical School, ~~ENN~~ Enniscorthy, and ~~ene~~ a member of the Library Committee, was allowed by the Inspector to read a carefully prepared statement on behalf of the Library Committee of the charges which they made against the Council, that the Council's representatives at the Enquiry knew exactly what the allegations were, and these allegations were met by the Secretary of the County Council as far as was possible on such short notice.

"Had the County Council or their Officials been in possession of the allegations made by the Library Committee to the Local Government Department before the Enquiry, they would have been in a much better position to put ^{their} ~~the~~-case ~~for~~-the fully before the Inspector."

Mr Elgee also wrote under date 9th April 1927 as follows:-

"As instructed by Finance Committee I have looked into the qualifications and disqualifications of the members of County Library Committee.

Three members of this Committee, viz., Mr P. Hickey, Principal, Technical Institute, Enniscorthy; Mr T. Lungley, Principal, Technical Institute, New Ross and Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Secretary to County Insurance Committee are disqualified from acting as Officers of their Committees so long as they remain members of Library Committee. See Section 70 of Local Government Act of 1925 and definition Section (i)(ii) and (iii)."

After discussion, the following resolution was proposed by the Chairman seconded by Col Gibbon :-

"That a Conference be held on 14th April between the Finance Committee of the County Council and the following representatives of the County Wexford Library Committee:- Rev. R. Fitzhenry P.P.: Messrs E. P. Foley, and Denis Whelan in order to arrive at a proper working arrangement for County Library Service."

It would, the Chairman pointed out, avoid all friction in the future if they had some understanding with the Committee as to how the work was to be done.

Mr Corish considered, on a point of procedure, it would be more advisable to ask the Library Committee to name their own representatives who would meet the Finance Committee in conference.

The Chairman accepted this view and proposed, - "That the Library Committee be requested to nominate representatives to meet, with a view to the consideration of the report of the Inspector of the Local Government Department, and as to ^{the} future working of the Library Scheme, the Finance Committee of County Council on 28th. April 1927."

Col Gibbon seconded this resolution which was adopted.

It was proposed by Mr Hall seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne and passed:-

"That this County Council hereby decide that in future they must decline to be represented at any Government Enquiry (similar to that conducted recently into the working of the County Library Service), which proposes to investigate allegations or charges made against the County Council unless a statement of these charges and allegations be furnished to the Council previous to the holding of said Enquiry."

FORTHCOMING DAIL ELECTIONS.

"The following Memo from the Minister for Local Government was read:-

The Minister for Local Government and Public Health invites general co-operation in making more fully realised the public expense involved in the preparation of Annual Registers of Electors and in the holding of Elections.

The average yearly cost of compilation of the last three Registers has been £82,231. To hold a Dail Election costs about £64,000. The 1923 Dail General Election (Register and Election) cost £159,050. The total number of electors was 1,785,436 and of that number 691,440 did not vote.

For the 1925 Local Government Elections the total cost (Register and Election) was £101,000. Abstentions were very great. In one of the most important counties only 44 of every 100 voted.

The Minister has some hope that a wide dissemination of these facts may reduce the number of those who without reasonable excuse and because of sloth or ignorance are habitually unmindful of their obligations to record their votes. "

CLOSING OF ROADS.

Sealed Orders of the Minister for Local Government closing Sparrowsland Bridge and the Road from Tivoli Terrace junction to Park Cottage, Wexford were read:X

NATIONAL ROAD SCHEME.

Circular letter under date 7th April 1927 (SGN/201) was read in connection with Grant of £69,613 for improvement of National Roads in County Wexford; also Schedule giving particulars of the various roads upon which it is proposed that this amount should be spent.

The Co. Surveyor stated he had furnished all the information required in the matter to the Department of Local Government a month ago.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Cline and adopted:-

"That the attention of the Local Government Department (Roads) be called to the fact that as the Co. Surveyor has already supplied all particulars required on Forms as to proposed expenditure under letter (SGN/201), we request sanction to the proposals immediately."

WEXFORD COURTHOUSE RECONSTRUCTION.

Under date 29th March 1927, the Secretary, Ministry of Finance wrote (404/296) that the Minister would receive a Deputation from the County Council in regard to the proposal made for a variation to the reinstatement condition attached to the Award made by the Compensation (Ireland) Commission relative to the reconstruction of Wexford Courthouse.

The Report submitted by the Deputation was as follows:-

"In accordance with letter of 29th March 1927 (404/296) from the Department of Finance arranging that a deputation should wait on the Minister in regard to the reconstruction of Wexford Courthouse at the old Jail, the Courthouse Committee met Mr Blythe, Minister, at Government Buildings, Dublin on 7th April 1927.

Present:- Messrs M. Doyle, Sean O'Byrne, Wm. Thorpe, Michael Jordan and Col Quin. The Chairman was unable to be present owing to a prior engagement.

The Secretary and Co. Surveyor were also in attendance. The matter was very fully considered and the deputation

dealt in detail with the accommodation which existed at the old Jail premises and old Courthouse site.

The Minister appeared to be impressed with the views put forward. He promised to make further enquiries and to obtain a report from Engineer of Office of Public Works as to the accommodation provided at both sites after which he would convey his decision."

On the motion of Mr Hall seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the report of Wexford Courthouse Committee in respect of interview with the Minister for Finance on the 7th. April relative to Wexford Courthouse be received and approved."

ENNISCORTHY COURTHOUSE.

The following report of Courthouse Committee(Enniscorthy) re above was read:-

"The Committee met at the site on 6th April 1927.

Present:-The Chairman(Mr T. McCarthy),Messrs Sean O'Byrne Clince,and Michael Jordan.

The County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors Ennis and Cullen were also in attendance.

The Committee examined the site and directed the County Surveyor to prepare preliminary draft plans to be submitted to the Roads Committee somewhat on the lines of the reconstructed Gorey Courthouse."

It was proposed by Mr Hall seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne and carried:-

"That the Report of Enniscorthy Courthouse Committee be received and approved."

WEXFORD-ROSSLARE SLOB ROAD.

Mr Elgee,Solicitor, submitted Counsel's opinion as regards the use of railway level crossing on above road for the purpose of a public road.

The matter was considered in committee.

Counsel held that the County Council could not compel the Railway Company to allow them to use the level crossing for

the purposes of a public road; Also that the user of the road across the reclaimed land by the public prior to its being dedicated, and the public use for a period extending from the time the railway was constructed down to the present time, would not establish a public right to use this level crossing.

It was proposed by Mr Corish seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne and passed:-

"That Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council communicate with the Secretary to the Railway Company and request him to arrange for an interview between Messrs Corish and Doyle T.D.'s and the Directors of the Company in order to ascertain if it would be possible to make some arrangement so that the level crossing on the Slob Road could be used as a public road. That should the Railway Company consent to receive the Deputation, Mr Elgee and the County Surveyor attend the interview."

DEFAULTING LAND PURCHASE ANNUITANTS.

The Secretary submitted list of Land Purchase Annuitants in arrears which he received from the Irish Land Commission.

Mr Doyle said the Land Commission had been buying land at an extraordinarily high price and putting in as tenants people who only remained for a year or a year and a half and then cleared out leaving a great deal of rates as well as rent due. This would account for some, at least, of non-paying Annuitants.

RATE COLLECTION.

The state of the Rate Collection was submitted and referred (ed to the Finance Committee meeting of the 14th April.

In connection with this matter, the Department of Local Government wrote under date 6th April 1927 (G 14756/1927/Wexford County) as follows:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of the Rate Collection Return showing the position up to the 31st ultimo and to state it is most unsatisfactory, a sum of over £30,000 remaining outstanding. The Co. Council should take effective steps to have this sum

promptly lodged by the Collectors and all warrants closed."

FOOD & DRUGS ACT.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor explained that he had taken the necessary steps with regard to the prosecution for sale of alleged adulterated separated creamery milk by Thomas and Mary Kielty, Mary Street, New Ross, also as regards appeal of Patrick Mullins, Mary Street New Ross for sale of alleged adulterated brandy and Joseph Brewer Irishtown, New Ross for alleged sale of adulterated sample of brandy.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we approve of the steps taken by Mr Elgee as regards cases of Kielty, Mullins and Brewer, New Ross under the Food & Drugs Act."

CONTROL OF DOGS ORDER.

Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed and Col Quin seconded the adoption of the following resolution which was submitted by the Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction:-

"That the Co. Council be asked to apply to the Department of Agriculture for issue of a County Wexford (Control of Dogs) Order to provide for dogs in the County Wexford being under proper control during all the hours between sunset and sunrise from 1st February to 1st May in each year. This order is necessary owing to reports of worrying of sheep by dogs, which reports have been received by members of this Committee."

After considerable discussion a show of hands was taken when it was found that three only were in favour of the resolution which the Chairman accordingly declared rejected.

WEXFORD COASTAL VILLAGES- TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION.

The following letter was read from Mr James Sinnott, Grocer, Duncormack:-

"There is a matter in which I must ask your assistance. The local people here are pressing the Postal authorities to open a Telephone Office in this village. There is a disused telephone line- formerly used by the British Coast Guards-passing through

the village. The Postal authorities could have all the coastline villages in the county connected by putting this line in repair.

Mr Michael Doyle T.D. is also moving in the matter-could you get the Co. Council to draw the attention of Postal authorities to the matter as this village is five miles from nearest Call Office and the centre of a populous district. Thanking you for anything you can do in the matter."

Mr Doyle mentioned that he had seen the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs on the above matter who had promised to consider the the project ~~sympathetical~~ ~~extremely~~ sympathetically. However, he (Mr Doyle) had since got an official reply that the matter had been turned down. He intended to see the Minister again.

Col ~~XXX~~ Quin proposed and Mr White seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs be asked to re-establish telephonic communication between the coastal villages of County Wexford as we understand this can be done at very small expense and would make for great public convenience."

CAMOLIN PARK ROAD.

Under date 7th ~~April~~ April 1927, the Forestry Section (Department of Lands and Agriculture) wrote (1735/F) that in regard to resolution of the County Council as to the Department's road at Camolin Park, they referred the Council to the Department's letter of 24th March last and stated they had nothing further to add thereto.

The letter in question of 24th March 1927 stated that the passage was erroneously described in the Council's resolution as a private road of the Department. It was actually a right-of-way through the Department's land for the benefit of neighbouring tenants and could not be regarded as a private road.

On the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman it was decided that communication from the Department under date 7th April 1927 (1735F.) be forwarded to Mr Patrick Byrne M.C.C. Camolin with the request that he put it before the people concerned.

CAMOLIN SAW MILLS.

Mr Pender proposed and Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the Department of Lands and Agriculture be requested to re-open the Saw Mills at Camolin Park for the benefit of the people of the district "

RESIGNATION OF MR P. HAYES FROMMENTAL HOSPITAL COMMITTEE.

The Resident Medical Superintendent, Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy wrote stating that Mr Patrick Hayes M.C.C. had resigned membership of the Committee as he found it impossible to attend and his resignation had been accepted with regret.

Mr Hayes mentioned that he resigned because he found it impossible for him to attend the meetings regularly.

On the motion of Mr Shannon seconded by Mr Cline the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr James Gaul M.C.C. 7 Roche's Terrace, Wexford be appointed a member of the Mental Hospital Committee vice Mr Patrick Hayes M.C.C. resigned."

GALBALLY PUMP.

Under date 26th March 1927, the Secretary, County Board of Health wrote that the cost of Galbally Pump was estimated at £250 and his Board proposed to apply for a Loan for the purpose of ~~the~~ carrying out the work.

He requested the County Council to make the necessary application on behalf of his Board.

Under date 29th March 1927, the County Secretary wrote asking the Secretary, County Board of Health for the exact terms and date of the resolution regarding this Loan, as after April 1st, the Co. Councils functions in such matters would be merely to approve or otherwise of the proposals of the Board of Health to raise such Loan.

The following order was made thereon:-

"That Mr Sean O'Byrne M.C.C. be asked to hand in the necessary Notice of Motion to issue to the members of the Council relative to approval of Loan of £250 in connection with erection of Galbally Pump.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Clince:-

"That new licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act of 1908 be issued to Mr James Hennessy, South Street, New Ross, and that renewal of licence under the said Act be issued to Mr Richard Breen Commercial Quay, Wexford."

PRINTING RECEIPT AND DEMAND NOTES.

The following Tenders were received for the printing of above:-

The People-----£28-13-6

Free Press-----£30-0-0

Miss Hanrahan-----£40-0-0.

On the motion of Col Quin seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne the tender of "The People" at £28-13-6, (being the lowest) was accepted

BIOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND.

On the motion of Mr Hall seconded by Col Quin, it was ~~de~~ decided to refer to the Finance Committee Circular letter from the Bibliographical Society of Ireland relative to the wide-spread demand on the part of Librarians, etc., for some trustworthy guidance towards the stocking of Irish libraries with the best books available in every department of Irish literature. The Society would prepare such a Guide provided ten Library Authorities would each contribute a sum of £5 towards the cost.

EASTER SUNDAY COMMEMORATION.

Under date 7th April 1927, a letter was read asking the Council to participate in the Commemoration Ceremonies on Easter Sunday dealing with the deaths of all County Wexford men who fell in the struggle for Independence since Easter 1916.

The Chairman mentioned that as the matter was not on the Agenda Paper it was not legally before the meeting. However, since the County Council had long since decided not to participate in political matters, he proposed that no action be taken relative to this Commemoration Ceremony.

Col Quin seconded the resolution which was passed.

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

MEETING 14TH. MARCH 1927.

MINUTES.

N. J. FRIZELLE

FORTVIEW

SECRETARY

WEXFORD.

The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 14th March 1927.

Present:-Mr T. McCarthy(Chairman)presiding: Also Messrs William Boggan,Patrick Byrne,James Glince,Michael Cloney,P. Colfer, John Connors,Thomas Cooney,Richard Corish,Michael Doyle,J. Gaul, James Hall,Patrick Hayes,Michael Jordan,David Kavanagh,A. Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne,M.M. O'Donoghue,J. Pender,T. Rossiter, Jas. Shannon, William Thorpe,James E. Walsh,John White,Col Gibbon and Col Quin.

The Secretary,the Assistant Secretary,the Co. Surveyor and Mr Elgee,Solicitor.to the County Council,were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

REPLIES TO VOTES OF CONDOLENCE.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne, it was decided that the following replies to Votes of Condolence adopted by the Council should be inserted on the Minutes:-

"Mr Michael Hassett and Family return sincere thanks for kind sympathy in their recent sad bereavement."

Mr Walter Cummins,Rate Collector wrote:-

"Please convey to the members of your County Council my sincere thanks for their kind expression of sympathy with me in my recent bereavement,which was most appreciated.

I also wish to thank yourself and the members of your staff-for your message of sympathy on the occasion."

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The following Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 17th February 1927 were submitted:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 17th, February 1927.

Mr T. McCarthy, Chairman of the County Council presided. Also present, Messrs Sean O'Byrne, Michael Jordan, P. Hayes, William Thorpe and A. Mernagh.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, the Co. Surveyor and Mr Elgee, Solicitor were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £6016-19-5 was examined and signed.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE OFFICERS' (COMPENSATION) ORDER.

Under date 13th January 1927, the Department of Local Government (G.60463/27) wrote relative to above.

The scale fixed by the Order is as follows:-

1. The compensation payable to the officers of School Attendance Committees who have been removed from office in pursuance of sub-section(4) of section 26 of the School Attendance Act of 1926, shall be in accordance with the following scale, namely, one-tenth of the annual salary of each officer for every completed year of his service ending on the 31st day of December 1926; such salary being calculated at the rate of salary of which such officer was in receipt on the 1st day of November 1925.
2. In computing for the purposes of this Order the annual salary of an officer, the value of any bonus or addition to salary granted to him to meet the increased cost of living shall be included but only to the extent of 75% of the actual amount thereof of which the officer was in receipt on the 1st day of November 1925, and the value of any allowances in money or in kind of which the officer was in receipt shall be excluded.

The following are the particulars of salaries, etc. of the officers concerned:-

New Ross District.

P. Kehoe, School Attendance Officer, Salary £36:Service

10 years: Compensation proposed £36.

P. Stafford, School Attendance Officer, Salary £36:

Service 6 years: Compensation proposed £21-12-0.

J.J. Rochford, Secretary, Salary £12: Service 24 years:

Compensation proposed £28-16-0.

Enniscorthy District.

Miss Kelly, School Attendance Officer, Salary £35: Service

13 years: Compensation proposed £45-10-0.

P. Murphy, School Attendance Officer, Salary £35: Service

5 years: Compensation proposed £17-10-0.

Jasper Whitty, Secretary, Salary £15: Service 14 years:

Compensation proposed £21.

Gorey District.

John Stedmond, School Attendance Officer, Salary £35:

Service 11 years: Compensation proposed £38-10-0.

Catherine O'Brien, School Attendance Officer, Salary £35:

Service 6 years: Compensation proposed £21.

Myles Byrne, Secretary, Salary £35: Service 13 years:

Compensation proposed £45-10-0.

The Secretary read letter under date 29th January 1927 from Mr J. J. Rochford, Secretary, School Attendance Committee, New Ross, stating that as regards his own appointment, he was unable to furnish extract from Minutes of the Committee. The Minute Book was either sent to Wexford or sold during the Great War. If it were necessary, he would send on the "Register of Legal Proceedings" which would give a certain amount of information as regards the date of his appointment.

The Secretary mentioned that the Minute Book referred to had not been received by the Wexford County Council.

It was proposed by Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hayes and carried:-

"That compensation in accordance with particulars submitted to this meeting by our Secretary be paid to the following officers of School Attendance Committees in the County (whose offices have been abolished):-

P. Kehoe £36: P. Stafford £21-12-0: Miss Kelly £45-10-0:

P. Murphy £17-10-0: Jasper Whitty £21: John Stedmond £38-10-0:
Catherine O'Brien £21: Myles Byrne £45-10-0.

In the case of Mr Rochford, a sum of ~~£28~~^{£16/-} to be paid as compensation on production of further evidence as to date of his appointment."

RATE COLLECTION.

The following is the state of the Rate Collection for second moiety 1927 Rate up to 16th February 1927:-

E. J. Murphy 39.24: B. Cleary 37: J. Quirke 35.11:
C. McCarthy 33.31: P. Furlong 32.94: S. Gannon 31.90: J. Curtis 30.72:
M. Deegan 28.29: J.J. O'Reilly 25.18: J.J. Kelly 24.45:
T. Rowe 24.18: P. Donohoe 24.30: J. Cummins 23.94: T. Sutton 22.43:
J.J. Sinnott 23.12: M. Kelly 21.49: J. Doyle 21.28: W. Cummins 20.59:
P. Fitzpatrick 19.34: P. Walsh 17.22: P. O'Byrne 9.16.

The following resolution was adopted as regards collection of Mr P. O'Byrne:-

"That Mr Patrick O'Byrne, Rate Collector for No. 9 Collection District be directed to attend next Finance Committee meeting to be held on 3rd March 1927 in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford at 2 p.m. with all his collecting books. That if it be then found he has not at least 30 per cent of second moiety of his collection lodged, he be suspended from office."

Under date 16th February 1927, the following was read from Mr P. J. Fitzpatrick, Collector of No. 15 District:-

"Not having 25% of current half-year's rate collected by the 17th inst, as directed by the Finance Committee, I beg to state my reason. In December last, I wrote to the principal rate-payers in my district asking them for payment. Since January 1st, I have travelled almost every day, and have called (twice in a great many cases) to all the ratepayers in my district but with poor results. All those who did not pay me promised payment in March."

Circular letter from the Department of Local Government under date 10th December 1926 (No. 56951/1926/Mis) was considered by the Committee.

The following Rate Collectors on behalf of all the Rate

Collectors of the County Council were in attendance:-

Messrs Joseph Cummins(Enniscorthy), J.J. O'Reilly(Gorey), John Curtis(New Ross) and James Quirke(Wexford).

The Chairman explained that the Circular letter from the Local Government Department was before last meeting of the Committee when it was decided to defer action until the Committee had before them the views of the Collectors relative to the changes proposed by the Local Government Department.

Mr Cummins said that in the present state of the country it would be an impossibility for the Rate Collectors to close their collections, even if allowed 9d, 8d and 7d in the £, instead of 7d, 6d and 5d as suggested by the Circular.

According to the Department's Circular, if Rate Collectors did not close at the specified period, it was a doubtful matter if they would be entitled to any poundage at all. The County Wexford Collectors were unanimously against the proposed change.

After considerable discussion, the following resolution was adopted:-

"The Finance Committee do not see their way to recommend the County Council to put into force for the present, the suggestions outlined in the Circular letter from the Department of Local Government under date 10th December 1926(56951/Mis)

It was proposed by the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne and carried:-

"That the Department of Local Government be requested to agree to the payment of poundage to all Rate Collectors of the Wexford County Council in respect of lodgments made by them to the end of January 1927 and that in future payments on lodgments be made quarterly."

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE.

The following letter was read from the Department of Local Government under date 7th February 1927(G.3120/1927/Wexford County):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has instructed his Inspector, Mr

J.A. Gleeson to hold an Inquiry into the administration of the Wexford County Library Scheme on Tuesday the 1st March 1927, at 11 o'clock a.m. in the Book Repository 74 North Main St. Wexford."

This communication was before the County Council meeting on the 14th February 1927, when the following resolution was adopted:-

"That communication from the Local Government Department in connection with proposed Inquiry into the administration of the County Library Service be referred to the Finance Committee and that this Committee be empowered to take any steps which they may consider necessary in the interests of the Council relative to said Inquiry."

It was decided that the Chairman, the Secretary and Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council attend the Inquiry, and that the two former should give evidence, if, in the interests of the Council, they considered this course necessary.

ADMINISTRATION FOOD & DRUGS ACTS.

Under date 15th February 1927, the following was read from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána re above:-

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 10th inst and enclosure relative to above, and to inform you that the Food and Drugs Inspectors have been instructed accordingly.

With reference to the matter of purchasing these samples by the Food & Drugs Inspectors themselves, I would thank you for your observations on the suggestion that you advance a certain sum of money to each of my four District Officers to meet the expenses of the purchasing of samples by the Inspectors.

As you are aware, the system presently obtaining is that they purchase the samples themselves and afterwards reclaim the amount from you through our Accounts Branch. I am of opinion that this system is not satisfactory in so far as that the Gardai who are acting in the capacity of Inspectors have often to wait a considerable period - one and two months - for the refund.

This is a considerable hardship upon them and, I am sure, is responsible for the work not being carried out as satisfactorily

"as it might otherwise be done.

I understand that the scheme referred to by me above is working satisfactorily with other County Councils. It will be understood, I am sure, that if you decide on issuing an advance that the Superintendents concerned will be held strictly responsible for the disposal of the money. The claims duly vouched would be sent direct to you through them."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-

"That a sum of £20 be given as Imprest A/c to the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana for distribution to District Superintendents to enable Inspectors under Food and Drugs Acts to purchase samples. That accounts in connection with this Act be submitted as heretofore, through the Accounts Branch of Garda Siothchana Department. The proposal in this resolution relative to the advance, is subject to the approval of the County Council and the Local Government Department."

RATE BOOKS - TEMPORARY STAFF.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-

"That our Secretary be empowered to employ the necessary clerical assistance to write up Rate Books, Collectors' Receipt and Demand Notes and that the approximate cost of this work be submitted to the Department of Local Government for their approval."

PROSECUTORS' AND WITNESSES' EXPENSES.

Under date 22nd ~~February~~ December 1926, the following letter (F.115/113/25) was read from the Department of Finance:-

"With reference to your letter of the 19th May last, and previous correspondence, relative to a claim by your Council in respect of Prosecutors' and Witnesses' expenses for the period ended 30th September 1925, I am directed by the Minister for RIX Finance to transmit herewith a Payable Order for £277-16-10 in recoupment of the expenses of prosecutors and witnesses paid by your Council in the period 1st April 1923 to 30th September 1925.

"I am to add that the Local Government Auditor was unable to certify for your claim in respect of the half-year ended 30th September 1920 in the absence of satisfactory documentary evidence.

I am to inquire whether any further documentary evidence in support of the claim can be furnished by you to enable the Auditor to give the certificate which is required to enable this Department to recoup your Council.

The claim for the half-year ended 30th September 1920 with the Certificate of the Treasurer to your Council attached is returned herewith."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Jordan seconded by Mr Hayes:-

"That copy of letter from the Finance Department under date December 22nd 1926(F 115/113/25)as to refund of prosecutors' and witnesses' expensesfor half year ended 30th September 1920 be furnished to Mr J.T. Healy,Local Government Auditor,and that he be informed the Council are prepared to produce any reasonable evidence which he may require. It is impossible for them to produce original vouchers as these were destroyed during an armed raid on the County Council Offices in October 1922."

GOREY COURTHOUSE.

Mr Elgee,Solicitor submitted letter from the Department of Finance under date 16thFebruary 1927(404/946)(2) forwarding Paying Order fro £84-12-0,being £76 compensation for furniture destroyed in Gorey Courthouse,and £8-12-0 for Costs. He applied for payment of the latter sum to himself.

The following resolution was proposed by the Chairman seconded by Mr Thorpe and carried:-

"That a sum of £8-12-0 recovered as Costs in connection with the claim of the County Council for Award for the destruction of Gorey Courthouse be paid over to Mr Elgee,Solicitor to the County Council."

In connection with this claim which has been before meetings of the Finance Committee on several occasions, it was decided to postpone further consideration as Mr Flood desired to make further representations to the Council in the matter.

Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed and Mr Cline seconded the following resolution:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of a meeting held on 17th February 1927 be and are hereby adopted."

The following Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 3rd March 1927 were submitted:-

The fortnightly meeting of the above Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 3rd March 1927.

The Thomas McCarthy (Chairman) presided: Also present Messrs A. Mernagh, and Patrick Hayes.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary and the Co. Surveyor were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4709-9-3 was examined and signed.

STATE OF RATE COLLECTION.

State of Rate Collection to 3rd March 1927 was submitted as follows:-

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E. J. Murphy 48.53: B. Cleary 46.21: S. Gammon 42.30:
J. Quirke 41.53: P. Furlong 39.07: J. Curtis 35.08: C. McCarthy 33.3
J. Cummins 33.59: M. Deegan 33.18: T. Rowe 31 47: P. Donohoe 30 72
P. O'Byrne: M.M. Kelly 28.99: J.J. O'Reilly 27 97: J.J. Kelly 27.28:
W. Cummins 26.41: J.J. Sinnott 24.99: T. Sutton 23.94: J. Doyle
23.89: P.J. Fitzpatrick 23.01: P. Walsh 21.62.

It was decided to again strongly recommend to the Rate Collectors the necessity of pushing forward their collections with all possible despatch.

At the last meeting of the Finance Committee, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr Patrick O'Byrne, Rate Collector for No. 9/^{Collection} District be directed to attend next Finance Committee meeting to be held on 3rd March 1927 in Co. Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, at 2 p.m. with all his collecting books. That if it then be found he has not at least 30 per cent of second moiety of his collection lodged he be suspended from office."

Mr Patrick O'Byrne, Rate Collector was in attendance.

The Secretary stated that after that meeting of the Finance Committee, he forwarded copy of the resolution then adopted to Mr O'Byrne, to the personal sureties of this Collector and also to the Guaranteeing Society.

It was found that Mr O'Byrne had now lodged over 32% of the second moiety of his collection.

The Chairman pointed out to Mr O'Byrne that the Finance Committee were pleased to know it would not be necessary for them to suspend him from office. He impressed on Mr O'Byrne the absolute necessity of always keeping up a good average in his collection. The Finance Committee did not intend to be unduly harsh, but in the interests of the public and the ratepayers, they had very important duties to perform and it would be impossible to carry out those duties without the help of the Collectors.

Unless the Rate Collectors of the county took every possible step necessary to secure payment of the rates, the County Council would be unable to function. He (Chairman) understood that for some time recently, Mr O'Byrne had been in bad health, but he should have furnished a doctor's certificate and recommended to the Council the appointment of a Deputy Collector during his period of illness instead of holding up the collection. The Committee found that where a District was allowed to get into arrears it was very difficult to pull it up again.

The Chairman then proposed :- "That as Mr O'Byrne has complied with the instructions of the Finance Committee given at their meeting on the 17th February 1927, no further action be taken as regards his position as Rate Collector, that his collecting books be returned to him. The Finance Committee hope that he will leave no room for complaint in the future."

Mr Hayes seconded this resolution which was passed.

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QUARTERLY PAYMENT OF RATE COLLECTORS.

Under date 19th February 1927, the Rate Collectors of the County forwarded the following copy of letter which they had ~~forwarded~~ addressed to the Minister for Local Government:-

"WE, the undersigned Rate Collectors for Wexford County Council, respectfully ask your sanction for quarterly payment of poundage of all rates lodged by us to date. The County Council are, we believe, anxious to help us with regard to poundage. The Rate Collectors' position to-day is one of extreme difficulty, as a big percentage of the Ratepayers are not able to pay their rates within the period set down, with the result that Collectors' poundage is held back owing to their Warrants not being closed."

Most of the Collectors are solely depending on their position as Rate Collectors for their means of livelihood and they find it almost impossible to carry on if the poundage is not paid, as they have their own liabilities to meet. It would be a gib inducement to us to work even harder than at present if we were assured of quarterly payments, and would thus be able to pay our way.

The ratepayers in general are working very hard to pay their rates and if collectors are compelled to take drastic measures against decent men, it would work out very bad from every point of view, as when you take a man's stock you are taking his capital and you put him in a much worse position to pay future rates. Owing to the times the present system of payment to Collectors is unsatisfactory and we would ask you to give sanction to our request. It would help us to meet our demands and it would work out more satisfactory in the interests of Collectors and Ratepayers alike. "Signed:- James Quirke, Thomas Sutton, Patrick Walsh, M. M. Kelly, P. J. Furlong, C. McCarthy M. Deegan, Joseph Cummins, Patrick Donohoe, Patrick O'Byrne, Sean Gannon, Walter Cummins, John O'Reilly, Patrick J. Fitzpatrick, John J. Sinnott, John J. Kelly, John Curtis, Bernard Cleary, E. J. Murphy, Thomas Rowe, John Doyle.

It was decided to point out that the Finance Committee had already approved of the Collectors being paid on a quarterly basis as this would be a great incentive to them to discharge their duties in a really efficient manner.

INSURANCE.

It was decided that renewals of Insurance Policies for Public Liability and Employers' Liability be effected with the Hibernian Fire and General Insurance Company.

COMBINED PURCHASING.

Under date 26th February, 1927 (S.8760/1927 Gen) the Department of Local Government wrote relative to Section 10(2) and (3) of the Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act 1925 that the amount payable in respect of financial year ended 31st March, 1926 as assessed by Order under said sections on the Wexford County Council was £108 : 14 : 5d.

Paying Order for this amount should be made out in favour of the Minister for Finance and forwarded to the Local Government Department.

A recommendation was adopted that the Council should discharge the amount in question.

CLAIM - MR GERALD FLOOD, ENGINEER.

In connection with the above, the following was read from Mr Gerald Flood:-

"I would be much obliged if you would ask the Finance Committee to request the Minister for Local Government to reconsider his decision with reference to above.

The following is a brief history of how matters arose. In 1921 the Enniscorthy District Council undertook the repair of cottages on a large scale by direct labour, under which system about 150 cottages were repaired at a cost of £2500. To compensate me for the extra work and travelling the Scheme involved, they gave me £60 per year. The Department sanctioned it from year to year. In 1923 the Council borrowed £6000 for erection of 18 cottages and approved of a scheme of direct labour by piecework. The estimate for the houses was £350 each. We built them for £322 each, and in recognition of this achievement the Council unanimously voted me 1½% on the outlay. Later the Board of Health unanimously agreed that this money should be paid to me. The same applies to Ferns

Waterworks which I understand the Minister has not any objection to being paid. I may say that the Engineers in the other three districts ~~with~~ in the County got fees of 5% on the total outlay and with the exception of Gorey (where the cottages cost even less than ours) the cottages in the other districts cost considerably more than in Enniscorthy. In strict justice I hold I am entitled to this money."

It was proposed by Mr Hayes seconded by Mr Mernagh and carried:- "That the Department of Local Government be asked to agree to claim made by Mr Flood in connection with payment of percentage for work at Labourers' cottages in Enniscorthy District which were erected by Direct Labour. The Finance Committee are convinced that this recognition should be made to Mr Flood in view of the great saving effected by him in the cost of cottages through close supervision and attention to detail during the course of construction."

MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES.

Under date 28th February 1927, (F 25/1/27) the Department of Finance referred to items which were still outstanding in connection with payment of Malicious Injury Decrees. There appeared to be a sum of £5-10-0 due to Wexford Co. Council and due by them to the Department of Finance £140-18-2 and £258-4-0 in respect of Decrees for damage to property and conveyance of prisoners, expenses. The Department of Finance asked for payment of the amount ~~of the~~ now due.

It was decided to request the Department of Finance to furnish particulars of the amounts in question giving the names of the persons to whom decrees had been given for malicious injury and the decrees given under this head as apart from the details of account for conveyance of prisoners' expenses, etc.

RECOUPMENT PROSECUTORS AND WITNESSES' EXPENSES.

In connection with the refusal of the Department of Finance to refund amount spent by the Co. Council for prosecutors and witnesses expenses in reference to the half-year ended 30th September 1920, Mr Sean T. Healy, Local Government Auditor, wrote under date 25th February 1927 stating that he was prepared to re-open the matter at his next audit of the County Council's accounts if the necessary documentary evidence was then available.

NEW ROSS *Rural* COUNCIL AND COSTS OF MORTGAGE.

Under date 24th February 1927, the Manager National Bank New Ross wrote asking for payment of £12-19-0, costs of Mortgage to secure an advance of £6000 to the late New Ross Rural District Council for housing purposes.

Mr John J. Rochford ex-Clerk to late New Ross Rural ~~MIXED~~ District Council (to whom the matter had been referred) wrote under date 28th February 1927 that when the Loan in question was obtained from the National Bank for the erection of Labourers' Cottages, the District Council unanimously refused to pay the amount claimed holding that the mortgage was for the protection of the Bank. He could not remember the amount then claimed but he did not think it was as much as £12-19-0.

It was decided that the correspondence be furnished to the ~~Local Government Department~~ to advise as to what steps the County Council should take in the matter.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Cline and adopted:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 3rd March be and are hereby confirmed."

With reference to the resolution of the Finance Committee that the policies of Insurance for Public Liability and Employers' Liability be renewed with Hibernian Insurance Company, the Chairman stated that letters were received on 8th and 12th March from Irish Public Bodies' Mutual Insurances Limited that although their Company did not issue Policies for Workmen's Compensation and Public Liability Insurances, they could arrange such Insurances for the County Council and would submit quotations therefor if required. He further stated that notification had not been received at Finance Committee on 3rd March that the "Irish Mutual" were arranging such Insurances for Public Bodies with other Companies.

The Chairman also mentioned that if the Finance Committee had had these letters of the 8th and 12th March in time, they might have made a different recommendation to the one which had been agreed to. But in view of the fact that the Finance Committee had recommended the Policies to be renewed with the Hibernian Company and through same Brokers as last year, Messrs McDonagh & Boland, he did not think the Council should dissent from the recommendation of the Finance Committee. Next year, however, he hoped they would have information in good time from the Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Company to enable them to have the policies effected through this Company.

The meeting fell in with the Chairman's suggestion and the resolution to confirm the Minutes of the meeting of Finance Committee was then put and passed nem. con.

ROADS COMMITTEE.

The following Minutes of Roads Committee in respect of meeting held on 28th February 1927 were submitted:-

The monthly meeting of the Roads' Committee of the Wexford County Council was held on 28th February 1927.

Present.:—Col Gibbon (Vice-Chairman) presiding: also, Messrs James Hall, Sean O'Byrne, James Shannon, Patrick Colfer, and Michael Cloney.

The Secretary, Mr Elgee, Solicitor, the County Surveyor and the six Assistant Surveyors were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The County Surveyor presented the following report for the month of February:—

"The plans for the reconstruction of Gorey Courthouse are now completed, and I have put advertisements in the local papers inviting tenders to be considered by the County Council at the meeting on the 14th proximo.

At a recent meeting of the Council, reference was made to the completion of the Slob Road to Rosslare, and I propose with your approval, making application to the Local Government Department for a Grant to complete the road. Before any further work be done, however, I think it would be well if we had some definite understanding with the Railway Company in regard to the level crossing, and I suggest that the Solicitor be directed to obtain Counsel's opinion regarding our rights in the matter.

I submit reports from the Assistant Surveyors on the following matters referred to at recent meetings:—

1. Ballywilliam-Poulmounty Road.
2. Ballygilliane Big Road.
3. New Ross Urban scavenging.

I have application from the Wexford Urban Council for further instalment on the maintenance contract on Main Roads in the Urban Area, and I recommend that payment be made.

The area under quarry at Dunanore is now nearly worked out, unless we break into another owner's land, and this will also

entail stripping work. I recommend that another quarry be opened further along the road if it be possible to arrange with the owner, and I ask for instructions to make arrangements.

We have great difficulty in carrying out our quarry work in a satisfactory manner owing to the restrictions that are put upon the use of gelignite. We are not allowed to hold gelignite ourselves and use it in small occasional blasts, with the result that the work is retarded and extra expense incurred. I believe in other counties there is more liberty allowed in the use of explosives, and recently I wrote to General O'Duffy, Chief of Civic Guards, but have not heard from in reply yet. I think it would be advisable for the County Council to take up the matter and ask the T.D.'s to bring it forward in the Dail.

This year we will require a very large quantity of gauge chippings for tar spraying, and I am ordering a special jaw stock for one of our Goodwin Barsby Breakers to prepare this material. At the present time, one of these machines is fitted with a steel jaw stock, and another with cast iron jaw stock, and I propose replacing the steel stock with a new one, which will leave us with a spare steel jaw stock for replacement in case the cast iron one gives way. I have carefully considered the whole of our machinery outfit in connection with the heavy Grant work which will be in hands during the next year or two, and consider that changes or additions must be made. The frame of the Baxter Breaker at Ballybrennan is at present cracked, and may give way at any time. To replace this would entail a cost of £300, and I consider it much more advisable to purchase a new Goodwin Barsby Breaker instead. I have quotations, and will discuss the matter more fully at the meeting. At present we own six tar sprayers, but in view of the very extensive work contemplated in connection with Grant work this year I believe it will be necessary to purchase more of these machines. Our Drill work, carried out by steam pressure is very unsatisfactory and expensive. Moreover, the Makers are not now keeping spares for the small drill, and in future contemplate changing the large drills, with the result that spares will have to be specially ordered. Some time ago we had a demonstration at Ballybrennan Quarry of an air pressure drill and I believe that this system is the only

satisfactory method of working. The saving in cost of drilling would in a very short time cover the initial cost of the pressur plant. I suggest that a small SubCommittee be formed to go into the matter of our machinery and make recommendations to the Council.

The Insurance Company is disputing claim in connection with the death of Civic Guard Kavanagh at Ballyvergin Cross, and have placed the matter in the hands of Messrs Huggard, Brenna and Godfrey, Solicitors to act for them. During the week I went out with Mr Brennan inspecting the site and interviewing witnesses, and the case will probably be heard during the coming Sessions.

There was ~~xx~~ a proposal passed for relaying gullet at Rocklands for the sum of £45 and I ask for authority to transfer this amount to the Wexford-Ferry carrig Road. During the past Summer and Autumn we had ~~to carry out further work~~ repair work done to the gullet, and now I think it would be inadvisable to carry out further work as possibly the existing gullet will ~~stand~~ stand for some time to come, and I propose using the money to remove a very dangerous corner at Park Cross.

Out of the Contingencies Fund some time ago, you authorised an expenditure of £500 on the Rosslare Road for tar work but owing to weather and other conditions I was unable to have the work carried out. I now propose preparing a large quantity of material for the work and obtaining tar. The actual labour, spreading and hauling could be dealt with out of the maintenance proposals for the coming year.

I beg to apply for a ~~proposal~~ proposal for £50 in connection with repairs to County Buildings as the money at present in hands is nearly expended.

It has been reported to me that interference is being made with old drains on the Burrow at Rosslare immediately opposite Mr Walshe's at end of Station Road, and possibly in the future this may lead to trouble with the road drainage. I recommend that the matter be referred jointly to Mr Elgee and myself to deal with, and in the event of a nuisance occurring the Public Health Board should be notified."

Gorey Courthouse.

The meeting agreed to the action of the Co Surveyor in advertising the reconstruction of the Gorey Courthouse.

Slob Road -Rosslare-Wexford.

It was decided that Counsel's opinion be taken in this case.

The Chairman suggested that in addition, the Co. Surveyor would have for next meeting of the Roads Committee a rough drawing showing the existing position at the railway level crossing.

Payment Main Roads Wexford Urban District.

The recommendation of the County Surveyor was approved, and it was also decided that Wexford Urban District Council be requested to pay off outstanding amount of the demand they owe the County Council as soon as possible.

Dunanore Quarry.

A recommendation was adopted that the County Surveyor report to next meeting of the Committee what arrangements he proposed making in this matter and that he report to next meeting of the Roads' Committee.

Gelignite.

The County Surveyor stated that if the present restrictions were removed, they would be able to use a few pounds of gelignite for squibbing purposes. This would reduce the cost of quarrying very considerably and also the cost of drilling, as they could not get down to solid rock without squibbing.

It was decided that the County Council be recommended to erect in the towns of Enniscorthy, New Ross and Gorey, a small magazine to keep in each about 10lbs of gelignite, which could be distributed to the Assistant Surveyors by the District Superintendents of the Garda Siothchana; also to ask other County Councils what arrangements they had made for the distribution of small quantities of gelignite for squibbing purposes.

Machinery.

It was decided that the Co. Surveyor be empowered to purchase a spare steel jaw stock, and that he submit a list of

the machinery which the County Council had on hands at present.

The County Surveyor submitted quotation for Goodwin-Barsby stonebreaker at £344.

After some discussion Mr Sean O'Byrne proppsed and Mr and Mr Cloney seconded:-

"That the County Council be recommended to purchase new Goodwin Barsby Stonebreaker and utilise the parts of the Baxter Breaker for repairs to Baxter Breaker at Tara Hill Quarry when same would be required. The repair of Baxter breaker at Ballybrennan would be too expensive for result effected.

The County Surveyor stated that he would require six tar spraying machines which would cost £120 each.

The following recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That we approve of the purchase of six tar spraying machines provided the necessary amount required to purchase same viz, £720 can be taken from Government Grant for roads."

In connection with compressor plant, the County Surveyor pointed out that roughly drilling with steam engine accounted for 150 days last year costing £99-2-0, which was roughly £6-10-0 per day. The average depth of hole was 16 feet. With the compress^{(or} plant the wages would be £3 per week. Experts were able to get up to 60 foot holes with this plant, but it was expected that in Wexford they should be able to get 40 foot per day. The installation would save more than 25 per cent of the total cost of drilling.

The County Surveyor stated that the installation would cost in or about £1500.

Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed and Mr Cloney seconded the following recommendation which was adopted:-

"That the County Council be recommended to purchase a compressor plant for drilling work in quarries."

Dangerous Corner at Park.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Hall seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-

"That a sum of £45 be transferred from Contingencies Fund to Wexford-Ferry carrig Road for the purpose of easing dangerous corner at Park Cross."

Rosslare-Wexford Road.

The proposal of the County Surveyor to provide material and tar for this road was approved.

County Buildings.

Mr Hall proposed and Mr Cloney seconded the following which was adopted:-

"That a sum of £50 be placed in charge of the County Surveyor to carry out essential repairs to the County Buildings."

Drains at Rosslare.

The Chairman proposed and Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded:-

"That the matter be left in the hands of Mr Elgee, Solicitor to report to next meeting of the Council." Passed.

It was also decided that the County Surveyor should examine the project of the proposed new road from Rosslare Railway Station to Kelly's Hotel, make a preliminary survey of same and put plans and Estimates before the Roads Committee as an alternative to the widening of the existing roads from Station.

ROAD - BALLYGILLIANE BIG.

The County Surveyor submitted report from Mr Birthistle Assistant Surveyor, stating that it would cost £54-10-0 to put this road into fair condition and if it were proposed to raise the footpath also, an additional sum of about £20 would be necessary.

It was decided that consideration of this matter be adjourned: in the meantime, Mr Elgee, Solicitor to advise as to the legality of the Council repairing a thoroughfare which is not a through road.

MAIN ROADS - NEW ROSS URBAN.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr Patrick O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor:-

"The Main Roads in the New Ross Urban area have been

"rolled and sprayed within the past two years. On one Section, Cherry's Road -leading from the town towards Mountgarrett, the tarred material has come away and the amount of mud that accumulates is negligible and is frequently removed. A section, 22 perches long that was rolled after the County Council took over the roads has not been sprayed, as it was impossible to get favourable weather. This section has been cleaned occasionally, as mud appears on the surface, and it will shortly be sprayed. The bridge and its approaches are not surface-sprayed and there is a tendency for mud to accumulate on and near the bridge. The rest of the Main Roads are tar-surfaced and after continuous wet weather the surface becomes soft, but I would not regard the soft material as mud, as the surface becomes dry and clean in a very short time."

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That, as in the opinion of the County Surveyor, the cleaning of the Main Roads complained of by New Ross Urban Council is a matter of scavenging, the County ~~Surveyor~~ Council is not concerned therewith; the ^{Roads} Finance Committee would, however, recommend that the Urban Council should make some effort to enter into an agreement with the County Council for the maintenance of the Main Roads in the Urban District of New Ross on the same lines as the present existing agreements between the Urban Districts of Enniscorthy and Wexford."

ROADS 83R AND 81R.

In connection with these roads, Mr P. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, submitted the following report:-

81R. -(3rd Class Road from Ballywilliam to Poulmounty)

"The tonnage allowed for this road was 60 cubic yards from Poulmounty Quarry, which is, considering the nature of the material, far from sufficient. I have recently got out and spread 27 cubic yards extra material, but the road is still bad. The travelling surface is only 12' to 14' and most of the traffic from County Carlow to New Ross comes over this road now, in order to avoid 83R. This road, (81R) suffered a good deal from timber traffic and beet haulage. According to returns published, 700 tons

"of best were sent from Ballywilliam Station and I believe most of this came from County Carlow over this road."

Road 83R. (Main Road from Ballynabanogue to Poulmounty).

"The tonnage got out on this road was 80 cubic yards of Poulmounty Quarry and the cost on the road was £39-5-3. I have also got out 42 cubic yards extra material and the cost of this is £21-13-6, the total for haulage and material being, £60-18-9. The cost of labour up to the present is about £15. It will be impossible to make this road with the material that is at present going on it; the nearest good quarry is 8 miles distant, and haulage by horses is almost impossible and is becoming very difficult to obtain.

The Chairman mentioned that he had not for a very considerable time been on as bad a road as Road 83R. He brought up in connection with it some points in which he considered money had been wasted. One or two men had been engaged in scraping mud off it when the road was covered with pot-holes and no metal-ling was available to cover the holes when the mud was scraped off.

Mr O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor said that the mud had been scraped off owing to numerous complaints that had been made to him.

Mr Shannon thought the County and Assistant Surveyors might make an inspection of the adjoining mountain and see if it was possible to procure material there for this and the adjoining roads.

Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed, Mr James Hall seconded and it was passed:-

"That a sum of £50 be transferred from Contingencies Fund to Road 83R, County Surveyor to expend this money to the best advantage."

GOREY HILL QUARRY.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, Gorey:-

"As the quarry in Gorey Hill is now run out, it will be necessary to open another place convenient to existing quarry

There is a good stone available at a short distance from the public road, but the owner of the land from road to the rock has refused permission to allow a way to be made, and I would recommend that proceedings be taken to obtain right to

enter and make roadway to rock.

The owner above referred to is Harriet Palmer, Gorey Hill, Gorey.

I may mention the person on whose land rock is, has intimated his willingness to lease rock on usual terms to Co Council.

The area of ground proposed to be taken is in or about 30 statute perches."

Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed and Mr Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That Mr Elgee, Solicitor be instructed to communicate with Miss Palmer, Gorey Hill as to the right of way to proposed new site for quarry at Gorey Hill and to ask her if she is prepared to take a reasonable sum for the easement in question, In the event of her refusing, Mr Elgee to be instructed to take proceedings to allow the County Council to obtain said easement."

WHEELS ON COUNTY ROLLERS.

The County Surveyor stated that he had received under date 21st January 1927, letter from Messrs Philip Pierce & Co, Wexford stating that they had not the proper facilities for carrying out the work of re-shoeing the County lorries.

Under date 26th Corramacorra Road February 1927, Patrick O'Reilly, Corramacorra, Murrintown wrote giving names of a number of residents, the amount of work they proposed to do in connection with the repair of this road, and also the amount of material in each case which they were agreeable to supply.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne it was decided that the matter be left in the hands of the County Surveyor to report to Roads Committee in a month's time as to what amount of work had been performed by the persons mentioned in Mr O'Reilly's letter, also that he furnish the Roads Committee with Estimate as to what it would ^{then} cost to put the road into fair condition, over and above what had been done by the local people.

GOREY UNION BUILDINGS.

Under date 23rd February 1927, the following report was submitted by Mr T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor:-

"As result of recent storms damage as under has been done to Gorey Union Buildings:-

Board Room. 3 slates broken and 1 length of 5" gutter.

Stable Buildings. 100 slates - 12 ridge tiles down down unbroken.

Master's Store. Four wooden skylights broken.

"Female Hospital. Four Slates off.

Laundry. Six lengths of 5" eave gutter and hopper head off and
and 5 slates broken.

West Wing. 36 - 14"x8"slates off and broken.

It would be well to get above matter attended to, and I
will put work in hands when directed."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of
Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to have the
necessary repairs to Gorey Union Buildings carried out as soon
as possible."

APPLICATION-FOR-RECREATION-GROUNDS.

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Under date, 12th February 1927, the following letter was
read from Miss Eibhlis Travers, Secretary, Gorey Branch, Gaelic League

"At a meeting of Gorey Branch of Gaelic League mention
was made of the desire to provide Gaels with suitable out-door
amusements.

Adjoining the Union Buildings at Gorey is a plot of
ground marked as Tennis Court and also a Handball Court which
could be utilised in the summer months, if the County Council is
willing, as we understand the matter lies in your hands. At present
these grounds are idle.

We are quite willing to fall in with any reasonable
suggestions or ~~early~~ comply with regulations. We wish to secure
this as a recreation centre for local Gaels, same being much
desired and not otherwise procurable."

Mr Sean O'Byrne mentioned that the tennis grounds and
handball court at Gorey Workhouse premises had been laid out by
the Military while in occupation of the place. He proposed that
the application of the Gorey Branch, Gaelic League for use of the
tennis ground and handball court at Gorey Workhouse premises be
agreed to- rent to be 5/- per year, agreement to be entered into
by the Gaelic League to keep the premises in proper order, to be
responsible for any damage while in their possession and to vacate
the premises on a month's notice in writing from the Co. Council.

Mr Hall seconded the resolution which was carried.

CINEMA AT BUNCLODY.

Report under date 26th January 1927 was submitted by Mr R. J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, relative to application of John McDonald, Irish Street, Buncloody for premises at Chapel Lane, Buncloody to be licensed for Cinematograph purposes.

Mr Ennis stated that he was not in favour of the gallery in this premises being allowed to be used by the audience, as he considered it dangerous in case of fire.

DANGEROUS CORNER AT DARBY'S GAP.

Under date 22nd February 1927, Mr T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, wrote relative to claim for compensation made by John Redmond re above.

The latter was prepared to sign receipt in full settlement of his claim, together with Solicitor's costs for £2-10-0.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by Mr Shannon:-

"That the County Council be recommended to give £2-10-0 in settlement of claim of John Redmond in connection with land taken from him for the purpose of easing dangerous corner at Darby's Gap."

CONDITION OF FERNS STREETS.

Mr John Connors M.C.C. wrote under date 25th February 1927 complaining of the condition of foot-paths in the street of Ferns leading from the National Bank to the Catholic Church. It would not cost a very large sum to make a concrete foot-path at the place.

The County Surveyor explained that Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, had this matter in hands at the moment.

ENNISCORTHY POUND.

Mr F. W. Davis and Miss Katie O'Flaherty, Hon Secretaries Enniscorthy and District Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals wrote as follows under date February 14th 1927:-

"Acting in our capacity as Hon. Secs. to the S.P.C. to Animals, we, the undersigned, wish to bring to your notice the very unsatisfactory arrangement existing here regarding the impounding

of stray animals.

Mr Tom Brien, Duffry Gate, was appointed in charge of the Pound two years ago. He has never received any remuneration, and no provision is made for the upkeep of stray animals therein impounded.

In the case of seizures made by the Bailiff he makes provision, but not otherwise, consequently great and quite unnecessary hardship is inflicted on animals run in by the Guards, etc., for being on the roads without any ostensible owner."

The Secretary stated that he had referred this communication to Mr Elgee, Solicitor, who on the 16th February 1927 wrote that the County Council had nothing to say to the payment of the wages of a Poundkeeper, but were, on the other hand, entitled to receive from him an annual rent not exceeding £2.

It was decided that the correspondence be referred to Mr Fahy D.J. for his observations.

PROPOSED ROAD - BURROW, ROSSLARE.

James Bent, Burrow, Rosslare, wrote in connection with encroachment of the sea at Burrow and asked to have sea wall erected to prevent his house from being flooded.

This matter had been several times before the Roads Committee.

It was decided to inform Mr Bent that in view of the report of the County Surveyor it was impossible for the Roads Committee to comply with his request.

ENNISCORTHY COURTHOUSE.

Under date 24th February 1927, the following was read from Mr Elgee, Solicitor:-

"In this case, Mr Williamson of Enniscorthy estimated the cost of reconstruction at £3389-11-7.

I submitted this Estimate to the Board of Works, as requested by the State Solicitor, and I have now heard from him that the Board's Valuer reports that a sum of £2901 is sufficient to cover the cost of reconstruction, and if the Council are satisfied with this amount they are prepared to consent to a Decree for that sum. There is a difference of £488 between the two sums, and I think the Judge would be more likely to accept the Board's figures than ours, and accordingly I will be glad if you bring the matter before Roads Committee so that I can get directions from them and if possible

-ible get the matter disposed of at the Circuit Court which sits next week."

It was proposed by Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr James Hall and carried:-

"That the Roads Committee recommend the County Council to accept the amount proposed as compensation by Office of Public Works for rebuilding of Enniscorthy Courthouse, viz, £2901."

CINEMATOGRAF ACT.

On the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Cloney the following resolution was passed:-

"That Sergt. D.J. O'Donnell (1934) Garda Siothchana be appointed Inspector under Cinematograph Act for Castlebridge Sub-District and that Sergt. Patrick Barrett (4090) be appointed Inspector of Ballinabola Sub-District."

CONSIDERATION OF ROAD TENDERS.

It was unanimously agreed that the following be constituted Tenders Committee to act in the Electoral Areas which they represent:-

Enniscorthy.-- Messrs Cline, Mernagh, McCarthy, Jordan, Kavanagh and Shannon. - 6.

Gorey.-- Byrne Patrick, Hall, O'Donoghue, Quin, O'Byrne (Sean), Pender and Connors - 7.

New Ross.-- Cloney, Murphy, Thorpe, Walsh, White, Cooney and Colfer - 7

Wexford.-- Messrs Doyle, Col Gibbon, Boggan, Rossiter, Corish, Hayes and Gaul - 7.

Tenders Committee meet as follows:-

Enniscorthy. On 16th March 1927 at Board Room, County Home. 1 o'clock.

Gorey. On 26th March 1927 at Town Hall at 12-30 p.m.

New Ross.-- On 23rd March 1927 at Courthouse at 12 o'clock.

Wexford on 19th March, 1927 at Co. Council Chamber, at 12 o'clock Noon
CLAIM - BROWNSWOOD QUARRY.

Under date 21st February 1927, James Brien, Glenteigue Edermine wrote as follows:-

"Having on previous occasions applied for payment for opening and stripping Quarry at Brownswood, the reply I received was that quarry was not being worked at place opened by me. The quarry is now being worked at the very place where it cost me a considerable amount to strip and open. I hope you will recompense me for my work."

This letter had been referred to the County Surveyor who had obtained report from Mr T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor that in July 1923 he met O'Brien at Brownswood. The latter stated that he entered the quarry in 1898 or 1899 after Court proceedings which cost him £17-13-6. Mr Webster, the then Co. Surveyor agreed verbally with O'Brien that he would be refunded this cost amount if at any time he was removed from the quarry.

Claim was also made for opening and stripping, and £35 was mentioned as a reasonable figure for a settlement.

In conclusion, Mr Cullen mentioned that the whole matter had been discussed by the County Council at the time.

O'Brien came before the meeting and stated that he had not got any written agreement with anybody. In fact he had no legal right to get the money at all.

It was decided to adjourn the matter, O'Brien in the mean time to furnish the Council with the particulars of the contract referred to, and the specification as having been entered into from April 1920.

BALLYBAWN MILLS ROAD.

Mr Shannon called attention to a very dangerous turn on the road from Tomahine to Ballybawn Mills (57R).

The owner of the land was willing to allow the County Council to take what land was necessary to widen the road. He proposed that this work be done.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Cloney it was agreed that the County Surveyor should submit report to next meeting of the Roads Committee.

Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed and Mr Cline seconded the following resolution:- "That the Minutes of Roads Committee in respect of meeting held on 28th February 1927 be received and considered." Passed.

Compressor Plant.

In connection with this matter, the County Surveyor submitted Estimate at £1650. He held that by utilising this plant the Council would save 60% of the cost of drilling. They paid about £1000 for this work, so that in three years they would save the cost of the entire plant.

It was decided that the County Surveyor submit estimates to next meeting of the Roads Committee with full particulars as to cost and running of paraffin and petrol engine for comparison, the meeting holding that while a paraffin engine was much cheaper to purchase and to run, it was quite as satisfactory as a petrol engine. Road at Ballygilliane Big.

Mr Doyle mentioned that when the Council were considering Mr Elgee's opinion in this matter, he would be prepared (if it could be done legally) to move that a certain sum should be expended on this road, but nothing like the amount mentioned in the report of the County Surveyor, viz, £74-10-0.

CAMBLIN - NEW ROSS ROAD.

Mr Cooney called attention to the present condition of this road which he described as "a disgrace to civilization."

On the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr Cline it was decided that the County Surveyor should make a report to next meeting of the Roads Committee as to what could be done to put this road into fair order.

TARA HILL QUARRY.

Mr P. Byrne considered that something should be done to re-open this Quarry which gave the very best stone in the County.

The County Surveyor said the quarry was "much out of the way." He would get what material he possibly could from it during the coming year.

CAMOLIN PARK ROAD.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Patrick Byrne seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-

"That the attention of the Department of Agriculture be again called to the condition of road in Camolin Park on the Department's Forestry property. At present it is impassable- so bad-in fact - that the corpse of a member of a family living on the road could not be brought home to be waked.

We consider the Department should proceed at once to put this thoroughfare into such a condition as will allow of its use by the persons living on it."

ILLNESS OF MACHINERY OVERSEER.

The County Surveyor submitted the following certificate from Dr P. D. Murphy, Enniscorthy, under date 10th March 1927:-

"This is to certify that William Murphy is suffering from Tonsillitis and is at present unable to work."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Gaul seconded by Mr Hall:-

"That the necessary leave of absence on full pay be granted Mr William Murphy, Machinery Overseer, during his illness."

ENNISCORTHY-WEXFORD ROAD.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor, wrote that the Contract and Bond for above road had now been executed by the Pioneer Road Construction Company and their Sureties.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Quin seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-

"That contract and bond with the Pioneer Road Construction Company in connection with reconstruction of road between Enniscorthy and Wexford be signed and sealed on behalf of the Wexford County Council."

Col Quin proposed and Mr Gaul seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor request the Contractors for reconstruction of Enniscorthy-Wexford Road to utilise material from Kerlogue Quarry as well as from Brownswood Quarry."

SPARROWSLAND RAILWAY BRIDGE.

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 11th March 1927 from Mr R. D. Patterson, District Engineer, Great Southern Railways:-

"All the materials are now ready for the renewal of this Bridge, and I propose taking down the old one on Saturday, 2nd April, and erecting the new one on Sunday, 3rd prox.

Before removing the old Bridge it will be necessary to strip off all the road metal, and to enable this work to be carried out, the bridge should be closed on and from 31st inst.

The work will be completed and the bridge again open for traffic on the 10th April, and I shall be glad to know if this meets with your approval."

Col Quin proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution:-

"That application be made to the Minister for Local Government for permission to close road over Sparrowsland Bridge from 31st March 1927 to 10th April 1927 (inclusive) to allow of necessary repairs to said road being carried out."

SEWERAGE OF BALLYGEARY.

Under date 10th March 1927, the following was submitted from the County Surveyor:-

"I have application from Mr John Browne, Contractor for carrying out the new buildings in connection with the Lifeboat at Ballygeary, for permission to open the county road and lay sewerage pipes in connection with the drainage of same. The plans have been lodged with me, and I am satisfied that permission should be granted, subject to the proper restoration of the road, and such conditions as may be necessary to safeguard us in the future.

I shall be glad if you will bring the matter before the Council for their approval."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Col Quin:-

"That the necessary permission be granted Mr John Browne, Contractor, Wexford, to enable sewerage pipes to be laid in connection with drainage for new buildings for Lifeboat at Ballygeary."

TRANSFER OF ROAD ACCOUNTS.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Clince:-

"That a sum of £46 be transferred ^{to} ~~from~~ Road Section I (Gorey) from the following road A/cs in the district:-

From B £5: C £10: D £6: E £12: F £5: and G £8."

TENDERS FOR ERECTION OF GOREY COURTHOUSE.

Mr John Browne, Henrietta Street, Wexford, tendered for erection of Gorey Courthouse at £2497 mentioning as his sureties Messrs Philip Cowman, Grocer, North Main Street, Wexford and James James Kelly, Baker, do.

Mr James Doyle, The Bridge, Gorey, tendered at £2775.

In reply to a query, the Co. Surveyor stated that Mr Browne had done satisfactory work in the past for the Council. Mr Doyle had given evidence in Court as regards compensation claim for this particular Courthouse in a satisfactory manner.

Col Quin proposed and Mr Gaul seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the tender of Mr John Browne, Henrietta Street, Wexford, for erection of Courthouse at Gorey at £2497 be accepted subject to Mr Browne executing Contract and Bond prepared by the Solicitor to the County Council for the due and faithful performance of the work."

ENNISCORTHY COURTHOUSE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall:-

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to employ draughtsman for preparation of plans, etc. in connection with the re-erection of Enniscorthy Courthouse."

SCHEME FOR TREATMENT OF VENEREAL DISEASE.

Under date 28th February 1927, the following letter, (P.H. 4159/1927 Wexford Co.) was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"With reference to the entry in the Minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 10th ultimo, relative to the Scheme proposed to be adopted for the treatment

of Venereal Disease in the County, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he will be prepared to approve of the general outlines of the scheme.

As a preliminary to its final adoption it will be necessary for the County Council to pass a formal resolution consenting in pursuance of Section 1 of the Public Health (Prevention and Treatment of Disease) (I) Act, 1917, to be declared by the Minister an authority for the execution and enforcement of regulations made under Section 148 of the Public Health (I) Act, 1878, for the treatment of Venereal Disease.

As regards the question of the Medical Officer to be placed in charge of the Scheme, I am to suggest that this Office might be most suitably entrusted to the Surgeon of the County Hospital, Wexford, in connection with which institution an out-patient clinic might be established."

The following letter under date 11th March 1927 (P.H. 10885/1927 Wexford Bd of Hth. & P.A.) was also read from the Department of Local Government:-

"In reply to your letter of the 9th inst, relative to the proposed adoption of a Scheme for the treatment of Venereal Disease in Wexford County, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to point out that as the powers and duties of the Wexford County Council under the Public Health, (Prevention and Treatment of Disease) (I) Act, 1917, are being transferred as from the 1st. proximo to the Board of Health and Public Assistance in pursuance of Section 3 of the Local Government Act, 1927, it might be advisable for the County Council to refer the question of the appointment of a Medical Officer in charge of that Scheme to the Board of Health and Public Assistance when they assume their functions under the Act. It would, however, facilitate the carrying into operation of the Scheme, if the Council will in the meantime pass the formal resolution referred to in the Minister's letter of the 28th ultimo consenting to be declared an authority for the enforcement of regulations made for the above-mentioned purpose under Section 148 of the Public Health (I) Act, 1878."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Col Quin:-

"That the Minister for Local Government be requested under Section 1 of Public Health(Prevention and Treatment of Disease) (Ireland)Act,1917 - 7 & 8 George. 5 cap.40 - to declare Wexford County Council as an authority to execute and enforce regulations made under Section 148 of the Public Health(Ireland) Act 1878,with a view to the treatment of persons affected with Venereal Disease."

The following Notice of Motion stood in the name of Mr Rossiter:-

"That on receipt of approval of Department of Local Government of Scheme for the treatment of Venereal Disease,the Wexford County Council appoint Dr S.V. O'Connor as Medical Officer under the Scheme as Dr O'Connor has at present only a superannuation allowance under the Scheme for Amalgamation of Unions."

In moving his motion,Mr Rossiter pointed out that Dr O'Connor was not fairly treated under the Amalgamation Scheme. He was the only Medical Officer who was not transferred under the Scheme and whose place was filled.

Mr Hall seconded.

Col Quin proposed as an amendment,-"That the question of appointment of Medical Officer under Scheme for treatment of Venereal Disease be referred to the County Board of Health.

Mr Cooney seconded.

After further discussion,a poll was taken with the following result:-

For the Amendment,-Messrs Cooney,Sean O'Byrne,Thorpe,Walsh and Col Quin. ----- 5.

Against,- Messrs Boggan,P. Byrne,Glince,Cloney,Colfer,Connors, Corish,Doyle,Gaul,Hall,Hayes,Jordan,Kavanagh,Mernagh,Pender, O'Donoghue,Rossiter,Shannon,J.White and Col Gibbon-----20.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

Before further discussing the Notice of Motion of Mr Rossiter,it was decided to send for Mr Elgee,Solicitor, and ascertain from him the powers of the Council in respect of the Notice of Motion.

The Chairman stated that the salary attached to the

position was £52 per annum.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor, in reply to the point raised by Mr Cooney, ~~said~~ that the appointment could not be filled without advertising, said that in his opinion this was not necessary. The County Council had the power to make the appointment, but the Local Government Department pointed out in their letter that the powers of the Council as regards the administration of the Scheme would be taken over by the County Board of Health as from the 1st April. In view of that, it might be advisable if the Co. Council allowed the County Board of Health to make the appointment. From the suggestion of the Department of Local Government that the Council might appoint the Surgeon to the County Hospital as Medical Officer under the Scheme, he (Mr Elgee) thought they concluded inferentially that no advertisement was required, and neither was it necessary to report the matter to the Appointments Commission as Dr O'Connor was an existing Officer.

The Chairman asked could the Council legally adopt Mr Rossiter's motion at the present meeting.

In reply, Mr Elgee stated the Council could legally do so.

After further discussion, a poll was taken on the Notice of Motion, remuneration ~~to~~ to be £52 per year, with the following result:-

For:-Messrs Boggan, P. Byrne, Clince, Cloney, Colfer, Connors, Corish, Gaul, Hall, Hayes, Jordan, Marmagh, O'Donoghue, Pender, Rossiter, Shannon, White, Col Gibbon and the Chairman.-----19

Against:-Messrs Cooney, Sean O'Byrne and Col Quin.----- 3.

Did not vote:-Messrs Walsh and Thorpe.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

REMUNERATION TO CARTERS.

The following motion of which he had given previous ~~xxx~~ notice was moved by Mr Hayes:-

"That the resolution fixing the rate for carters ~~at~~ at 10d per cubic yard be rescinded and that a new rate be fixed."

Mr Hayes in moving his motion said that the present rate of 10d did not give a living wage to the carters who derived

their means of living through cartage.

Mr P. Byrne seconded the motion.

In the course of a long discussion, the County Surveyor stated that the wages earned by carters at the 10d rate was from 5/- to 8/- per day, the average rate being 7/6.

Col Gibbon pointed out that if the same amount spent for haulage last year were to be spent this year, an increase of 2d per cubic yard on haulage rates would mean an increased expenditure of £1875.

The Chairman said it was very difficult to fix a uniform rate of haulage for the whole county. In his opinion, the 10d rate per cubic yard, which was a minimum figure, should be allowed to stand. In many cases, carters were quite satisfied with the figure and were able to earn a fair wage. There were others, however, who ~~for~~ uneconomic distance for haulage were in a worse position. He suggested that in these exceptional cases the men concerned should send in their applications for increase to the Roads Committee and they would be dealt with by that Committee each on its own merits.

After prolonged discussion, the following was moved by Mr Corish and seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-

"That the County Surveyor be directed to submit figures showing the earnings of whole time carters for a definite period for consideration by next meeting of the Roads Committee.

Mr Hayes withdrew his motion in favour of this proposal of Mr Corish.

A show of hands was then taken on the resolution of Mr Corish when it was found that 13 were in favour and 5 against.

The other Councillors present did not vote.

The Chairman declared the proposal of Mr Corish carried.

DELAY OF APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION.

Mr Doyle called the attention of the meeting to the delay of the Appointments Commission in filling the vacancies for the two Medical Officerships of Bunclody and Carrigbyrne in the County. This delay had cost the county double the amount for payment of locum tenens than would have been the case if the appointments had been made within a reasonable time. He was sure

that the delay had cost the ratepayers between £30 and £40 which could have been avoided.

If the Appointment Commissioners were engaged in County administration they would find themselves in similar circumstances surcharged by the Auditor of the Local Government Department. But there was no redress against their action in putting extra cost on the ratepayers. He (Mr Doyle) had raised the question in An Dail last week but received the most unsatisfactory answer it was possible to conceive. He then put down as a supplementary question the query, "If those who were administering the County Board of Health were guilty of such foolish and ignorant expenditure would they be surcharged?", and the Minister said that that would all depend upon the Auditor.

ST. STEPHEN'S CEMETRY COMMITTEE.

Mr P. Byrne proposed and Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which passed nem. con.

"That, as recommended by County Board of Health, Mr Thomas Cooney M.C.C. be appointed a member of St. Stephen's Cemetery Committee, New Ross, vice Mr Michael Cloney M.C.C. resigned."

IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

Under date 9th March 1927, letter was read from the Secretary, Irish Tourist Association, Dublin, inviting the Council to nominate a representative to the Board of the Association.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Gaul:-

"That Mr Thomas McCarthy, 11 Rafter Street, Enniscorthy, and Chairman of Wexford County Council, be nominated as the representative of this County Council for year 1927 on the Board of the Irish Tourist Association and that said appointment issue to Mr McCarthy under the Seal of the County Council."

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE.

Consideration of report from Mr Elgee, Solicitor, relative to sworn Enquiry into administration of County Library Scheme was adjourned pending report from Local Government Department as to result of Enquiry.

SEALED ORDER GALBALLY WATER SUPPLY.

Under date 3rd March 1927 Sealed Order(6722-27)fixing the area of charge for Galbally Watersupply(County Health Division of Ballyhogue) ~~on~~ on Clonroche Dispensary District was received from the Department of Local Government.

NATIONAL TUBERCULOSIS GRANT.

Under date 4th March 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote(P.H. 8843/27 Wexford B.H. & P.A.) stating that the Minister had authorised the issue to the Wexford County Council, ^{of} a Paying Order for £53 as a second instalment of recoupment from the National Tuberculosis Grant in respect of the current financial year.

PRIMARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

Under date 24th February 1927, the Secretary, Office of National Education, wrote approving of Scheme of Scholarships from Primary Schools for 1927 as submitted by Wexford Co. Council.

TELEGRAPH LINES.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Quin seconded by Mr Thorpe:-

"That this County Council agrees to erection of an overground telegraphic line along Spawell Road, Wexford, from the Urban boundary to junction of Spawell and Union Roads, Wexford, and also to the erection of an overground telegraphic line from New Ross Borough boundary to Ashton, near New Ross, as requested by the Post Office authorities.

IRISH INDUSTRIES LEAGUE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion suggestion of the Enniscorthy Branch of the Irish Industries League, on the motion of Mr Gaul seconded by Mr Rossiter:-

That the Wexford County Council are prepared to co-operate in every way in the very necessary work of promoting Irish Industries, and would be glad to see branches of the Irish Industries League established in all centres for the furtherance of this National project.

TOWN TENANTS COMMISSION.

Circular was read from the above Commission that their first sitting had been held on 19th February 1927 and they were prepared to receive suggestions, representations, memoranda, statements

and evidence from representative bodies and individuals who should wherever possible be prepared to appear before the Commission on a date to be arranged through the Secretary to the Commission.

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BIBLIOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND.

Under date 25th February 1927, letter was read from the Hon. Secretary of above, pointing out that there was a widespread demand on the part of librarians and of the general reading public for some trustworthy guidance towards the stocking of Irish Libraries with the best books available in every department of literature.

The Society had made a special study of the subject and were therefore in a position to make the following proposal:- to compile and publish a series of lists of books as per attached syllabus with a view to placing their services at the disposal of those concerned in the library movement throughout Ireland, provided they were willing to subscribe the necessary funds for the printing and publishing of these lists. The Society had calculated that the required expenses could be met if a minimum of ten library authorities would each contribute the sum of £5.

The Council expressed themselves as strongly in favour of the proposal of the Society and will consider the proposal after the receipt of result of Enquiry by Local Government Department into the administration of the County Library Service.

RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolution from Kildare County Council was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Thorpe:-

"That we, the members of the Kildare County Council thoroughly endorse the resolution recently adopted by the Irish County Council's General Council, expressing the opinion that the time has now arrived for the immediate repeal of existing enactments holding County Councils responsible for the non-payment of Land Purchase Annuities."

"That having carefully considered the matter, this Council is of opinion that defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants should be dealt with directly by the Land Commission, and that the Land Commission should be solely responsible for the collection of these Annuities."

"That the Government be called upon to introduce legislation forthwith giving effect to the terms of this resolution."

"That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to President Cosgrave, to each Deputy for Co. Kildare, and to each County Council in the Saorstát, and also to the Council of General Councils."

The following resolution from Dublin Co. Council was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr Walsh:-

"That this Council respectfully requests the Government to devise some scheme by which Farmers will be enabled to obtain loans at low interest to purchase stock and seeds for their lands so that they may be enabled to pay their rates and Land Commission Annuities for the coming year, and to keep many farms from lying derelict."

The following resolution from Dublin Co. Council was marked "read" on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Col Quin:-

That this Council requests the Land Commission to stay all legal proceedings for the present, now pending against farmers in this country for the recovery of arrears of Land Purchase Annuities."

THE LANE PICTURES.

Col Gibbon moved:- "That standing orders be suspended to enable a resolution in connection with the Lane pictures to be moved."

The Chairman seconded and the motion was adopted.

The following resolution was then moved by Col Gibbon and seconded by Mr Rossiter:-

"That this Co. Council expresses its disappointment that the desire of the late Sir Hugh Lane that his collection of pictures should be given to Ireland has not been carried into effect, and urge upon the Government of the Saorstát the necessity of taking steps by diplomatic action ~~on~~ to effect the return of these pictures. This County Council are prepared to give any assistance which is within their power to the "Friends of the National Collections" in the endeavour which is being made to secure these pictures for their rightful home."

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr Hayes:-

"That the County Council consider the present position in regard to the planting of the Mountain of Forth.

Mr Hayes said that his idea in proposing the motion was to obtain from the Government a definite official statement of how the proposal to plant the mountain stood. There was a great deal of mistrust as to the sincerity of the Government in the matter. Mr Forbes, head of the Forestry Branch, inspected the mountain and reported favourably on the possibilities of planting it; an Inspector of the Land Commission also came there and some questions as to title were raised. He (Mr Hayes) did not mean to cast any slur on their Deputies in the Dail but he wished to obtain from the Minister of Agriculture definite information as to whether he intended to go on with this Scheme or not. If nothing stood in the way but the question of title he would like to ask their Deputies, Mr Doyle and Mr Corish, what procedure should be adopted and how long it might take to get the necessary legislation through the Dail so that the obstacles against the Scheme might be dealt with.

Col Gibbon seconded the motion. He said that suggestions had been made outside the Council that there was laxity on the part of Messrs Doyle and Corish in this matter. On the other hand he was personally aware that their Deputies never lost a single opportunity which presented itself to try and get the mountain of Forth planted. The Government should communicate in writing to the Council if they wanted any particular steps taken in connection with the matter. The Council would also like to have from Messrs Doyle and Corish the information Mr Hayes had asked for.

Col Quin said he had been speaking to Mr Forbes, Inspector, from whom he understood that the whole question involved was one of title. The place was a sort of commons that anyone could go in on, and nothing could be done until there was an Act ^{of Parliament} passed dealing with it.

Mr M. Doyle said that from the commencement of this project Mr Corish and himself had done their very best to get it through and they approached both Mr Forbes and the Minister of

Agriculture on the matter. At first there appeared to be no ~~con~~ whatever but subsequently Mr Forbes informed him that the Scheme had to be turned down as they had no title to the mountain. They could not therefore go on with the planting. Some time after that the Minister of Agriculture told him in the Dail casually that it was the intention of the Government to plant the mountain but he did not mention anything at the time about legislation. Last week when the vote for Forestry came before the Dail, he (Mr Doyle) asked the Minister if he was going to spend the £20,000 which had been asked for, on the planting of Forth Mountain, and he replied that they would certainly plant it, but they had first to get the necessary legislation passed in order to surmount the obstacles regarding the title. He then asked him if it was his intention to seek the necessary legislation before the General Election, but he replied that that would be impossible. The Scheme therefore had to be unavoidably postponed but only for a while, and he would suggest to the promoters to have a Deputation appointed to wait on Mr Forbes, Inspector and the Minister of Agriculture at once. Mr Corish and himself would make the necessary arrangements for the interview to be held. The promoters and others would then be satisfied as to whether Mr Corish and himself had done their part in the matter or not.

Mr Corish said that Mr Doyle and he had approached both individually and jointly the Forestry Department, the Land Commission and the Minister of Agriculture on the question of the planting of Forth Mountain. On some of these occasions it appeared to them as if the Scheme was to go right ahead, but after certain reports had appeared in the Press he showed them to the Minister and the latter merely said that he would see what could be done. He (Mr Corish) pointed out to the Minister that now the people who had been claiming certain rights on the Forth Mountain were agreeable to waive them. The Minister said that was all very fine, but he knew that ^{if} the Government commenced the planting there, they would have all classes of claims coming in unless their action was properly safeguarded.

by legislation. The opinion of the Government's legal adviser was that the Forth Mountain could not be planted until an Act for that purpose had been passed in the Dail. He (Mr Corish) personally did not see much prospect of getting such an Act passed before the General Election, but he agreed with Mr Doyle that it would be a good thing to have a Deputation appointed to wait on the Minister and Mr Forbes and arrangements could be made for that interview to take place.

The Chairman stated that as the County Council were involved in the matter to some extent, he had made inquiries about the planting of the mountain and he could bear out what Col Gibbon had said about the action taken by Messrs Doyle and Corish. The information he had received himself exactly corroborated the statements just now made by Messrs Doyle and Corish, namely that the Government could not plant the mountain until they had title established by legislation. The Government would not be foolish enough to embark on the planting until without having proper title. As far as he could gather, the Government were very anxious to bring in the necessary Bill to establish title to the Mountain of Forth and other such places. They were unable to proceed with this Bill just at present owing to the great rush of other very important business.

Mr Hayes said that no one meant to cast any slur whatever on their Deputies. These Deputies had done all that was possible, but all parties would be better pleased if they could succeed in getting a clear definite and official statement which would let the people know the attitude of the Government, and whether it was their intention to bring in the necessary legislation to put the Scheme into operation.

After further discussion the matter dropped.

Wm J. G. Carter
Apr 11th 1927

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

SPECIAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 28TH. 1927.

MINUTES.

N. J. FRIZELLE

FORTVIEW

SECRETARY

WEXFORD.

A special meeting of the above County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on February 28th 1927.

Col C. M. Gibbon (Vice-Chairman) presided. Also present, Messrs M. Doyle, N. J. Murphy, J. White, Sean O'Byrne, P. Byrne, J. Pender, J. Gaul, M. Jordan, Wm. Thorpe, J. Shannon, J. Clince, James Hall, M. Cloney, P. Colfer, and M.M. O'Donohoe.

The Secretary, Mr Elgee, Solicitor, the County Surveyor and the six Assistant Surveyors of the County Council were in attendance.

SYMPATHY WITH MR CORISH T.D.

The Chairman proposed the following resolution:-

"That we desire to express our deep regret at the loss sustained by our esteemed colleague, Mr R. Corish T.D. in the death of Miss Murphy, his aunt. We offer him our sincere sympathy in his bereavement."

Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded.

The Secretary also expressed his sympathy and that of his staff with Mr Corish as did also Mr Shannon and Mr Doyle.

The resolution was put and passed in silence.

ENNISCORTHY-WEXFORD ROAD.

The special business of the meeting was to reconsider tenders for the reconstruction of the Enniscorthy-Wexford Road, as the Roads Section of the Local Government Department recommend^(ed) that the second lowest tender be accepted.

Mr Quigley, Chief Roads Engineer of the Department was present at the meeting.

The Secretary read a letter under date 24th February 1927 from Mr Quigley stating he had notified Messrs Grainger Bros that he could not approve of their tender being accepted on account of unsatisfactory work done by them elsewhere.

In reply to a query, the Secretary the Secretary said that the lowest tender was that of Messrs Grainger Bros at £35481-12-0 and the Pioneer Road Construction Company, Dublin came next at £39424.

Mr Quigley said that with regard to the lowest tender he had already written to the Secretary that he would have to bar it out, as that particular firm had not been satisfactory in work they had carried out for the Local Government Department. The three tenders immediately in proximity to the lowest were very close, and he suggested that the Council should accept the next lowest tender. If they postponed the work in seeking an alternative to his suggestion, they would cause considerable delay and as there would be other large sums available for road work in the county in connection with the £2,000,000 Grant, it was very desirable to proceed with the Enniscorthy-Wexford Road as soon as possible.

The Chairman said they wished to be quite clear on the question as to where the difference between the amount of money available and the figure of the tender would come from.

Mr Quigley said that the Department of Local Government would put up the difference. The work was all under the distribution of the £2,000,000 for roads. Large sums of money would be coming into various counties under that Scheme and the Local Government Department would undoubtedly put up the difference. Something near £60,000 in addition would be coming to the County Wexford for road-making.

In reply to Mr Thorpe, Mr Quigley said the Pioneer Co. were a Dublin Company and had done very satisfactory work for the Department and also for the Dublin County Council.

The Chairman said if they accepted the second lowest tender as suggested, the money would be forthcoming from the Department and the acceptance of the tender would not throw any expense on the rates. Apparently there were two courses open to them. One was to accept the Government's instruction on the matter, and the other was to turn it down and start a discussion over again, with the result that they would possibly postpone the work until it was too late in the season to carry it on advantageously.

Mr Doyle asked if Mr Quigley was of the opinion that the sum mentioned in the tender recommended was reasonable and

the original Grant would come off other works in the County. If that additional money was not given for the Enniscorthy-Wexford Road it would go towards other works. They were getting no more than was due to them out of the Grant and the best thing they could do was to accept the tender.

Mr Quigley said the first proposal was to put down tar macadam on the Wexford-Enniscorthy Road, but undoubtedly such roads were very slippery and their life was not so long as that of concrete roads. They would not have a slippery road with concrete. It might not be so good a road for horses as a properly steam-rolled road of the old shape, but in all countries nowadays roadmakers found out unfortunately that they were not able to cater with complete satisfaction for both motor and horse traffic. Comparing the two surfacings, the concrete would undoubtedly give a better foothold for horses than tar macadam. In Dublin County instructions had been given to "grit" the tar macadam roads, but this had been done to the great injury of the surface. The concrete while not ideal for horses was very much better than tar macadam.

Mr Hall said they would have the horse drawn vehicles and women with asses' cars on the sides of the road and the motors ^{in the centre}. If it had been proposed to have the concrete sixteen or eighteen feet in width he would be more in favour of it.

Mr Quigley said the reason why they could not have a sixteen or eighteen foot width of concrete was the tremendous cost. They were putting down concrete to the width of twelve feet and that would be sufficient for both horse and motor traffic.

Mr Jordan suggested that it would be better to have the tar macadam in the centre instead of at the sides of the road as a concrete road gave a better footing for horses than tar macadam.

Mr Quigley said that something like that had been done in England, but it was only a narrow strip of concrete to keep the tar macadam together.

The Chairman said he agreed with Mr Doyle regarding the commencing of the work late. There was an enormous amount of work to be got through during the summer, and roadwork which was not done at the best time was never as satisfactory as when done in the proper period.

In reply to Mr Sean O'Byrne, Mr Quigley said that three - fourths of the work on this road should be done by the beginning of next winter but it was possible that it would be entirely completed by that time.

A poll was taken on Mr Hall's proposition and it resulted as follows:-

For:- Messrs Hall and White 2.

Against:- Messrs Gloney, O'Donoghue, Murphy, Thorpe, Jordan, Doyle, Shannon, Gaul, Pender, Colfer, Cline, P. Byrne, Sean O'Byrne, and the Chairman. 14.

Mr Sean O'Byrne then proposed and Mr P. Byrne seconded the following:-

"That the tender of the Pioneer Roads Construction Co. East Wall, Drumcondra, Dublin at £39,424 for reconstruction of Wexford-Enniscorthy Road be accepted, subject to the approval of Department of Local Government and Public Health and to the contractors entering into the necessary bonds to provide that they will carry out the work on said road in accordance with specification and conditions of contract."

This resolution was then put and passed nem.con.

In reply to Mr Gaul, Mr Quigley said it should be possible to have the work started immediately. It was in the Council's hands to have the Bonds signed.

WEXFORD-ROSSLARE ROAD.

The Chairman asked if the Department of Local Government would do anything to help the Council towards having the Slob Road from Wexford to Rosslare completed.

The Secretary said that the Railway Company had made certain claims in connection with the construction of the road and the Roads Committee of the Council decided to get Counsel's opinion on the matter. In addition to that the Committee asked if it were possible to get a Grant from the Department of Local Government to finish the road.

The Co. Surveyor said it would require about £600 to finish the road.

Mr Quigley explained that there would be additional Grants coming to the County Wexford and the County Council could apply the necessary money to finish the work on the Rosslare Road.

The Secretary inquired if the Local Government Department could help the Council in any way with regard to the claims of the Railway Company. There was a level crossing and the point was who was to be responsible for the wages of a man there, or

whether the Railway Company could prevent the Council from going ahead with the work on the road.

It was decided to submit Counsel's opinion to the Local Government Department and request their assistance in the matter.

RATE FOR TOURIST DEVELOPMENT.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr P. Byrne:-

"That the 3d Rate for Tourist Development be raised under Section 67 of Local Government Act 1925."

NEW ROSS COURTHOUSE.

Under date 26th February 1927, Messrs Colfer & Son, Solicitors, New Ross, wrote that the Tottenham Trustees were now in a position to hand over clear possession of New Ross Courthouse.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Murphy:-

"That Lease from Trustees of Tottenham Estate to the Wexford County Council in connection with tenancy of Courthouse, New Ross be hereby signed and sealed on behalf of the Council."

Wm Colfer
March 14th 1927

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.
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M I N U T E S
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OF MEETING HELD ON 14TH FEBRUARY, 1927.
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N. J. FRIZELLE,
SECRETARY.

FORTVIEW,
WEXFORD.

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A special meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 14th February, 1927.

Present:- Mr. T. McCarthy Chairman (presiding) also Messrs William Boggan, Patrick Byrne, James Clince, Michael Cloney, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, Michael Doyle, James Gaul, Colonel C. M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, David Kavanagh, Aidan Mernagh, Nicholas J. Murphy, John O'Byrne, John Pender, James Shannon, William Thorpe, James E. Walsh, John White and Colonel R. P. Wemyss Quin.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, the County Surveyor, and the six Assistant Surveyors, with Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

AGREEING TO RATE FOR 1927-28.

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The meeting was specially summoned to consider the figures in Rate Estimate for next financial year and to agree to Rate for general and separate charges for this period.

In connection with this matter letter was read from Mr. P. Higgins, Secretary, Gorey District Executive of the Farmers' Union, asking that a deputation of members of the Farmers' Union of Gorey and other districts should be received by the County Council.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne, it was decided to receive the deputation and to limit it to two speakers as provided by the Standing Orders of the Council.

Mr. Higgins said that the deputation attended the meeting on the eve of the striking of the rate for 1927, to endeavour to persuade the Council to reduce the rates and strike the lowest rate possible. The farmers were not in a position to meet or pay a high rate for several reasons. Some years ago the British Government, through the exertions of the Irish Parliamentary Party, passed an Act which kept foreign cattle from coming into the British Isles

Such was not the case at present, and the British markets were flooded with cattle from all over the world. This considerably reduced the price of Irish cattle, and if a farmer took his stock to a fair he did not know whether he could dispose of them or not. If he had to dispose of them he would have to do so at a sacrifice price. The grain crop this year had been a failure. Oats opened at 9s a barrel and gradually increased by 3d and 6d but the highest price was only 10/6d per barrel, and the farmer had to have a very good sample to get that price. The farmers who were engaged in the production of oats were well aware of the cost of production. The barley crop was almost extinct, except something could be done by the Irish Government or the Chambers of Commerce. It opened at 19/6d per barrel and went down to 17/6d while some of the growers could not dispose of the crop and they had to sell it at 16/- a barrel to some of their better-off neighbours. Potatoes also fetched a very small price. In Gorey they were sold at 9/- a barrel of 24 stone and only a few weeks ago, when there was a big market, they were sold at 8/-, and in a number of cases the owners brought them home again. Unless some consideration was given to the rate-payers they would not be able to pay. The deputation did not come before the meeting to try to intimidate the Council in any way, or to say that they would not pay the rate when it was struck. There were, however, many persons who could not pay even though they were willing to do so. In conclusion he asked the meeting to consider carefully the rate they were going to strike, because every member of the Council knew well the position of the farmers and the ratepayers, and was aware of their inability to pay a high rate.

Mr. W. E. Poole, Ballyowen, Gorey, another member of the deputation said that Mr. Higgins omitted to mention one of the greatest losses of all in the North of the County - the fall in the price of sheep. They were down 15/- a head, and the only redeeming feature they had in the north of the county was the beet crop. They would be all grateful for a reduction as agriculture was very hard hit, and the farmer's purse was only a "clasp" at the present time. The labouring

man was as much affected as the farmer, and between Gorey and Craanford he could point out several farms upon which no men were kept, while the owners were trying to set the farms at a very low price.

The Chairman said he could assure the deputation that the Council was fully conscious of the necessity of keeping the rates as low as possible. The Council had always kept that fact before it. Last year they effected a reduction of $3\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £, and the Council also succeeded in reducing the overdraft in the bank by £10,000. He could assure the deputation that there would be a reduction this year, and as far as Gorey was concerned there would be a very substantial reduction.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne proposed:- "That as agreed to by the Co. Council last year, and as recommended by the Finance Committee, a rate representing one half-penny in the £ be adopted by the Council for tourist development in accordance with the provisions of Section 67 of the Local Government Act, 1925".

Mr. P. Byrne seconded.

Mr. Doyle pointed out the Council had decided last year that they would agree to this rate if the finances of the Council would allow. It was plain that the finances of the County were not in a flourishing condition and the statement made by the deputation from the Farmers' Union proved that the Country was not in a position to bear any further impost.

Mr. Barry, of the Tourist Association, who was present, addressed the meeting, and answered various queries.

A letter under date 28th April, 1926, was read from the Co. Wexford Tourist Association suggesting that a Committee of four members from the Co. Wexford Executive of the Tourist Associations, representing the four districts of the County, meet four members of the Co. Council to discuss what form the advertising campaign should take when the rate was available.

Mr. Thorpe proposed as an amendment:- "That a rate of one-eighth of a penny in the £, representing a sum of £202: 15/-, be raised for the purpose of tourist development".

Mr. Murphy seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the amendment:- Messrs Thorpe and Murphy - 2.

Against:- Messrs Boggan, P. Byrne, Clince, Cloney, Colfer, Connors, Cooney, Corish, Doyle, Gaul, Hayes, Jordan, Kavanagh, Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, Pender, Shannon, Walsh, Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin and the Chairman - 21

Messrs Hall and Whyte did not vote.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

Mr. Cloney proposed, and Colonel Gibbon seconded the following amendment:-

"That a contribution of one farthing in the £ be made to the Tourist Development Association under the Health Resorts and Watering Places Act".

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the amendment:- Messrs Boggan, Cloney, Hall, Jordan and Colonel Gibbon - 5.

Against:- Messrs P. Byrne, Clince, Colfer, Connors, Cooney, Corish, Doyle, Gaul, Hayes, Kavanagh, Mernagh, Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Pender, Shannon, Thorpe, Walsh, Colonel Quin and the Chairman - 19.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The original resolution was then put to a poll with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Boggan, P. Byrne, Clince, Colfer, Connors, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Jordan, Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, Pender, Shannon and the Chairman - 15

Against:- Messrs Cloney, Doyle, Kavanagh, Murphy, Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Thorpe, Walsh, Whyte and Hall - 10.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

On the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. Connors the Chairman was appointed to represent the Wexford Co. Council on the Committee of the Tourist Association.

Colonel Quin proposed:- "That the penny rate for Irish be abolished. He said he did not suppose the motion would be seconded but he simply wanted to record his protest against the rate".

There was no seconder.

Under date 31st January, 1927, the following letter (P.H.786/27 Wexford Co) was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"Adverting to the Minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 13th ultimo, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he considers that provision should be included in the Estimates for the coming financial year for the salary and travelling expenses of a County Medical Officer of Health, and he requests the County Council to specify the remuneration to be assigned to the office. He would, however, be prepared to acquiesce in a whole-time appointment combining the functions of a County Medical Officer and Chief School Medical Officer whereby a proportion of the aggregate salary and allowances would rank for recoupment from the Grant for School Medical Service, and thus diminish the charge falling upon the County rates!"

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne:-

"That the attention of the Department of Local Government be directed to the following resolutions which were recently adopted by the General Council of County Councils:-

(1) "That a deputation be appointed to wait on the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for the purpose of impressing upon him the grave financial necessity that exists for posponing the ~~and~~ the appointment of County Medical Officers of Health."

(2) "That it be an instruction to the deputation to direct the attention of the Minister to the fact that the scheme for the reform of Health Services (which included the creation of the appointments referred to) recommended by the Co. Council's General Council on July 12th; 1923, was based, as were the recommendations of the Irish Public Health Council in 1920, on the assumption that not less than 50 pc., of the net cost of all local health services would be borne by National Exchequer". "

In connection with proposed drainage rate for Kilmannock drainage system, Mr. Murphy, mentioned that the persons concerned were negotiating with the Land Commission to try and agree with the Board of Works to have the annuities ~~and~~ ^{for} repayment of the work in this case, extended over a further number of years.

Before the money was actually collected they might be able to do something with the Land Commission in the matter.

The following resolution was then proposed by Colonel Quin seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne:-

"That Rate for general charges for financial year 1927-28 (in conformity with particulars appearing on Form 42) be, and is hereby agreed to, at 8/8d in the £. That holders of agricultural land receive a rebate on valuation of said Land representing a poundage rate of 2/4d in the £, being the difference between the poundage rate represented by Agricultural Grant, viz., 3/3d and poundage rate for amount of repayment of instalment of loan under Relief of Rates on Agricultural Land Act., viz., 1ld, leaving the net general rate payable on agricultural land at 6/4d in the £,"

"That rates for separate charges for financial year 1927-28, (in conformity with particulars appearing on Form 43) as presented to this meeting, be also agreed to.

"That the following amounts be fixed as the sums to be demanded from the three Urban Districts/Councils of the County:-

Enniscorthy	£2676	:	8	:	5d
New Ross	£2527	:	4	:	8d
Wexford	£6091	:	1	:	10d.

That drainage rate for Kilmannock drainage district, as set out in Charging Order issued by the Office of Public Works, Dublin, and signed and sealed on behalf of that body by their Secretary on the 19th January, 1927, be agreed to, and that the several amounts be levied on the persons whose names are set out on schedule of said Charging Order, and that we hereby direct that said amounts be collected apart from the Poor Rate and independently of same".

Mr. P.Byrne proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following:-

"That the rate for the coming financial year be not adopted until the Council have had an opportunity of considering statements

to be submitted by deputation of hauliers as to their inability to continue working at the present rate allowed by the County Council.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the amendment:- Messrs P. Byrne, Clince, Colfer, Connors, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, Pender and Shannon - 12.

Against:- Messrs Boggan, Cloney, Doyle, Colonel Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Kavanagh, Murphy, Colonel Quin, Thorpe, Walsh, Whyte and the Chairman - 13.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost and the resolution on being put to the meeting was adopted nem.con.

In reply to the Chairman, the County Surveyor stated that he would have enough money in the Contingencies Fund to meet any extra payments which would be necessary to meet cases of hardship as regards haulage.

VOTES OF CONDOLENCE.

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On the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Doyle, votes of condolence were adopted to Mr. R. Malone, Veterinary Inspector of the Council and to Mr. Walter Cummins, Rate Collector, in the death of his father, and on the motion of Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Gaul to Mr. Rossiter, County Council, on the death of his aunt, Miss Maddock, Dempsey's Terrace, Wexford.

TENDERS FOR RE-CONSTRUCTION OF WEXFORD-ENNISCORTHY ROAD.

In connection with the proposed work which is being carried out under the National Road Scheme, the following tenders were received:-

1. Messrs Grainger Bros., Holywood, Belfast	£35,481 : 12 : 0
2. Pioneer Road Construction Co., Dublin	£39,424 : 0 : 0
3. George Wimpey & Co. Hammersmith, London	£40,656 : 0 : 0
4. Messrs John Graham, Dromore, Co. Down	£40,820 : 5 : 4
5. Patrick Dillon, Limerick & Dublin	£44,680 : 13 : 0
6. Mulville Bros., London	£45,953 : 12 : 0

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| 7. T. J. Moran & Co., Dublin | £46,323 : 0 : 0 |
| 8. Thomas Thompson & Son., Carlow | £48,951 : 9 : 4 |
| 9. South of Ireland Asphalt Co., Dublin | £50,594 : 2 : 8. |

Under date 1st February, 1927, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (SGN/32) that the successful contractor for the work should be informed that the acceptance of his tender by the Council was subject to the approval of the Department of Local Government. Tenders in connection with the work should be forwarded to the Department.

The Chairman proposed and Colonel Quin, seconded the following resolution:-

"That the lowest tender for reconstruction of the Road between Wexford and Enniscorthy, viz., Messrs Grainger Brothers, Holywood, Belfast, at £35,481 : 12/- be accepted. That the Department of Local Government be asked to approve of same and to provide the £1645 the amount by which this tender exceeds the estimate for the work!"

After considerable discussion this was withdrawn and the following resolution proposed by Mr. Corish and seconded by Mr. Gaul, was unanimously agreed to:-

"That, as the lowest tender for the reconstruction of the Wexford-Enniscorthy Road under National Road Scheme, viz., that of Messrs Grainger Brothers, Holywood, Belfast, exceeds the amount allowed for this work by the Department of Local Government (Roads), all tenders received for said work be forwarded to the said Department for their consideration".

"That a special meeting of the County Council be arranged to consider the decision of the Department in this matter."

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEES.

Finance Committee.

Minutes of meetings of Finance Committee for 20th January, 1927, and 3rd February, 1927, were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber Fortview, Wexford, on 20th January 1927.

Present:- Mr T. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding: also, Col Gibbon, Messrs Sean O'Byrne, Wm Thorpe, and Michael Jordan.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, the Co. Surveyor and Mr Elgee, Solicitor were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4103-13-0 was examined and signed.

RATE ESTIMATE 1927-28.

The figures for Rate Estimate 1927-28 were considered.

Mr Barry, Tourist Development Association, came before the meeting and urged that the resolution of the County Council passed last year to adopt ½d rate for Tourist Development should be put in force. The Contributing Bodies had now one representative on the Tourist Board so that they would be certain to be kept in touch with the work of the Association. The latter had put up to the Minister of Industry and Commerce a Scheme to cover a certain amount of National and local publicity for his approval. The Wexford County Council might make up their minds that the money would be well spent.

Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution:-

"That ½d rate for Tourist Development under the Health Resorts and Watering Places Act be included in the forthcoming Rate of the County Council."

On a show of hands, all present were in favour of the resolution with the exception of Mr Thorpe who dissented.

In connection with Road Rate, the following was read from the County Surveyor:-

"I have prepared my Estimate for Road Expenditure for year 1927-28, and as you requested, I am obtaining quotations for the printing of same, and shall have the Forms printed."

"It will be noted that my prices are considerably above those allowed by the County Council for the current year, but are approximately as regards maintenance, the figures submitted by me last Spring time. I do not believe that the roads could be maintained at a lesser expenditure than set out in my Estimate taking into account the present day traffic. With expenditure up to my figures, I am satisfied that the roads can be maintained to take modern traffic, including heavy lorries, unless, perhaps during particularly bad weather if the heavy lorry traffic be too congested. In such cases it may be necessary to do special repairs on short lengths of roads, but otherwise the roads can be maintained at this expenditure.

In Part 2 of the Estimate, I submit list of improvement works and these include removal, or easing off of a number dangerous corners. The repair work to bridges, etc. is essential and should be passed. There are some heavy items for special expenditure on rolling and tar work, and these I consider should be carried out in order, in some cases, to preserve what we have already done in improvement work, and in the case of Gorey-Courtown Road to meet the exceptional traffic.

I add to my Estimate also list of proposals for Public Works, that is, harbours, bridges, courthouses, etc., and of course these must be maintained."

The following resolution was received from the Hon. Secretary, Tara Hill Branch of the Farmers' Union:-

" This Branch of Farmers' Union asks the Wexford Co. Council to take very serious consideration of the heavy burden of rates which is a severe hindrance to the farmer in his efforts to develop his farm progressively, and that unless there is a substantial reduction this coming year, many farmers will be faced with bankruptcy."

As regards the overdraft of the County Council, the Treasurer wrote that when sanctioning the existing figures of the overdraft, his Board stated that at the expiration of same

they would expect a substantially reduced limit to suffice for the County Council's requirements.

After a considerable amount of discussion, the Finance Committee agreed to the following:-

Rate Estimate 1927-28 County Services General.

	1927-28	Decision of Finance Committee	Reduction by Finance Committee
	£	£	£
Salary County Secretary	400	400	-
Salaries Officials in Secretary's Office	1494	1494	-
Retiring Allowances and Gratuities	504	504	-
Cost of Rate Collection, Poundage and of Collectors and checking Collectors' A/cs	4209	4209	
Applotting Rates and Refund Rates on Vacant Buildings	2261	1555	706
Salaries Court Officials and other County Officers, viz, Analyst, Lamplighters, etc.	364	364	
Franchise and Jurors Lists	1975	1975	
Printing in connection with Registration Act.	443	443	
Valuation	208	208	
Salaries Veterinary and Sheep Dipping Inspectors	510	510	
Members' Travelling Expenses	270	270	
Legal Expenses	320	320	
Coroners' Salaries and Expenses of Inquests	255	255	
Postage and Office Requisites	275	275	
Printing and Stationery	300	300	
Advertising	212	212	
University Scholarships	630	630	
Primary Scholarships	570	570	
Contribution Co. Councils' General Council	20	20	
Contribution Chair Scientific Agriculture National University	20	20	
Courtown Harbour	85	85	
Rent Old Jail	207	207	
Conveyance of Prisoners	120	120	
Weights and Measures	50	50	
Food and Drugs	53	53	
Rents and Expenses of Courthouses	494	494	
Reformatories and Industrial Schools	4055	4055	
Refund to Wexford Urban District re adjustment Financial Relations	24	24	
Fee for Audit of County Accounts	85	85	
Diseases of Animals Acts	680	680	
Debit Interest	1200	1200	
Criminal Malicious Injuries Amendment Act	9882	9882	
Library Scheme	824	412	412
Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction	2970	2970	
Contingencies	750	750	
Total	36719	35601	1118.

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Rate Estimates - Amount Required for General and Separate
Charges (Excluding Roads).

	1927-28	Decision of Finance Committee	Reduction By Finance Committee	Increase by Finance Committee.
	£	£	£	£
County Services	36719	35601	1118	
Public Works (To be submitted by County Surveyor)	4900	3500 ✓	1400	
Mental Hospital	21045	20306 ✓	739	
Health Board	49500	49500 ✓	-	
Loans do	1812	1812 ✓	-	
Superannuation Ex-Union Officials	1710	1710 ✓	-	
Co. Health District Charges	3629	3629 ✓	-	
Tuberculosis Committee	1264	1264 ✓		
Part Repayment Loans R. Councils. County charge being amount represented by nett profit on Labourers' Cottage Rents for year	2746	2746 ✓		
Other Charges (Separate)	14707	14707		
Repayment Loans - Rates on Agricultural Land Act	13166	13166 ✓		
Rate Tourist Develop- ment	-	822 ✓		822
Totals		£147,941	£3257	£822

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Estimated Receipts.

	£
Payments by Urban Councils	11253
Government Grants	6918
Separate Charges, Balances Other	
Receipts, viz., Fines Food & Drugs	
Act, Recoupment Diseases Animals Acts,	
Rents of Property, Recoupment	
Register of Electors, Harbour Dues,	
Kilkenny County Council-New Ross Bridge,	
Share Kilkenny and Carlow Super-	
annuation Ex-Union Officials.	1881
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Agricultural Grant (estimated)	48090
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Total	£68392
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It was suggested that the County Surveyor should, for comparative purposes, make out a Road Rate on a basis of 3/- in the £.

RATE COLLECTION.

The state of the Rate Collection was put before the meeting, and after discussion the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Rate Collectors of this Council be instructed that they must have at least 15 per cent of the second moiety of Rate for 1926-27 collected within a fortnight and an additional 10 per cent within a month from this date (20th January 1927), if not their services will be dispensed with."

Consideration of Circular letter from the Local Government Department under date 10th December 1926 (No 56951/1926. Mis.) suggesting alteration in the present method of payment of poundage to Rate Collectors was adjourned to next meeting of Finance Committee (e.)

OVERDRAFT.

Under date 31st December 1926 (G/6257/26 Wexford County) letter was read from the Department of Local Government conveying the sanction of the Minister to the continuance of overdraft of the Council not exceeding £30,000 to the 31st March next.

CLAIM OF MR GERALD FLOOD, ENGINEER.

In connection with claim for payment of £152-9-3 to Mr Gerald Flood, Engineer to County Board of Health, being 1½% on outlay on Schemes for Ferns Waterworks and Labourers' Cottages, letter was read from the Department of Local Government under date 1st December 1928 (P.H. 55708/25 Wexford B.H. & P.A.) stating that the terms of Mr Flood's appointment should be held to include payment for his services in connection with erection of Labourers' Cottages.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of this matter to next meeting of Finance Committee; in the meantime the Secretary to ask Mr A.A. Connolly, Clerk to late Enniscorthy Rural District Council, if approval had been previously received to the full amount claimed by Mr Gerald Flood.

INCOME TAX - CLAIM RESIDENCE OF SURGEON, COUNTY HOSPITAL.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, wrote that in his opinion, the County Council was liable for £2-4-10 Income Tax under Schedule A in connection with the residence of Dr O'Brien, Surgeon, County Hospital at "Rose Park."

It was decided that the amount be paid.

INCOME TAX - COURTTOWN HARBOUR.

It was decided to pay Income Tax of 16/6 under Schedules A and B for Courtown Harbour on the advice of Mr Elgee, Solicitor.

INSPECTION OF FERRYCARRIG AND WEXFORD BRIDGES.

Mr Delap, Consulting Engineer (Delap & Waller, 115 Grafton Street, Dublin), wrote forwarding Account for £50-8-0 for examination and report on Wexford and Ferrycarrig Bridges.

It was agreed that the amount be paid.

COSTS OF MR WILLIAM CAULFIELD, SOLICITOR.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor, reported under date 17th January 1927 that the costs of Mr Caulfield, Solicitor against the late Wexford District Council amounting to £901-17-3 had been taxed on the 13th of January and certified to £445-10-6.

In view of the fact that the taxed costs amount to less

than claim of Bank of Ireland against Mr. Caulfield and in respect of which the Bank had had a Receiver appointed over the costs, Mr. Elgee was of opinion that the County Council would be quite safe in paying the amount of the taxed costs to Mr. Lloyd, Agent Bank of Ireland, Wexford, who had been appointed Receiver over same by order of the Court.

There would be now no necessity to lodge the amount of the costs in Court as had been decided by the Council.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded ~~by~~ the following resolution which was carried:-

"That the County Council be recommended to pay to Mr. Lloyd, Agent Bank of Ireland, Wexford, as Receiver appointed by the Court, £445: 10:6d taxed costs of Mr. William Caulfield, Solicitor."

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE.

A resolution was read from the County Library Committee under date 22nd December, 1926, acknowledging receipt of recommendations forwarded on 15th December, 1926, as to management of Library. They refused to accept these until they receive a reply to their resolutions of the 18th August last and the 9th October last.

It was pointed out that no meeting of the Committee had been held on the 18th August according to the return supplied by the County Librarian.

The Secretary stated that he had written to the Librarian that the resolution of the Library Committee had been postponed for consideration to next meeting of the Finance Committee.

The following resolution had since been received from the Library Committee:-

"That this Committee insist that correspondence hitherto sent be placed before a full meeting of the County Council and that they object to it being brought before the Finance Committee"

The following recommendation was agreed to:-

"That our Secretary communicate with the Department of Local Government and point out that it is understood unofficially that

a Deputation from the Library Committee interviewed Officials of the Department of Local Government recently and that an Enquiry had been ^cpromised to deal with the Administration of the Library service in the County. The Finance Committee welcome such Enquiry and will suspend any action they proposed taking pending the holding of this investigation. They hope the Enquiry will be held at the earliest possible moment".

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Thursday 3rd February, 1927.

Present:- Mr. Thomas McCarthy, Chairman(Presiding).

Also Messrs Sean O'Byrne, Michael Jordan, Patrick Hayes and Aidan Mernagh.

The County Surveyor and Assistant Secretary were also in attendance.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed and signed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3560: 14: 11d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

The Assistant Secretary submitted the state of Rate Collection showing the following percentages of second moiety lodged:-

E. J. Murphy 30.35; J. Quirke 25.27; Philip Furlong 24.17; B. Cleary 22.95; Sean Gannon 20.75; J. Curtis 20.62; M. M. Kelly 19.74; Joseph Cummins 17.94; C. McCarthy 17.37; M. Deegan 17.32; Thomas Rowe 15.71; W. Cummins 15.54; J. Doyle 14.02; J. J. O'Reilly 12.22; T. Sutton 13.80; P. Donohoe 11.62; J. J. Kelly 11.18; P. Fitzpatrick 10.56; J. J. Sinnott 8.43; P. Walsh 8.30; Patrick O'Byrne 8.20.

The average percentage lodged was 16.32, In reply to queries the Assistant Secretary stated that percentage collected at same date last year was 13.69.

The amount of first moiety rate at present outstanding was £3790: 13: 5d and second moiety £59827: 18: 11d. The sanctioned overdraft of the Council was £30,000. Last year it was £40,000.

It was decided that Collectors whose collections are backward be instructed to have at least 25% of second moiety lodged by next meeting.

Circular letter of the 10th December, 1926 (No. 56951/1926, Miscellaneous) from Local Government Department in connection with proposed new system of dealing with Rate Collection was read.

During the discussion the members present favoured the payment of at least reduced poundage after 31st July to any Collector who lodged an amount equal to the first moiety and arrears by 31st July and also a payment after 31st December to any Collector who lodged an amount equal to the full amount of first moiety and arrears together with one third of second moiety by 31st December.

The proposal to hold the personal sureties liable for the amount of their bonds in the first instance in cases of fraud was not approved by those present. Neither was the proposal to have the amount of personal bond increased to 10/6d of average annual warrant and Fidelity Guarantee Bond to 25% of average warrant.

In reply to queries the Assistant Secretary stated that the personal Bonds of Collectors at present were for £200 and Fidelity Guarantee Bonds £900. Under proposed new Scheme of Local Government Department the average Personal Bonds would be for £680, Fidelity Guarantee Bonds £1701. The average warrant of Collectors was £6807.

After discussion it was decided to give the Rate Collectors an opportunity of expressing their views on the Scheme to next Finance Committee meeting, Mr. Quirke, Secretary, Wexford Rate Collectors' Association to be notified that the next Finance Committee meeting are prepared to hear representatives of the Rate Collectors on the proposals.

CLAIM DARBY'S GAP.

Messrs John A. Sinnott & Co., Solicitors, Enniscorthy, wrote as follows:-

"We received your letter of the 24th instant in this matter and have seen our client who is agreeable to accept the amount of compensation provided his costs £1: 1: 0d will also be paid".

"Kindly, therefore, let us have Paying Order for £2: 11: 0d, to complete the matter and oblige.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Jordan, that application for payment of Solicitors' costs in the case be refused.

CLAIM DAMAGE TO LORRY.

The following letter under date 28th January was read from Mr. A. White, Duncannon:-

"I herewith submit to you a claim for £4: 16: 0d in respect of damages done to my lorry on January 26th caused by a broken shore at Porters Gate.

"I have been informed that this shore has been in this condition since Saturday 22nd instant. There was no mark or notice to show of the danger and I would not see it till I bounced into it. I would feel much obliged with you for settlement of claim at your earliest convenience.

The County Surveyor stated that in his opinion the Co. Council were not liable, However, he had forwarded claim to Insurance Co.

NEW BUILDINGS LIST.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman, the following holding was added to New Buildings List:-

Electoral Division Courtown: Townland Ballinatray Lr.
Rated Occupier:- Kieran McNeill; Rating Number in present year No.51: Present Valuation £15: Previous valuation £8.
Valuation of New Building £7.
Reduction in valuation allowed by Council under Rating of New Buildings Order £4: 10: 0d.
Valuation of New Building for Rating purposes £2: 10: 0d.
Valuation of entire rating for rating purposes £10: 10: 0d.

APPOINTMENT MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

The following letter from Department of Local Government & Public Health was read:-

"Adverting to the Minutes of Proceedings of Wexford County Council on the 13th ultimo, I am directed by the Minister for Local

Government and Public Health to state that he considers that provision should be included in the Estimates for the coming Financial year for the Salary and travelling Expenses of County Medical Officer of Health and he requests the County Council to specify the remuneration to be assigned to the office. He would, however, be prepared to acquiesce in a whole time appointment combining the functions of a County Medical Officer and Chief School Medical Officer whereby a proportion of the aggregate salary and allowances would rank for recoupment from the State Grant for School Medical Service, and thus diminish the charge falling upon the County Rates.

Order: Referred to County Council.

PRINTING RATE BOOKS.

The following tenders for printing 236 Rate Books were submitted:-

Reps Walter Hanrahan	£58.
The Free Press	£50.
John English & Co.	...	£27: 10: 0d
The People	£19: 10: 0d.

On the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Chairman it was decided to accept the tender of The People at £19: 10: 0d.

KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

The following letter under date 27th January (No.19186/1926) from the Office of Public Works Dublin, was read:-

"With reference to previous correspondence, we forward herewith one sealed and certified copy of our Charging Order in connection with the expenses incurred in the restoration of the above-named District under the Drainage Maintenance Act, 1924, together with a map showing the improved lands coloured green and the boundaries of the holdings, numbered to correspond with those as set forth in column 2 of the Schedule attached to the Order. The latter sets forth the names of the occupiers as the reputed proprietors of the various holdings, the amounts payable by them in repayment of the cost of the works by half-yearly instalments etc. It is to be understood that the names are those of the occupiers in each case and where

the occupier is not also the proprietor (See Section 7 (2) of the Act) the amount in question is collectable by the County Council from the occupier, who in turn may recover the amount from the proprietor by deducting it from the rent payable by him.

As you are aware the first instalment becomes due and payable by the proprietors or occupiers to the County Council on the 1st March next and by the Wexford County Council to us on the 1st May following. We shall be obliged if you will kindly acknowledge the receipt of the enclosures to this letter.

We are having the Charging Order printed and additional copies will be forwarded to you later.

The following Schedule to the Charging Order was submitted:-

			<u>Amount half yearly Instalment</u> <u>Principal and Interest payable</u>		
			£ :	s :	d
John Stafford	Ballyedock	...	1 :	0 :	3
Julia Kavanagh	"	...		6 :	9
Martin Rossiter	"	...		7 :	9
John Kavanagh	"	...		15 :	5
J. J. O'Neill	Kilmannock	...	1 :	6 :	4
Colonel Ryan	"	...	4 :	14 :	8
Michael Corcoran	"	...	2 :	4 :	3
Captain Henahan	"	...	6 :	4 :	5
Matthew Harte	"	...	4 :	4 :	9
Captain Clancy	"	...	4 :	19 :	11
Major Barnwell	"	...	3 :	6 :	8
Great Southern Railways Co.	"	...		18 :	11
Martin Bryan	Greatisland	...		1 :	3
William Doherty	"	...	1 :	19 :	4
Patrick Connors	"	...	2 :	10 :	7
Patrick Connors	"	...		1 :	3
Martin Furlong (Senior)"		...		7 :	9
Martin Furlong (Junior)"		...		1 :	8
Martin Furlong (Junior)"		...			7

amount half yearly instalment
Principal & interest payable.

	£:	s:	d.
Martin Furlong(Junior) Greatisland	7:	6	
Patrick Connolly "	6	7	
Patrick Connolly "		4	
Patrick Connolly "	10:	1	
Daniel Dunne "		7	
Daniel Dunne "	10:	6	
Nicholas Murphy "	18:	2	
Anthony Stafford "		2	
Irish Land Commission "		2	
Great Southern Railways Co. "	2:	9	
Captain Henehan (formerly in Townland)	1:	8:	2:
Gt. Southern Railways (of Greatisland now)	1:	11	
Matthew Harte (in Kilmannock)	2:	3	
Matthew Harte (Formerly in Townland)			
(of Saltmills now in	1:	12:	3.
(Kilmannock)			

The Assistant Secretary stated provision was made in the Drainage Act for assessing the amounts payable by the various occupiers along with the Poor Rate for Collection with the latter. This was optional however and the Council could if they wished collect the Drainage rate independently of the Poor Rate. So long as the Council agreed to and struck the Drainage rate on the same dates as the Poor Rate.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman to recommend the County Council to collect the drainage rates independently of the Poor Rate.

The following amounts were approved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne for inclusion in Rate Estimate, to be raised as part of Roads Account:-

Salary County Surveyor	...	£716
Postage	...	50
Salaries Assistant Surveyors	...	£1335
Travelling Expenses Assistant Surveyors	...	£1266
Clerks in Surveyor's Office	...	378
Retiring allowances	...	33
Printing and Stationery	...	350
Advertising	...	150
		<u>£4278</u>

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Eyrne:-

"That the Minutes of meetings of Finance Committee for 20th January, 1927 and 3rd February, 1927, as submitted to this meeting, be and are hereby confirmed!"

In connection with Rate Collection, the following letter, under date 9th February, 1927, (G.5629/1927) from the Department of Local Government was read:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of Form 61 showing the position of the Rate Collection up to the 31st ultimo, and I am to point out that ^{Council} none of the Rate Collectors under the County have closed their first moiety. A sum of only £10,279 out of over £71,000 of the second moiety was collected at the end of January. In this connection, I am to draw attention to the Council's Minute of the 10th January last on the subject, and I am to state the time has come for the Council to act upon their resolutions".

It was decided that copy of this letter should be furnished the Rate Collectors and that the question of the state of the Collection would be dealt with specially by the Finance Committee at their meeting on the 17th February, 1927.

Roads Committee.

The Minutes of Roads Committee in respect of meeting held on 24th January, 1927, were submitted as follows:-

The monthly meeting of the Roads Committee of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 24th January 1927.

Present:- Mr T. McCarthy, Chairman, County Council presiding, also; Col Gibbon, Col Quin, Messrs Patrick Colfer, Sean O'Byrne, James Hall, James Shannon, Michael Cloney, W. Boggan.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor and the following Assistant Surveyors were also in attendance Messrs T. Treanor, R.J. Ennis, John Kehoe, Thomas Cullen and Patrick O'Neill.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

REPORT OF COUNTY SURVEYOR.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

"On the 11th inst, I accompanied Mr Quigley, Chief Engineer, Local Government Department, on inspection of Trunk Roads from Wexford to New Ross and from New Ross to Enniscorthy with reference to work already completed and the ^{further} ~~future~~ work to be done under future Grants. In Enniscorthy with the Town Surveyor we made thorough inspection of the National Route and laid out work to be immediately undertaken. I have now forwarded Mr Quigley full details and Estimate for the preliminary work in connection with this Urban job, and later on the surface work which will probably be of bitumenous macadam will be set by contract. The Local Government will require the preliminary work to be done by the County Surveyor's staff, and not by the Urban Council, and I am arranging to put the work in hands as soon as the job is sanctioned.

On the 13th and 14th inst, the Roads Inspection Committee consisting of Messrs Sean O'Byrne and James Hall, made inspections and I was in attendance. The local Assistant Surveyors accompanied the Committee through their districts generally. On the first day the Committee went to New Ross and thence southwards to Ballygeary where inspection was made of the proposed new road, and of the flooded section near that place. On the second day they inspected Brownswood and Bally-

"murray Quarries and the Blackwater area.

On the 17th inst, I inspected Gorey Courthouse with the Draughtsman whom I now have engaged making plans, and we measured up for the work. The plans are now well advanced.

During the week it was necessary to provide for (ed temporarily stopping traffic over Wexford Bridge and I publish notices in the local papers and also by handbill that the bascule would be raised and traffic stopped on the 19th, 20th, and 21st inst. between the hours of twelve and four so as not to interfere with traffic to trains. On the 19th inst, I got ~~one~~ one of the meeting rails in and on the 20th, I got the second in so that it was not necessary to interfere with traffic to any appreciable extent on the 21st. Final finishing off of the work is now approaching completion.

Some time ago I was authorised to have a couple of the roller wheels re-shod, and the work was carried out by Mr Davis, Enniscorthy in a very satisfactory manner. In this case, re-shoeing was by steel plates. Recently another of the roller wheels became damaged and I have arranged with Mr Davis to replace tyre with casting which he has at present in hands. On the other rollers the wheels are worn to such an extent that replacement is at once necessary and I propose getting these done if the work being done by Mr Davis proves satisfactory, as I fully expect it will.

I have application from Mr Frank Lacey, Sion, Kyle, for permission to lay pipes on the Wexford-Enniscorthy road for drainage purposes, and the matter will come before you for approval. I have authorised him to proceed with the work as it will be necessary to have the job satisfactorily completed before the special surfacing work is commenced. It may be necessary for the County Solicitor to draft some special agreement for Lacey."

Gorey Courthouse.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Col Quin:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to advertise

"for contractors for the reconstruction of Gorey Courthouse as soon as possible after plans have been prepared."

Wheels of Motor Lorries.

In reply to the Chairman, the County Surveyor said the work in question would cost about £60.

It was agreed that the work should be carried out, but that the Co. Surveyor should obtain quotations from the firm of Messrs Pierce & Co. Wexford for similar castings to those made by Messrs Davis, Enniscorthy.

Application - Laying Pipes on
Wexford Enniscorthy Road.

In connection with this application, Col Gibbon stated that the Council should insist that pipes be laid in cement and that where the drain was an important one, a man-hole be provided, also that the person laying the pipes should be responsible for their condition for at least two or three months after the completion of the work.

The suggestion of Col Gibbon was agreed to.

FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE.

Mr A. D. Delap M. Inst. C.E (Messrs Delap & Waller, Consulting Engineers, 115 Grafton Street, Dublin) submitted important report with plan in connection with movement of bascule of Ferrycarrig Bridge. This would cost £500.

The following is the concluding paragraph of Mr Delap's report:-

"I would like to emphasise the fact that this work may prove to be only temporarily effective and that if any serious movement of the abutment develops in the near future, there will be nothing for it but complete reconstruction of so much of the bridge as lies to the north of the opening span."

The Chairman mentioned that this matter had been already fully discussed by the Finance Committee who thought that in view of the heavy expenditure which the Council would be under as regards public works and maintenance of roads, that it might be allowed to remain over for one year.

The recommendation of the Finance Committee was

approved; in the meantime the Co. Surveyor to be instructed to make the most careful measurements possible as regards ~~any~~ any movement of the abutment and, should he consider it necessary, to call the immediate attention of the Council to any important alteration he may find in the bascule of the bridge.

PROPOSED ROAD TO CORRAMACORRA.

A Memorial signed by a large number of ratepayers asking for the reconstruction of the road at Corramacorra, Murrintown was submitted. This road was at present a private way.

Col Gibbon pointed out that although he was in sympathy with the application, if the County Council agreed to it, they should not forget that there was 100 miles of thoroughfares in the county in the same position and naturally if the present application was granted, it would be very difficult to refuse others of the same nature.

Mr Boggan proposed and Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor ascertain from those concerned in the application for repair of the road at Corramacorra, how far they would be prepared to go in the way of supplying free to the County Council material and labour for bottoming the road, and that the Co. Surveyor submit report on same to next meeting.

WEXFORD SLOB ROAD.

In reply to Mr Sean O'Byrne, the County Surveyor stated that he intended to finish the new road between South Slob, Wexford and Rosslare as soon as possible.

In the final settlement for Grants with the British Military authorities, a sum of about £400 had been paid to the Council, and it was suggested that this money should be applied to the completion of the road in question. The money, however, had gone into the General Fund and the only way the work could be done now would be through Road Grants.

REMOVAL OF ROAD MATERIAL FROM ROAD 342E.

The County Surveyor submitted report from Mr Thomas Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, regarding removal of material from this road by Denis Brennan, Larkfield, Killanne, who stated that

the contractor of the road, Martin Cullen had agreed to supply him (Brennan) with broken material on getting some rough stones in return. On the 19th December, Brennan got a verbal message from Cullen that the stones could be obtained and he drew them on the following day. He stated that he would pay the County Council the value of the stones. Cullen, the road contractor had been interviewed by Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, and denied giving any permission for the removal of the material.

Mr Shannon explained that this action of Brennan's arose out of a misunderstanding. He and his brother had supplied Cullen, the road contractor, with a quantity of field stones on the condition that two loads of broken stones should be given as compensation. These two loads of broken stones were at present lying on another road and could be seen by the Co. Surveyor or any of his Assistants. When Brennan got the message from Cullen he thought he was to take the stones from the depot and this was the cause of all the trouble.

The meeting having heard the statement of Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, concluded that a genuine mistake had been made by Mr Brennan and decided to take no action in the matter.

CLONROCHE WEIGHBRIDGE.

The County Surveyor submitted the following from Mr P. O'Doherty, Hon Treasurer, Clonroche Fairs Committee, under date January 18th 1927:-

"The Clonroche Fairs Committee propose erecting a Public Weighbridge in the village of Clonroche and the only suitable place in the village appears to be the unused green sward inside the channel between our premises and that occupied by Mr Duncan. This plot is unused by the public; it is inside the planted trees and channel and is opposite a garden bounded by a common fence inside of which there are some trees.

The weighbridge here would not be any obstruction while it would be a convenient place for weighing cattle, pigs, loads of hay, beet, etc.

The Committee would be obliged should you kindly give them permission to erect the weighbridge here, and as our time is short pending the holding of first fair next month we shall be obliged for your reply as early as possible."

Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor stated that the erection of a weighbridge would not in any way interfere with public convenience.

On the motion of Col Gibbon seconded by Col Quin,
the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the application of the Clonroche Fairs Committee (ee
for permission to erect a weighbridge on the public road at
Clonroche be agreed to, subject to Fairs Committee entering
into an Agreement with the Co. Council that the machine must
be erected to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor and
must, after due notice, be removed should the County Council
at any time decide that this be necessary."

TOOL HOUSE AT CARCUR.

The Co. Surveyor submitted application from Michael
Allen, No. 1 Carcur Cottages, Wexford to rent the tool shed at
Carcur, the property of the Co. Council, and now vacant at £2
per annum.

It was decided that Mr Allen, Carcur, be informed that
the Roads Committee would recommend the County Council to let
him the tool house at Carcur at a rent of 1/- per week, the
tenancy to be determined by one week's previous notice in ~~not~~
writing on either side, and the premises not to be used as a
dwelling house.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO SECTION H WEXFORD.

The County Surveyor submitted application for ~~trans~~
transfer of £158-12-0 from Roads Contingencies Fund to
Section H Wexford.

He explained that this had been spent in rebuilding
Sleedagh wall which fell last summer.

Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed and Mr Cloney seconded
the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the amount of £158-12-0 be transferred from
~~from~~ Roads Contingencies Fund to Section H Wexford to cover
abnormal expenditure caused by the collapse of wall at
Sleedagh."

REPAIR OF ROAD TO COUNTY HOSPITAL.

Under date 21st January 1927, the Secretary, County
Board of Health, wrote that his Board accepted the decision
of the County Council to allow £50 from the Roads Contin-

-gencies Fund towards defraying the cost of raising the level of road leading to the County Hospital entrance. In order that the work might be done, the road between the cross at Tivoli Terrace and the cross at Park Cottage, Wexford should be closed for a period as from the 1st February next to 1st of June.

The meeting considered that the closing of the road for four months would lead to great public inconvenience and that the work should be completed in much less time than this period.

It was decided to apply to the Minister for Local Government for an Order to close the road in question from 14th February to 31st March next inclusive.

NOTICE BOARDS ON ROADSIDES.

Under date January 21st 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (SR/1) that the Minister had decided that Notice Boards should be placed on roadsides indicating the works which were being carried out by Local Authorities under Road Fund Grants, the cost of same and of their erection to come from Grants.

Order- Referred to County Surveyor for his attention.

ROAD-BALLYNABANOUE CROSS TO POULMOUNTY.

Mr M. Roche, Merchant, Ballyanne, New Ross, wrote complaining of the condition of the above road. At the present time it was not safe for either lorry or car, and the Co. Council appeared to forget that it was on the main route from Ballyanne to Dublin via Carlow.

The County Surveyor stated that he had applied for £300 for the maintenance of this road last year but he only got £210 which was insufficient to keep it in proper condition. He had been obliged to apply for £60 from Contingencies Fund as a help. This year he applied for £400 and at the meeting of the County Council that day his estimate was reduced to £260. This was a particularly bad road owing to heavy lorry traffic and it was very difficult to get material for it. He was having some repairs carried out on it at present.

It was decided to inform Mr Roche that the County Surveyor was now carrying out work on the road.

WEXFORD COURTHOUSE.

Mrs McNally, Courtkeeper, Wexford wrote stating that she was prepared to carry out her duties as Courtkeeper in the temporary Courthouse in the Old Jail.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-

"That the attention of the Minister for Finance be called to the communication already sent him on behalf of this Council asking him to receive a Deputation relative to the reconstruction of the Wexford Courthouse and that he be requested to name a date on which the Deputation could attend.

NEW ROSS COURTHOUSE.

Under date 19th January 1927, Mr Elgee, Solicitor, wrote that he had received Lease of the premises of New Ross Courthouse for execution by the County Council. He was informed by Messrs Colfer & Son, Solicitors, that possession from the caretaker for that part of the building occupied by him had not yet been obtained as the caretaker had appealed against the Decree for possession given against him. In the circumstances, Mr Elgee advised the Council not to execute the Lease until they had obtained clear possession.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Roads Committee recommend the County Council not to execute Lease relative to New Ross Courthouse until the Trustees of the Tottenham Estate are in a position to hand over clear possession of the premises."

MR FURLONG'S HOUSE AT KAAT'S STRAND.

In connection with the above, Mr Elgee, Solicitor, reported that in this house, which was the property of the Co. Council, the water tap should be removed from the W.C. to some other part of the premises, as the leakage from same was injuring the floor. He (Mr Elgee) had obtained an estimate for £10 for carrying out the work, but this appeared to be excessive.

Col Gibbon proposed and Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the necessary repairs to W.C. in house of Michael Furlong at Kaat's Strand, the property of the County Council, be carried out by the Co. Surveyor as economically as possible."

BALLYMURRAY QUARRY.

Mr William E. Godfrey, Solicitor, of Messrs Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, appeared in support of the claim made on behalf of Thomas, Laurence and Patrick Whelan of Ballinagore, Blackwater, for payment of £22 value of 110 cubic yards of material taken from Ballymurray Quarry, and which, it was contended, by the Whelans, had not been allowed for in the measurement made by Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor.

Mr Godfrey mentioned that the claimants had been working in this quarry from August 1925 to some time in June 1926 when it was taken over by the County Council who were to pay for any material in the quarry at the rate of 4/- per cubic yard. They claimed that Mr Cullen did not supply them with his measurement until a considerable time after it had been made- in fact they did not obtain it until October.

Laurence Whelan contended that the Breaker was working for $7\frac{1}{2}$ days and therefore the material, calculating at $5\frac{1}{2}$ cubic yards per hour as the amount of output, would be 337 cubic yards. Mr Cullen had only allowed for 227 c. yards.

Laurence Whelan was examined by Mr Godfrey, and, after a further statement by Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Shannon:-

"That in connection with claim of Messrs Whelan for £22 for material taken out of Ballymurray Quarry, the Roads Committee see no reason why they should alter their decision accepting the measurement of Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor at 227 cubic yards."

GULLET AT CLONARD.

The following report was submitted by Mr William Boggan M.C.C.:-

"As requested by Roads Committee I inspected gullet at Clonard, Wexford, on 7th January 1927.

There are three methods by which flooding can be obviated:-

- (1) By reconstructing old gullet.
- (2) By cutting new gullet and laying 12 inch pipes, gullet to run parallel to that existing at present.
- (3) By laying open drain of concrete to run at side of road.

If proposal for dealing with the matter be entertained, No. 3 presents the most feasible and cheap means of procedure.

In view, however, of the fact that flooding only occurs in extremely abnormal times and can be dealt with expeditiously and also of the expense of proposed work, which from the circumstances must be considerable, I recommend that no action be taken - at least for the present."

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the report of Mr Boggan M.C.C. re gullet at Clonard be received and approved."

MAIN ROADS- URBAN DISTRICT, NEW ROSS.

Under date 12th January 1927, letter was read from New Ross Urban Council calling attention to the necessity of having the mud scraped off main roads in New Ross Urban District, particularly the approaches to New Ross Bridge.

It was decided to point out to the New Ross Urban Council that this was a matter of scavenging and not of road maintenance and as such it was the business of the Urban Council to attend to.

PETROL PUMP LICENCES.

The Chairman proposed, Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded and it was passed:- "That Petrol Pump Licence be granted to Michael Finn, 16 Main Street, Gorey."

James Doherty applied for licence for petrol pump at Main Street, Bunclody.

The Garda Siothchana reported in favour of application.

Order - Approved, provided satisfactory report be received from County Surveyor.

The following resolution was agreed to:-

"That Mr Elgee, Solicitor, be directed to proceed against persons who have erected petrol pumps on public roads and who have not obtained from the Co. Council licence for same."

LICENCES - CINEMATOGRAPH ACT.

Application was received from Marcus Presto, travelling showman, for licence for a Cinema Tent.

It was recommended by Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor and the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne, the issue of a licence was agreed to.

In connection with the application of John McDonald, Irish Street, Bunclody for Cinematograph Licence, communication was received from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana that the premises were suitable and complied with the provisions of the Cinematograph Act.

It was proposed by the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne and carried:- "That licence for premises at Chapel Lane, Bunclody for Cinematograph purposes be issued to John McDonald on the condition that an outside exit be provided from the gallery of the building and that a written report be received from the County Surveyor that the premises comply with the provisions of the Cinematograph Act and Regulations thereunder.

Under date 17th January 1927, Mr Elgee, Solicitor, wrote advising that the County Council had full power to insert in any licence which they may issue under the Cinematograph Act, a condition that an outside exit should be provided from any gallery to which the licence applies, and that if such conditions

cannot be complied with, the County Council have power to refuse the licence.

It was decided that the advice of Mr Elgee apply to all appropriate cases and that no licence be issued for any Cinematograph premises with gallery unless an outside exit be provided.

ROAD 287R.

A largely signed Memorial from the Ratepayers of the district was ^{received} ~~sent~~ as to the erection of three gulleys on road 287R at Ballindoney, Ballywilliam, stating that at present the absence of these gulleys was a cause of danger to the public.

Order - Referred to County Surveyor for report.

ROAD AT BALLYGILLANE BIG.

The following was received from residents and ratepayers of Ballygillane Big, Kilrane:-

"We, the undersigned being some of the residents and ratepayers in the townland of Ballygillane Big, beg to bring the following to your notice. There is a road going by Ailsa Lodge and Mrs Barry's house, about 200 yards in length. It is a quarter of a mile from the Pier. There are eight houses on the road and all occupied by substantial ratepayers. There are no arrears of rates. At the present time the road is absolutely impassable and has not apparently been cared for by your Council at all. As ratepayers we feel we are absolutely entitled to have a properly maintained road by our houses and we would be glad if you would kindly see that the Council attend to the matter at once."

Order - Referred to County Surveyor for detailed report with estimate of cost, etc.

It was decided to adjourn ~~their~~ consideration until a deputation from Hauliers of Camolin and Ferns Districts would be heard.

Mr. James Kenny, Effernogue, Ferns, who acted as principal spokesman on behalf of the hauliers in attendance handed in the following on their behalf:-

"On behalf of the hauliers of the Enniscorthy district we beg to put our position before you as shortly and as **concisely** as possible. Take one mile at 10d per yard. We are hard pressed to run six journeys per day; No haulier is able to bring more than 5 yds in the six journeys that would work out at 4/2d per day. Now take 2 miles per day that would be four journeys each day. It is considered a good horse that will have 18 cwt's two miles four times in the day. That would work out at 5/- per day.

"Now for three miles: it must be admitted that three journeys per day would be a hard day's work for any horse. You will observe that would work out at 6/- per day.

"You will see by the above that our grievance is genuine and we hope that you will consider it favourably:

"Signed:- James Kenny, Effernogue; Robert Kinsella, Ferns, Patrick Nolan, Coolatore; Richard Sinnott, John Brien, Anthony Doyle; Andrew Redmond; John Doyle; ~~and~~ Andrew Doyle."

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, stated that practically all the hauliers were in his district. He considered their average earnings would be from 6/6d to 7/6d per day. Laterly he found trouble in getting men to take haulage. Some of them had sold their horses and did not replace them.

Mr. P. Byrne said there were 13 or 14 of these hauliers in his district. He often saw them going to Clologue Quarry at 7.15 in the morning. They were in consequence of the distance they lived from their work only ^{able} ~~above~~ to cover 16 miles haulage in the day and were only able to earn at the outside 7/6d per day. Out of this they had to keep horse and cart and support their families. The Council could realise that the men had a real grievance.

The Chairman pointed out that there would be uneconomic journeys in haulage and these could be dealt with by the County Surveyor.

Mr. Thorpe held that at the rate allowed by the County Council a carter should be able to earn 8/- per day. A small concession might be given for first mile.

The following resolution was then proposed by Mr. Thorpe and seconded by Colonel Quin:-

"That the question of amount paid hauliers by County Council be referred to the Roads Committee for examination and report".

On a show of hands seven were in favour of this proposal and nine against it.

The Chairman declared the resolution lost and stated that if anyone wishes to propose any variation in the terms of employment it would have to be by notice of motion.

In connection with the Minutes of Roads Committee the following resolution was proposed by the Chairman seconded by Colonel Quin:-

"That the Minutes of Roads Committee in respect of meeting held on 24th January, 1927, be and are hereby confirmed".

Mr. Cooney called attention to the minute dealing with the condition of the main roads in New Ross District. He disagreed with the County Surveyor in his statement to the Roads Committee that it was scavenging work which was necessary on these highways.

It was decided that the County Surveyor obtain from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district, a special report in connection with the matter and that same be discussed at next meeting of Roads Committee.

Colonel Gibbon said he considered heaps of stones about two miles from Ballycanew on the Wexford side were dangerous.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, said he expected to have these rolled in on the 16th instant. There was 18 to 20 feet of a travelling surface available and he did not agree that the heaps of stones were in any way dangerous.

The resolution confirming the Minutes of the Committee was then put and passed.

COUNTY WEXFORD INSURANCE SOCIETY.
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The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. Sean O'Byrne, and seconded by Colonel Quin:-

"That the following resolution of the County Council, adopted at the meeting of the 11th April, 1912 be and is hereby rescinded:-

"That the Scheme as adopted by the Dublin Co. Council (with the necessary verbal alterations to make it applicable to this County) for the formation of an approved Society under the National Health Insurance Act, be adopted and submitted to the Irish Insurance Commissioners for approval".

With reference to this matter letter under date 18th January, 1927 (No.E.13953/26) was read from the National Health Insurance Commission pointing out that Co. Wexford Insurance Society had transferred its engagements to the Irish National Trade and Labour Benefit Society as from the 31st December, 1926, and this transfer had been sanctioned by the Commission. When the resolution of 11th April, 1912 (adopting a Scheme for the establishment of a Society) was rescinded the Commission would relieve the Council of its obligations under the Deed dated 12th February, 1913, as from 31st December last.

The resolution was then put and passed nem.con.

GOVERNMENT GRANTS FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE.
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Under date 2nd February, 1927 (RGM/201) the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote that the Minister proposed to make grants for the up-keep of Main Roads, on the basis of 50 per cent in connection with the repair of trunk roads and 30 per cent in the case of other main roads. The amount to which the Wexford County Council would be entitled on their estimate for up-keep of these roads in 1926 was £6345.

The Secretary pointed out that for year 1927-28 the amount

proposed to be spent on trunk roads was £4594 and on other main roads £12,639. The grant for these would be £6,089 and the Finance Committee had decided to bring in this amount in relief of rates for the forthcoming financial year.

FISHERIES ACT 1925.

Circular letter No.1 under date 26th January, 1927, (3731/1927) relative to recoupment by the Minister of Fisheries in cases in which the amount of rate in an area was increased over a penny in the £ in consequence of loss of fishery rate by the County Council, was read.

The Secretary stated/^{that} ^{was} in no case the amount of rate increased by a penny in the £ owing to the loss of fishery rate and hence the County Council were not entitled to any refund.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE.

Under date 7th February, 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.3120/1927 Wexford County) that Mr. J. A. Gleeson, Local Government Inspector, had been instructed to hold an Inquiry into the administration of the Wexford County Library Scheme on 1st March, 1927, at 11 o'clock a.m., in the Book Repository, 74, North Main Street, Wexford.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne:-

"That communication from the Local Government Department in connection with proposed Inquiry into the administration of the County Library Service be referred to the Finance Committee and that this Committee be empowered to take any steps which they may consider necessary in the interests of the Council relative to said Inquiry"

COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT - TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS

Proposed Agreement between the County Council, and the Co. Wexford Insurance Committee relative to the treatment of

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of persons suffering from Tuberculosis and which was prepared by the Co. Wexford Board of Health was laid before the meeting.

The Department of Local Government wrote under date 4th February, 1927, (P.H.5051/1927 Wexford Bd of Hth and P.A) that the Minister for Local Government saw no objection to the adoption of this Agreement by the Council.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Clince:-

"That we approve of comprehensive Agreement for the treatment of persons suffering from Tuberculosis between the Wexford Council and the County Insurance Committee, that the said agreement be signed by two members on behalf of the Council and that the seal of the Council be attached thereto."

ST. STEPHEN'S CEMETERY COMMITTEE, NEW ROSS.
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Under date 21st January, 1927, the Department of Local Government forwarded Auditor's report and Abstracts of Accounts for year ended 31st March, 1926, in connection with the above Committee.

Under date 2nd February, 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (P.H.42803 Miscellaneous J.B.B.) that this Committee should now be constituted under the provisions of Section 5 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1925, and that the area of charge would be the County Health district.

The Secretary stated that after the abolition of the Rural Council of New Ross, the County Board of Health appointed three members of the Co. Council on this Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul, seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That County Councillors M. Cloney, W. Thorpe and J.E. Walsh be appointed Representatives of this Council on the St. Stephen's Cemetery Committee, as these members have been already appointed by the County Board of Health on said Committee"

TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROAD.
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Sealed Order No.I.R/107/1/1927, relative to the closing of road from the Tivoli Terrace junction to Park Cottage, Wexford, from 14th February, to 31st March, 1927, (inclusive) to allow of level to be raised was read for the meeting.

RECONSTRUCTION OF WEXFORD COURTHOUSE.
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Under date 8th February, 1927, the following letter (297/25) was read from the Department of Justice:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Justice to refer to the question of the application by the Wexford County Council to the Minister for Finance for permission to utilise the award in respect of the destruction of the Wexford Courthouse towards the conversion of the Old Jail into a Courthouse rather than towards the rebuilding of the former Courthouse.

"The Minister has come to the conclusion, and has so informed the Minister for Finance, that he would not be justified in opposing the considered opinion of the County Council that the conversion of the Old Jail into a Courthouse will be more economical than the reconstruction of the former Courthouse and will provide ample suitable accommodation for the Courts of Justice and their officers.

"So far, therefore, as the Department of Justice is concerned, no further opposition will be offered to the County Council's proposal".

The following resolution was proposed by the Chairman seconded by Mr. Doyle:-

"That copy of letter from Department of Justice, under date 8th February, 1927 and No.297/25 be furnished to the Minister for Finance with a request that he will now agree to advance the amount of compensation awarded in this case"

A show of hands was taken with the result that 16 voted in favour of the resolution and five against it.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted.

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RECONSTRUCTION GOREY COURTHOUSE.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, submitted copy letter from the Department of Finance under date 2nd February, 1927, 404/946 (2), explaining the manner in which payments to cover the cost of reconstruction of the Gorey Courthouse, would be made.

The County Surveyor stated that plans and specifications in this matter were now complete.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Quin:-

"That advertisements be issued at once inviting tenders for the reconstruction of the Gorey Courthouse".

GOVERNMENT CAPITATION GRANTS - MENTAL HOSPITALS.

The following letter under date 21st January:1927,(F.62/10/26) was read from the Department of Finance:-

"With reference to your letter of the 14th instant transmitting a resolution, on the subject of the Capitation Grant for Mental Hospitals, which was adopted at a meeting of the Wexford County Council, I am directed by the Minister for Finance to state that, as you have already been informed, the claims of Wexford County Council, as well as those of other County Councils, for payment of Capitation Grant to the amount certified by the Local Government Auditor are abated by direction of the Minister for Finance in accordance with the terms of Section 58 (5) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, if the grant from which payment is made proves insufficient.

"I am to add that no change in the existing legislation is proposed by the Minister, and he regrets that he cannot make up from any source any deficit that may arise".

Mr. Doyle suggested that an agitation should be carried on by the ratepayers to secure payment of the full capitation grant. They appeared to be getting only 30 or 25 per cent of it at present.

The following resolution which was adopted by the General Councils of Co.Councils was proposed by Mr. Thorpe seconded by Colonel Quin and adopted:-

"That the Government be asked to reconsider the legal aspect of the Capitation Grant, as it is a serious handicap on the ratepayers to cover the difference between the amount allowed and the ordinary cost per head. That it is the opinion of the Joint Committee that a sum equivalent to fifty per cent be refunded to the ratepayers, as such was the principle originally intended towards the relief of the rates".

PRIMARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.
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The following letter under date 21st January, 1927, (F.13080) was read from the Department of Education:-

"With reference to your communication dated 18th ultimo, enclosing tentative scheme under above, I am directed to inform you that this Department is of opinion that a valuation of £75 is at variance in the spirit and in the letter with the principle underlying the award of these Scholarships, which are intended primarily to benefit the children of parents of limited means. It is suggested therefore that your Council consider the propriety of reducing the valuation to £50. In the experience of the Department this figure would be regarded as the maximum for a fairly large family, with a graduated scale for smaller families.

It is noted (par 2.) that right of competition is confined to children of parents residing in the Rural Districts. In this connection, I am to enquire whether the rate for these Scholarships is levied over the entire County including the Urban Districts, and if so, in what circumstances your Council propose that their Scholarships and Bursaries under this Scheme shall be tenable only by pupils declared eligible under this head.

The proposal (par9) to refund expenses to all candidates who attend the examination is not in accordance with regulation 12(b) of the official scheme, and it is feared that the proposal might

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result in the wholesale presentation of candidates with no obvious chance of gaining an award".

"Regarding the proposal to adopt the 5th Standard in Irish, I am to say for your information that the revised syllabus (a copy of which was recently sent to you) is based on the new Primary Schools' Programme and has been adopted without modification by all Councils having Schemes operative in 1927. It is regretted that a lower standard in this subject cannot be accepted".

Proposed by the Chairman seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"That the suggestions of the Department of Education contained in their letter No.F.13080 under date 21st January, 1927, re Primary Scholarship Scheme be adopted, with the exception of the suggestion relative to refund of expenditure in attending examination. In this matter the decision of this Council is that all candidates who secure not less than thirty-three and one third of total marks allotted to the six subjects in which they are examined be refunded the necessary expenditure incurred by them in attending the Examination".

Adopted.

DEATH OF CIVIC GUARD E. KAVANAGH. =====

The Secretary reported that writ had been served on him at the suit of the mother of E. Kavanagh, deceased Civic Guard, who died as result of a collision with a heap of stones on Wexford-Ross Road.

He had forwarded the document to the Insurance Brokers, Messrs McDonagh & Boland, who had acknowledged receipt.

CUTTING HEDGES. =====

The County Surveyor presented report from Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, under date 12th February, 1927, that Edward Moran, Verneegley, Bannow, had refused to cut a hedge which shaded the road very badly.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Mernagh:-

"That Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, be instructed to proceed against Edward Moran, Vernegley, Bannow, in order to compel him to have hedge, his property, and which is an injury to the road, properly cut".

INJURY TO OLD JAIL PREMISES.
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The following under date 11th February, 1927, was read from the County Surveyor:-

"The Caretaker of the old Jail Premises notified me that on Tuesday, 8th instant, three youths named Patrick Morris, Paddy Parle and Michael Murray, came into the back premises of old Jail and maliciously broke over sixty panes of glass in a building in which we have timber stored. The Caretaker at the time was in the main building attending to his duties, and of course, the main gate was open for access to the District Clerk's Offices, and also for car traffic to the back premises.

"I may note that Patrick Morris is a grandson of the Caretaker to the County Office Buildings and admitted participating in the damage. Murray's father is an engine driver on the Railway, and Parle's father lives in the small house adjoining the County Office buildings."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Quin:-

"That parents of guardians of Patrick Parle, Patrick Morris and Patrick Murray, be called upon to pay cost of wilful damage done by them on the 8th February to Old Jail Premises, Wexford, and in the event of their refusal or neglect to do so they be prosecuted by this Council"

ROAD CONTINGENCIES FUND.
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Under date 27th January, 1927, Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, wrote that road 11W between Larkin's Corss and Knockeen Cross required strengthening very badly, the cost would be about £100.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Murphy:-

"That a sum of £100 be transferred from Road Contingencies Fund to Account No.11W in order to provide for the improvement of this road between Larkin's Cross and Knockeen Cross"

CARRIGANEAGH QUARRY.

The following letter under date 25th January, 1927, re above was read from the County Surveyor:-

"I have been in treaty with Lord Courtown in regard to the leasing of Carriganeagh Quarry, and have provisionally agreed with him to take the quarry at a yearly rent of £6. I have not dealt with him for material taken since April, 1924, and it will be necessary to have this period covered also. I shall be obliged if you will bring the matter before the County Council for their approval."

The County Surveyor also submitted letter from Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, that there was nothing to prevent lease in this matter being taken out as from 1st April, 1924, and the rent to run from that date.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"That a lease of Carriganeagh Quarry be entered into between the Co. Council and Lord Courtown for Carriganeagh Quarry at £6 per annum as from 1st April, 1924. "

SHANNON ELECTRICITY ACT 1925.
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Notice was read from the Secretary, Ministry of Industry & Commerce, as to proposed erection of poles for carrying transmission lines for above Scheme in the townland of Camolin and for maintenance of same etc.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"That so far as the Council are empowered they grant permission to Ministry of Industry and Commerce to erect poles etc., in connection

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with the Shannon Electricity Act 1925 over any roads or lands in the control of the Council"

DRAINAGE OF FORD OF LYG.

Counsel's opinion in connection with above was submitted.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne:-

"That in connection with the flooding of the Ford of Lyng, this Council decides to act on the advice of Counsel, and direct Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, to take whatever steps may be necessary to put this advice into effect."

ANALYST'S REPORT.

Report of Analyst for quarter ended 31st December, 1926, was submitted to the meeting.

In connection with this matter letter was read from the Department of Local Government under date 9th February, 1927 (P.J.3868/27 Wexford County) suggesting that the sampling Officers might be advised to make a more varied selection of articles for examination by the Analyst, e.g., Sausages, Vinegar, Jam, Coffee.

It was decided that the attention of the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, be called to the letter of the Department of Local Government and that he be requested to ask the Ex-Officio Inspectors appointed under Food and Drugs Acts to adopt the suggestion of the Department of Local Government.

CORRAMACORRA ROAD.

Before the conclusion of the meeting Mr. Hayes said that the condition in which the people of Corramacorra were living was intolerable and to carry out anything in the nature of what was suggested by the Roads Committee was beyond their power. They were only small holders in a miserable condition. To his mind it was impossible for the people there to do what was recommended by the

Committee, and he proposed that the Council take the necessary steps to have the road constructed.

The Chairman said they could not do as Mr. Hayes proposed. It would not be regular. The resolution adopted by the Roads Committee asked the people concerned how far they were prepared to go to meet the Council in the matter, and he thought they should await a reply to that.

Mr. Boggan said that the people could do a considerable amount of the rough work at very little expense.

The discussion ended.

Wm. Carthy
March 14th 1927

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

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'ROAD WORKS' MEETING

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JANUARY 24TH. 1927.

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N. J. FRIZELLE

FORTVIEW

SECRETARY

WEXFORD.

The Road Works Meeting of the Wexford County Council to consider Provisional Road Works' Scheme in respect of the financial year 1927-28 was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 24th January 1927.

Present:- Mr T. McCarthy Chairman (presiding), also Col Gibbon, Col Quin, Messrs Wm. Boggan, James Cline, Ml Cloney, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, Michael Doyle, James Gaul, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, Aidan Mernagh, N.J. Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, M.M. O'Donoghue, John Pender, James Shannon, William Thorpe and John White.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, the Co. Surveyor and Mr Elgee, Solicitor were also in attendance.

ROAD WORKS 'SCHEME AND ROAD ESTIMATE,

The Chairman explained that the object of the special meeting was to consider the Provisional Road Works' Scheme as submitted by the County Surveyor and Road Estimate, as this part of their Budget was the one on which most public attention was focussed. It differed from all other Estimates inasmuch as it was open to the Council to give the County Surveyor the full amount of his estimate or reduce it as they thought proper. In considering the estimate, he hoped the common sense of the Council would prevail and that nothing would be done which would lead to the deterioration of the roads. The Council could not allow the roads to get into a state that would cost the people a very large sum next year or the year after to maintain. They had to bear in mind that they had to deal with modern traffic difficulties and the system that prevailed years ago would not do now. The Council had to keep a number of men regularly on the main and county roads and they must have the roads made from good material. The men on the roads and in the quarries must be trained men, and in fixing the figure the Council would have to bear those facts in mind. The country was not prosperous at present and that applied not only to the farmer and the rate-payer but to the business man and the working community, a number of whom were at present unemployed. In fixing the rate they would have to view the general conditions and be as conservative

as possible without allowing the roads to suffer to any material extent. They should fix a sum which would keep the roads in a reasonable state of repair. He appealed to both sections of the Council to try if possible to co-operate and permit of a little give and take on both sides. Unfortunately, on this Council even trivial matters were allowed to take a party turn and most questions were decided by a party vote. He would like to see a little more co-operation. If each side could view the other's point of view, ~~an~~ a more satisfactory decision would always be arrived at. The Council should face facts from an honest point of view, and if they did that they would get on much better. At the same time he did not suggest that any party should sacrifice any of ^{its} party principles. The Co. Surveyor's estimate amounted to £33657. To realise that, they would require a rate of 4/9 or 1/5 more than last year. The Co. Surveyor was asked to prepare an estimate for comparative purposes on a 3/- in the £ basis. With reference to last year's rate, the Council was fortunate as far as the weather was concerned. Only they had a dry ^{December} winter the rate would not have been sufficient. As it was, there were a good many complaints about some of the roads, and in a good many cases money had to be transferred from one section to another, and money had to be taken from a road that did not need repairs to be spent on a road that did need them. Another thing was that the Council last year did not provide for any improvement works at all. They merely provided for a rate to maintain the roads. In the improvement works there had been a good many complaints- that dangerous corners or turnings had not been eased or eliminated. Complaints had been made to the members of the Council of the danger owing to the existence of those corners. No provision had been made for ~~the~~ such work last year, but a number of them had been included in this year's estimate.

The County Surveyor said that at the meeting of the Finance Committee he explained that the figures he had arrived at were those necessary to provide material and maintain the roads for modern traffic. With the figures set out in his

estimate, he believed he would be able to maintain the roads against any lorry or heavy traffic that might come except on a few short lengths here and there that might get cut up in bad weather and which would require special treatment. His figures were absolutely essential if the roads were to be maintained to meet present traffic. He agreed with the Chairman's statement that the dry month of December saved the roads from getting into a hopeless condition. If the month of December had been wet, all the material would have been gone by now. With regard to the 3/- rate, he had been hard set to allocate it. The Council might consider his estimate high, but there was no question whatever that 3/- was absolutely too little ~~only for the dry weather last year~~. His estimate for the maintenance of main roads was £25721. He eliminated from that the sum of £2966 for re-surfacing and tarring.

In reply to Mr Sean O'Byrne, he said he had not sufficient material on the roads at the present time. As he had already said, the position would now be worse only for the dry winter. The roads were not absolutely going to pieces and he would try to carry on.

Asked how he arrived at the rate of 3/-. the County Surveyor said he was directed by the Finance Committee to make out figures and to estimate at what rate those figures would work out at. He was not asking a 3/- rate. He would rather have it 6/-. He arrived at the 3/- rate on the following figures:-
 Maintenance of Main Roads £16500: Maintenance of County Roads £28016: Improvements Main Roads £636: do County Roads £1345:
 Arrears Quarries and Machinery £4440: Contingencies Main Roads £1400: do County Roads £2600: Total £54937.

These figures worked out at a reduction of about 36% on his original estimate.

In reply to Mr Corish, he said the amount passed last year was about 26% lower than his estimate, and the rate agreed to last year was 3/4 in the £.

Mr Sean O'Byrne said the chief complaint they heard everywhere was with reference to lack of material. It was clear

that enough material had not gone on any road this year, and they were now contemplating putting less material on them next year. They were at present paying for the neglect of the roads for the past thirty years. For the pennies saved in the past they were paying shillings now, and probably in the future they would be paying half-crowns for the shillings saved at present.

Mr Doyle said he was in thorough accord with all the Chairman had said to the effect that they should try to get the roads into a condition which would ~~be~~ have them passable for the ratepayers and able to withstand modern traffic. If times were normal he would agree with every word the Chairman had said, but if they got the roads into good condition by practically causing the bankruptcy of the ratepayers, what great advantage would the improved roads be to them? He suggested that they should wipe out all improvements this year until they reached a stage in which there would be some colour of prosperity. The most of the damage on roads was caused by lorries and other heavy traffic from urban areas. Tillage had gone down practically as low as zero, and, therefore, the farmer had not the use for the roads that he had heretofore. Mr O'Byrne had remarked on the carelessness with which the roads were treated in the past, but to his (Mr Doyle's) mind some of them were in a much better condition in the past than at the present time even with the increased expenditure. Formerly it did not take as much to keep up the roads as at present. The country would not now stand an increase in the estimate for roads or for anything else. He thought the people would be hardly able to pay a higher rate than last year. He held that to increase the rate would be another step on the road to bankruptcy for the ratepayers. He would not agree to increase last year's rate, and he thought, personally, that they should try to adopt the 3/- rate and eliminate all improvements rather than have it higher. He thought the roads would be maintained in last year's condition with that amount, especially when they considered the large Grants.

Col Gibbon said he quite agreed with Mr Doyle that they

could not pay, but he thought they should look to the future as well as to the present. With reference to the Gorey road that had been mentioned, a good deal of tarring had been done on it last year. The County Surveyor was now asking for £2300 for the repair of that road, and on that basis when they got to the 200 miles of tarred roads that had been spoken of as being required in the county, the cost would amount to about £30,000. According to the Co. Surveyor's estimate, the Gorey district was getting this year £9,000 out of £10,000. Last year's rate was a crushing one so far as the farmers were concerned. Their prices for everything were bad except for sugar beet and potatoes. They had got to meet their Land Annuities and a good many farmers were finding that the State was even harder than the landlords when it came to the collection of those annuities. The majority of farmers could not see the necessity of being called upon to provide roads which were to them not only a luxury but a difficulty when they came to drive their cattle over them in frosty weather. He suggested that they should recognise the facts as Mr Doyle had stated and tell their County Surveyor that they were reluctantly compelled to cut his estimate to £54,000. The Grant for the Enniscorthy road and other amounts would bring them up to £130,000 for spending on the roads. He proposed that a rate of 3/- should be struck.

Mr Boggan seconded.

The County Surveyor said that it was not until they had surfaced a road three times with bitumen that they would get a good surface. The three surfacings would cost about £450 a mile.

Mr Boggan said he quite agreed with the trend of the Chairman's address to the Council. It would be a mistaken policy to let the roads get into such a condition as would necessitate large sums being spent on them in the future to put them into decent repair but he did not for a moment say that the roads were getting into that state. He would say on the other hand that the roads had greatly improved. He did not agree with the County Surveyor when he stated that the fine weather in December was a

help to them. It was more of a hindrance because the stones did not bond into the roads. He was not satisfied that they were getting the full value for their estimate. Some time ago he made a suggestion to the County Surveyor about utilising stuff that had accumulated along the sides of the roads by transferring it to the middle. He believed that that operation would mean a saving not only of hundreds of Pounds, but possibly thousands. They would have the material on the spot and would be spared the expense of boring, blasting, breaking and carting. He appealed to the members who were there in the workers' interests to come to some arrangement by which the quarries could be worked on a different system to the present one. If they could believe even half the stories they heard about waste in the quarries and the waste of public money, it was something frightful. He did not believe half of these stories himself, but even less than half was quite enough. The system on which these quarries were being worked was ~~responsible~~ accountable for thousands of Pounds, and if they could devise any system of working piece-work they would save a large amount of money. They need not necessarily decrease employment by adopting piece-work. They could spend the money they saved by piece-work on the roads in other directions. He thought the Council would be wise to listen to the appeal Mr Doyle had made to them. The majority of the rate-payers in the county were in a pitiable position. They had no money and very little means of making it. They were not in a position to pay an increased rate, and he doubted if they were able to pay even the rate imposed on them last year.

Mr Shannon said it was not necessary to tell him about the condition of the country and every Labour member there knew it quite as well. He did not want to impose hardships on the ratepayers any more than was necessary, but he was tormented listening to ratepayers complaining of the state of the roads, and it was quite evident that they were as anxious to have the roads made good as the Labour members were. The rate struck last year was not adequate to make the roads, but he proposed, as a compromise, that the same rate be struck this year as last year.

He thought it was heavy enough on the ratepayers and little enough to maintain the roads.

Mr Pender seconded.

Mr Hayes said he did not believe last year's rate was at all sufficient to keep the roads in decent repair. With regard to employment, owing to last year's reduced estimate, 85 less men were employed in October than in the corresponding period of the previous year. With the depression in agriculture, that meant that they were going to have an increased amount of unemployment, and he thought they should pay keen attention to the number of people who were left without any means of livelihood at all.

Col Gibbon said that as far as the employment question went, he would remind Mr Hayes that the undertaking and the instruction of the Council was that as far as possible during the present financial year they would employ men regularly the whole year round, and not discharge them at the end. With regard to the amount of employment in the October of the year before last, the result of that was that the men were thrown out in the following February and March. Therefore, the Council agreed that it was better to nurse the money in order to keep a certain number of men in regular employment than to have a large number of men thrown out of work later in the year.

Mr Hayes said that many of their permanent men were disemployed in January of last year owing to the reduced estimate.

Mr Cloney drew the Council's attention to the large amount of rate at present outstanding. The country was in a bad state at the present time, and to strike a higher this year than in the past would be a murderous policy.

Mr Thorpe said that the difficulty of getting in the rates was brought before them constantly. The Rate Collectors told them they were ashamed to demand rates from some people who were actually hungry. It was now almost impossible for one quarter of the people to pay their rates. The other three-quarters might struggle on for a year or two. If the Council tried to get a ~~little~~ little better value for the money spent on the roads, they might be able to do them. Any amount of gripes were being cleaned out

that would not interfere with the water tables at all. If the gripes were sufficiently deep to carry off the water there was no necessity of sinking them further into the sub-soil. On some of the steam rolled roads last year, the gripes were all cleaned up, and this year there were horses drawing stuff back miles to put on the roads. They were drawing back clay to replace what they took away last year. These matters should be looked to in time. If the roads were properly managed, the rate they were now proposing would be well able to maintain them in a proper manner.

Col Quin said that after all their roads were becoming very much better year after year. There was a very great improvement in them even this year towards last year.

Mr Corish said he agreed with a great number of the remarks made by the Chairman in his opening statement, and he also agreed with Mr Doyle's remarks that the people were not in as good a position as they would like to see them. No matter how abnormal the times might be, it was strange that the people, not the members of the County Council, who talked about the rates being too high were the very first who complained about the condition of the roads. Mr Doyle referred to the Urban areas making a big contribution towards the cutting up of the roads. He (Mr Corish) admitted that the Urban areas did make a big contribution in that direction, but it was up to the farmers to make a big contribution in the work of having the big lorries which conveyed their agricultural products to the towns to the detriment of the workers, put off the roads. He strongly advocated the removal of these big lorries. Mr Boggan's statement was certainly reasonable when he talked about co-operation. He (Mr Corish) did not wish to perpetuate party differences, and he believed that every business should not be made a party question, so that on occasions they could all agree to do their best for the county they represented. There were complaints regarding the work in the quarries and the Direct Labour System by people who favoured the Contract System, but speaking on behalf of the Labour Party in the Council he would state that they were quite prepared to go into the whole question in order to see if better results could be obtained. He agreed

that if a man got paid fair wages he should do fair work in return. No Trade Union official encouraged laziness or idleness. As farming conditions were now improved from what they were last year, he thought the Council should decide on the same rate as last year.

The Chairman said he was very much impressed by the reasonable manner in which the debate had been carried out. It seemed to be the opinion of some members that the Urban Districts were responsible for the big lorry traffic. The opposite was the case and the urban districts were the biggest sufferers because of the diversion of trade from the towns to the rural villages.

The Urban areas had to pay for the upkeep of the county roads a proportion based on their valuation.

Mr Boggan seconded Col Gibbon's proposition.

The Chairman suggested as there was no possibility of unanimity that a compromise might be arrived at by agreeing to a rate of $3/2$ in the £.

Col Gibbon said that the Farmers' members of the Council would agree to the Chairman's suggestion.

Mr Shannon stated that the Labour members could not accept the Chairman's proposal.

A poll was then taken with the following result:-

For a $3/4$ rate - Messrs Cline, Colfer, Connors, Cooney, Gaul, Hayes, Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, Shannon, Pender and Corish - 11.

Against - Col Gibbon, Col Quin, Messrs Boggan, Cloney, Doyle, Hall, Jordan, O'Donoghue, Thorpe, White and the Chairman - 11.

The Chairman gave his casting vote against the $3/4$ rate which was declared lost.

The Chairman then proposed that a Road Rate of $3/2$ in the £ be struck and Mr Hall seconded.

The proposition was carried without a poll.

WEXFORD-ENNISCORTHY ROAD.

Under date 19th January 1927, the following letter (No R/SGN/32) was read from the Department of Local Government (Roads):-

"With reference to an entry in the Minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 10th inst relative

to the work to be carried out on the Wexford-Enniscorthy Road under the National Road Scheme, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he cannot see his way to sanction the alteration proposed in Clause II of the general conditions of contract. If the Council will be good enough to refer to the Department's letter of the 27th July last indicating that a Grant of £36,796 had been ear-marked under the Scheme for County Wexford, they will observe on page 2 of that letter that the usual conditions as to men to be employed and the wages to be paid, which were attached to previous Grants, applied to the Grant then notified. These conditions apply to the Saorstát as a whole."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Hall seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That the proposal of the Wexford County Council made at the meeting on 10th January 1927 for alteration of Clause II of "General Conditions of Contract" relative to re-construction work on the Wexford-Enniscorthy Road be withdrawn, and that the clause as submitted originally by the Department of Local Government be allowed to stand."

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CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I certify the foregoing to be a correct
record of the Minutes of Proceedings of Road
Works Meeting of my County Council held on 24th
January, 1927.

(Signed) _____

W F Fuzelle

Secretary: Wexford County Council.

Dated this 31st day of January, 1927.

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

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MEETING 10TH JANUARY 1927

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MINUTES.

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N. J. FRIZELLE

FORTVIEW

SECRETARY

WEXFORD.

The monthly meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 10th January 1927.

Present:-Mr T. McCarthy(Chairman)presiding:also Messrs W. Boggan,P.Byrne,James Cline,M. Cloney,P. Colfer, John Connors,Thomas Cooney,Richard Corish,Michael Doyle,James Gaul,Col C.M. Gibbon,James Hall,P. Hayes,D. Kavanagh,Aidan Mernagh,Sean O'Byrne,M.M. O'Donoghue,John Pender,Col Quin, Thomas Rossiter,William Thorpe,James Shannon,James E. Walsh and John White.

Mr J. Quigley,Chief Roads Engineer,Department of Local Government,the Secretary,the Assistant Secretary,the County Surveyor,Assistant Surveyor T. Cullen and Mr Elgee, Solicitor,were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEES.

Roads Committee.

The following Minutes of Roads Committee in respect of meeting of 22nd December 1926 were submitted:-

The monthly meeting of the Roads Committee of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 22nd December 1926.

Present:-Mr T. McCarthy (Chairman Co. Council) presiding, Also, Messrs Sean O'Byrne, James Hall, James Shannon, Michael Cloney, William Boggan, Patrick Colfer, Col Gibbon and Col Quin.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor and the six Assistant Surveyors were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

"On the 14th inst, I was in Dublin with reference to nature of the work to be done under Grant on the Enniscorthy-Wexford road. Mr Quigley, with whom I had an appointment was unable to attend at his office until the 16th inst when I had an interview with him, and at his request accompanied ^{him} on 17th inst to inspect compressed concrete road work being carried out between Drogheda and Dundalk. There are some difficulties in connection with this class of work. It is necessary to have a longitudinal central joint unless the whole width of the road would be closed to traffic, but I think we will be able to do this with our road except on a few sections. Also there is a good deal of idle time with the steam roller but I believe this can be greatly reduced in carrying out the work in closely adjoining sections at the same time. On the Louth road the cement is of the quick setting variety (Ferro-crete), but there is no reason why slower setting cement such as "Drinagh Cement" could not be used if special time be allowed after laying before traffic is permitted. We would be also able to use for this work, material from Clonhaston, Brownswood and Kerlogue quarries which would eliminate any possible damage that would occur in drawing material from Ballybrennan Quarry. Subject to further consultation with Mr Quigley, and answers to mine by Louth County Surveyor I believe the compressed concrete would be the best method of dealing with this road. In connection with the present strengthening work I have to report that I am at present having material

hauled from Kerlogue by our own steam lorry over the road between Urban boundary and Ferrycarrig and as we have full control of this work and speed is low and the loading limited, there is no appreciable damage being done. I examined into the question ~~into the question~~ of traction haulage in order to expedite the work, and have decided that such would not be advisable at the present time, as we would probably seriously injure the already completed road to Ferrycarrig. I may note that the owner of the traction agrees with me in this, and would not care to undertake responsibility for damage. The result of this is that there will be delay in completing the work, but there is no reason why if it be decided to employ concrete that the Specification should not be put in hands at once. Possibly, also if concrete be employed the work can be done directly, and in this case the Department will probably require some system of piece work being adopted.

On the 15th inst, I interviewed Mr Delap, Consulting Engineer for Mountgarrett Bridge, and I went into the matter of the revised plans. The revision of the plans was rendered necessary by the increased loading now required, and also in regard to the width of the opening span. The Bridge Committee have already agreed to this and the plans are practically completed. I asked Mr Delap to go carefully into the Estimate for the new span, and have now received from him details of the cost. The bridge as now designed is estimated to cost £17500 of which there will be a free Grant from the Government of 25%, namely, £4375, leaving £13125 to be provided by the two Counties in equal proportions. County Wexford proportion therefore, will be £6562, and as the amount already provided for is only £5750, it will be necessary for the Wexford County Council to pass supplemental proposal, amounting to £812, before any tender can be accepted for the work. When in Dublin I also called at the Office of the Minister of Industry and Commerce (Transport and Marine Section) with reference to procedure we must adopt in obtaining permission for erection of temporary bridge across tide way, and also the difference in position of piles between old and new bridges. I ask for authority to make necessary arrangements with the Minister for the work.

"I put before Mr Quigley, Chief Roads Engineer, the necessity for improvement work on the road between Enniscorthy and Scarawalsh, and I have been directed to formulate proposal. Also I have been directed to prepare particulars for improvement work on the continuation of this line running thro Enniscorthy Urban. On the 20th inst, I inspected road with Mr Casey, Town Surveyor, and I have the matter now in hands.

Recently I inspected a gullet on the Clonard Road, No 123W. The main portion of this gullet runs for a considerable length underground in Mr Heffernan's premises, and as we have recently been caused trouble by overflowing, I got Mr Heffernan to open and clean gullet, which is an old built structure of small sectional area. I am satisfied that we shall never have freedom from flooding of the road unless gullet is reconstructed and I suggest pipes for this. I consulted Mr Elgee on the matter, and he holds that we cannot compel Mr Heffernan to rebuild the gullet, but I understand that he (Mr Heffernan) is agreeable to lay pipes if we supply same. I recommend that this be done and ask for your authority. I shall submit estimate at the meeting.

I have to report that the Claimant in the recent action against the Council for damage by blasting operations in Gurtins Quarry has removed stones that were cast on his land, and I understand is converting them to his own use. I submit report from Assistant Surveyor.

I shall submit particulars of the necessary work to be done on the road adjoining County Hospital which the Health Board propose filling.

On the 2nd inst, I visited the "Long Lane" (Coolgreany) with Messrs Hall and S. O'Byrne. Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor was also present. We are of opinion that the road is not such as to warrant removal of corners as requested by the local people, but we have recommended some minor improvements.

I inspected also the site of the proposed concrete footway in Gorey Avenue, and the same Committee were present. We are of opinion that at the present time the concrete kerb with a gravelled

footway would serve all necessary requirements, and at a later date, particularly if building extends along Avenue on this side, concrete surface might be put in.

I shall have particulars at the meeting of the existing areas with Gangers in charge. At the time of arranging this matter I carefully examined the whole county and made the divisions, and I do not think that they could be altered without great trouble, particularly as the groups of roads are arranged to fit present areas, and any interference with them would require two gangers to deal with one pay-sheet.

Committees have been appointed to deal with the following matters but dates have not been fixed, and I think it would be well if fixtures could be made:-

1. Courthouse Committee to interview Minister of Finance.
2. Committee to inspect Verona Bridge.
3. Roads Inspection Committee."

Wexford-Enniscorthy Road.

The County Surveyor stated he was in favour of having the work carried out in concrete but there were some minor points he would like to have cleared up. The width to be done in concrete was 18 feet. He had, as he reported, seen in Louth, main road through Dundalk and Drogheda to Belfast. With regard to the suitability of the road for horse traffic, the County Surveyor of Louth who was very well satisfied with general results stated that there were very steep hills between Dundalk and Newry and there had been no complaints of the unsuitability of the material for horse traffic and no question of animals slipping on the surface had arisen. In Dublin, the County Council had directed the County Surveyor to spread sand on a bitumencous macadam road. This formed an emulsion and had ruined the road.

The Chairman said if the Enniscorthy-Wexford road was reconstructed in concrete, the Co. Surveyor estimated that 5000 tons of cement would be required for the work. It would be a great advantage to the county if this could be procured from Drinagh Cement Works. He had heard that, unfortunately, a good deal of the machinery

which had been in use in Drinagh had been transferred to England.

The County Surveyor mentioned that Mr Walsh, County Surveyor of Louth, considered the best time to carry out the work was between March and October. He had written to Mr Quigley and Mr Walsh for full details in order to allow of the Specification being drawn up as soon as possible.

Col Gibbon believed that the question of having a track for horses at the side of the concrete should be considered.

The County Surveyor pointed out that the road was generally 21 feet wide and if 18 feet were to be concreted there would be only three feet left for a horse track. Cement for grouting would cost about 60/- per ton on the road while Ferrocete which was a quick setting cement would cost 70/- per ton.

Col Gibbon considered that the Road Inspection Committee should see the experimental stretches of road from Inchicore to Rathcoole. It was found there that the concrete portion never became so slippery for horse traffic as the section done in bituminous macadam.

Mr Hall raised the question that constant traffic by horses on a cement surface would cause great injury to their feet and legs from shock and animals would become useless after a short time.

Col Gibbon thought the County Council should hold an Inquiry in connection with the particular surfacing to be put on this road.

The Chairman was not in favour of this proposal which to his mind would only bring in people who knew nothing about the class of road proposed. The point raised by Mr Hall was an important one but it could be decided only by expert opinion. Many people thought the amount proposed to be spent on this road outrageous.

Mr O'Byrne agreed. If this road was surfaced in the same manner as the Gorey-Arklow road it should be sufficient for all ordinary requirements and the balance of the money could be employed for the improvement of other roads.

The Chairman said he had seen the road from Rathcoole to Inchicore and he did not consider it slippery.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr Treanor and Mr Ennis agreed with Mr Hall that the unyielding surface of a concrete road would injure horses' feet and legs very rapidly.

The County Surveyor considered that the same amount of money would be spent for bitumen as for cement if it was decided to have the road laid down in bitumencous macadam.

It was decided to refer the matter to next meeting of the County Council, the Co. Surveyor being directed to have all information ready by then to enable specification to be drawn up and work advertised.

Mountgarrett Bridge.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Shannon:- "That we approve of recommendation as to Mountgarrett Bridge appearing in the report of County Surveyor and that the Co. Council be recommended to raise the extra £812 for Wexford's share of the necessary outlay for the reconstruction of this bridge."

Moyne-Scarawalsh Road.

Col Quin said when recently over this road he found it in a very much improved condition.

Col Gibbon stated that when he and Mr O'Byrne went ~~over~~ over the road on the day of last County Council meeting, they found a man engaged in filling the worst of the pot-holes and the road was considerably improved.

Col Quin said it was a very undesirable state of affairs that the road was not put in order until a complaint had been made.

Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor in charge of the road in question, said he did not know that a discussion would take place as regards this road at the last Co. Council meeting. Col Quin was wrong in assuming that it was the effect of the discussion which had caused him to pay special attention to the road. He made out a plan over six months ago as to how he would deal with this particular road and the work was carried out exactly according to that plan.

Mr Ennis then explained the steps he had taken in the

matter. The particularly bad part had to be repaired with rough stone and it was necessary that he should wait for the road to become really bad before the work could be properly and efficiently carried out. He claimed, after his nine years' experience, to know something about road repair and in this instance he was convinced he did the right thing. The road did not show pot-holes but waves which were caused by heavy lorry traffic.

Mr O'Byrne said it was clear that the improvement in the road was not the result of any discussion at County Council meeting, but he was on the road previously and he did not think it should have been allowed to go so much out of repair as it did.

Mr Ennis asked if Col Gibbon still charged him with culpable negligence.

Col Gibbon said he still held that the road was allowed to go too far before repairs were carried out and it would cost the County considerably more than if the work had been done at an earlier period. He was quite ready to withdraw the charge of culpable negligence and would do so publicly at the County Council meeting.

The Chairman said that any roads for which Mr Ennis had been given sufficient money were a credit to him. He did not think there was the slightest negligence on the part of Mr Ennis as regards this road- in fact, he (Chairman) knew it was a source of worry to him for months. Mr Ennis made a good job with what money he had available and he (Chairman) could not see where the question of any extra expense to the County arose.

Col Gibbon still held that the damage beyond The Moyne would not have occurred if the road had been seen to sooner.
Gullet at Clonard.

The County Surveyor stated there were about 90 lineal yards of gullet to be reconstructed in this case. It would cost the Council about £70, while the work to be done by Mr Heffernan would cost about £8 or £10. It was only at exceptional times and ~~and~~ in an abnormally wet season that the road was flooded.

Mr Boggan asked if the drain along the side of the road

could be widened.

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The County Surveyor stated this might have the effect of undermining the wall.

It was decided that Mr Boggan, a member of the Roads Committee should visit the place and report to next meeting of the Committee.

Damage by Blasting at Cartins Quarry.

Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor said the amount of material taken off his field by Mr Duggan would be about seven tons. He (Mr Kehoe) sent in men to remove these stones but Mr. Duggan ran them off.

It was decided to refer the matter to Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Council.

County Hospital Road.

The County Surveyor stated that in this case it would be necessary owing to the proposed amount of filling to put in a subsidiary retaining wall outside existing parapet wall. The whole job would cost the County Council about £50. He understood the labour would be supplied by the County Board of Health.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Gibbon seconded by Mr Cloney:- "We recommend the County Council to authorise the County Surveyor to expend from Road Contingencies A/C a sum not exceeding £50 in levelling road leading ~~from~~ to County Hospital from Wexford town."

Long Lane.

It was decided that in accordance with the recommendation of the County Surveyor, no action be taken in connection with the dangerous corners on this road.

Gorey Avenue Footpath.

Recommendation of County Surveyor approved on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall.

Road Gangers and Existing Areas.

The County Surveyor mentioned that particular care had been given to laying out the areas of road gangers, every feature of each man's district having been gone into. The fact that some of them had ~~larger~~ a greater mileage than others, ^{was not serious as} the duplication

of travelling was not so necessary with large gangs. At the time the areas were fixed, days and days had been spent in laying out the most suitable sections, and as he believed these were satisfactory, it would be a mistake to alter them. Any alteration would mean that two gangers would have to deal with the one Road A/C which would lead to confusion and the work would not be so well done as at present. When supervision was not necessary, all gangers were reduced to the status of ordinary workmen.

Mr Hall did not think that, as stated, all gangers were working gangers with spade and shovel.

Col Gibbon said that in the area of Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor all gangers worked well.

Mr Shannon pointed out that as all gangers were working "whole" time they should be paid at the same rate.

Mr Colfer said that Mr Kehoe's gangers were paid less than those in other parts of the county and it was as important that the roads in this area should be kept as well as the roads in the rest of the county.

The County Surveyor in reply to the Chairman said that no protest had been made as to the areas of gangers or the wages to be paid them when the Scheme was first adopted.

Mr Cloney proposed and Col Quin seconded the following:-

"That as no protest was made as to arrangements made by County and Assistant Surveyors for gangers' areas and wages, no action be taken to interfere with existing arrangements."

Mr Colfer said that last summer the gangers in Mr Kehoe's district had been reduced to a wage of 30/- per week.

Mr Shannon proposed:- "That no reduction be made in the wages of gangers in Mr Kehoe's district during the summer months."

Chairman: If that is carried it must apply to the rest of the county also.

Col Gibbon said that men with small responsibilities should not be paid as much as men with large responsibilities; otherwise the responsibilities of the first mentioned should be increased and they should be paid higher wages.

The Chairman after further discussion ruled that if

anything was to be done to interfere with existing arrangements it should be on notice of motion. He had in his mind when he proposed to refer the matter to the Roads Committee, the levelling of the responsibilities of all the gangers and paying them the same wages. But according to the County Surveyor this presented difficulties which could not be overcome.

Meetings Sub-Committees.

It was decided that the County Surveyor should arrange for meetings of the following Committees:-

(a) Courthouse Committee to interview Minister of Finance when the latter has arranged to receive them.

(b) Verona Bridge Committee

(c) Roads Inspection Committee.

Mr Cloney said he found it impossible to act on this Committee.

Col Quin said if appointed he would be glad to act.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by Mr Boggan:- "That Col Quin be appointed a member of Roads Inspection Committee."

The other members are the Chairman, Messrs Corish, Sean O'Byrne and Hall.

ROADS COMMITTEE AND THE PRESS.

Col Gibbon proposed:- "That we recommend the Co. Council to adopt a resolution declaring the meetings of Roads Committee open to the Press."

Col Quin seconded. Passed.

The Chairman said this was an unprecedented motion as Committee meetings were never open to the Press.

ALLOWANCE TO COUNTY AND ASSISTANT SURVEYORS FOR GRANT WORK.

Under date 9th December 1926, the Department of Local Government wrote (R.G./201):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he had under consideration the question of the payment of some allowance to County and Assistant County Surveyors in respect of the work carried out by them under Grants

made from Public Funds in connection with Road Schemes.

In the past four years the Grants notified from the Road Fund to County Councils exceeded 50 per cent of the Road Expenditure from County Funds in the same period. The expenditure under the National Road Scheme will, in general, scarcely be completed before the 31st March 1929, and other Road Fund Grants will be operating in the meantime.

The Minister has decided, with the approval of the Minister for Finance, to make annual grants for the three years commencing 1st April 1926, to the County Surveyors and Assistant County Surveyors engaged on road work financed out of Grants.

The allowance payable to the County Surveyor of Wexford County will be £100 per annum for the period mentioned. The allowances payable for a like period to Assistant County Surveyors engaged on Road Fund work are £40 per annum for whole-time Assistants and £25 per annum for part-time Assistants. The allowances must be withheld in the case of any officer who fails to observe the Department's regulations in relation to the carrying out of work under Grants or whose work whether under Road Fund or County Funds is, in the opinion of the Minister, unsatisfactory.

It is to be understood that the allowances are not necessarily applicable to Surveyors appointed after the date of this letter.

Claims on the accompanying Requisition Form may be made half-yearly.

The Minister for Finance in sanctioning the payment of the allowances expresses the hope that they will lead to increased efficiency in Surveying Staffs and economic administration of the Grants."

CLAIM BALLYMURRAY QUARRY.

Under date 10th December 1926, a claim was received from Messrs Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors on behalf of Thomas, Laurence and Patrick Whelan, Ballinagore, Blackwater for £22 being the value of 110 cubic yards of material from Ballymurray Quarry at 4/- per cubic yard which was not allowed for in the measurement made by Mr T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor.

Mr Cullen reported that as a check against fraudulent banking of material prepared in Ballymurray Quarry, the amount for each contractor was set out separately when broken, and the second measurement was made on the 20th inst.

Particulars of payments and measurements were supplied to Patrick Whelan at the end of August last.

The average output per hour of Breaker is $5\frac{1}{2}$ cubic yds. It was engaged for a total of 48 hours effective work on Whelan's material, and this would practically correspond with the measurement he had made in the Quarry and on the road.

It was decided, after discussion, to refer the matter to Mr Elgee for his advice.

CAMOLIN PARK ROAD.

Memorial from residents in Camolin Park was submitted relative to the extremely bad condition of the road leading to their houses from Camolin village, and which appeared to be the property of the Department of Agriculture, (held over from the March meeting in order to ascertain the views of those concerned more definitely).

The following was submitted from Mr P. O'Byrne M.C.C.:-
"A meeting of the Ratepayers and tenants resident in Camolin Park was held on 22nd November 1926, Rev M. Wickham C.C. presiding; the following resolution was adopted:- "That we ask our Representatives in the Dail, Messrs Corish and Doyle to interview the Forestry Department and Land Commission with a view to ascertain who is responsible for the upkeep of the roads leading to holdings in Camolin Park."

Mr Sean O'Byrne mentioned that the road in question was about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles long and there were gates put on it by the Department of Agriculture.

It would be admitted that its present bad condition was due definitely and distinctly to the removal of timber sold by the Department. He thought they might ask the Department to remedy the damage caused by their own action.

He then proposed the following:-

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"That Messrs Doyle and Corish T.D.'s be requested to interview the Forestry Department with a view to inducing them to put the Camolin Park Road into proper condition, and that they interview the Land Commission on this matter also."

Mr Hall seconded the resolution which was adopted.

CARRIGBYRNE QUARRY.

The County Surveyor submitted report of receipts and expenditure in connection with Carrigbyrne Quarry from 25th September to 26th October 1926. This showed an excess of receipts over expenditure of £2-4-6, or, charging for Breaker at 10/- per hour, an excess of £8-4-6.

This was considered satisfactory.

BUNCLODY COURTHOUSE.

The County Surveyor submitted report from Mr Emnis, Assistant Surveyor, re above as follows:-

"I have been looking at the Town Hall in Bunclody, and think it would make a much more suitable place for the District Court than the present place. It is in charge of a Committee who are willing to give it on the same terms as Dr Dornier gets for the present Courthouse. They will supply heat in the form of an oil-stove, and any necessary furniture. I believe that Mr Fahy has seen it since, and considers it a very suitable place.

Mr Denis Lennon, Bunclody is Secretary to the Committee. You might get Mr Elgee to prepare any lease necessary and send it to him."

Mr Emnis said that since he had furnished his report, Dr Dornier, landlord of the existing Courthouse had spent £25 or £30 on repairs. He understood now that Mr Fahy, District Justice, was satisfied with the present Courthouse and did not want it changed.

It was decided on the motion of Col Gibbon seconded by Col Quin that the County Surveyor ascertain the views of Mr Fahy, D.J. in connection with the proposed change of building for Court work in Bunclody.

ERECTION OF HOUSE WITHIN PROHIBITED DISTANCE ON ROAD 326E.

Mr T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, reported that on 7th December 1926, he found a house being built by Mr John Asple,

CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCE.

John Mac Donald, Irish Street, Buncloody applied for licence under Cinematograph Act 1909 for premises situate at Chapel Lane, Buncloody.

It was proposed by the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:- "That licence under Cinematograph Act 1909 for premises in Chapel Lane, Buncloody be issued to Mr John Mac Donald, Irish St. Buncloody, on receipt of report from the County Surveyor and the Garda Siothchana that the premises are satisfactory and comply with provisions of Cinematograph Act and regulations thereunder."

Col Gibbon proposed:- "That our Secretary be instructed to communicate with the Department concerned and ask whether in connection with premises proposed to be used for Cinematograph purposes, the County Council can refuse a licence where an outside exit is not provided for any gallery in the building. That Mr Elgee, Solicitor be requested to look into the provisions of the Cinematograph Act and Regulations thereunder and advise the Council on these points."

The Chairman seconded the resolution which was adopted.

CHAIR OF HIGHWAY ENGINEERING.

Circular letter was received from the Institution of Municipal and County Engineers relative to the proposed establishment of Chair of Highway Engineering in connection with the City and Guilds Engineering College, London.

Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed and Col Gibbon seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the County Council be recommended to take no action in connection with the proposed establishment of Chair of Highway Engineering in London."

HOWTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL-
ENCROACHMENT ON PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY.

The following resolution from Howth Urban District Council re encroachments on public rights of way was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Shannon, Col Quin dissenting:-

"1. That the law as it at present exists on the question of public rights of way and other public rights is unsatisfactory, difficult to understand and uncertain in its application, a fact of

Galbally, within the prescribed distance from the centre of the road. The new building was replacing an old house. It was 5 yards from road centre at one end and 10 yards from it at the other. The road would be widened by the proposed work which would not be likely to interfere in any way with the safety of the public or with any improvement work that might be carried out in the future.

Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed and Mr Hall seconded the following resolution which passed:- "That in view of the report of Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, relative to the erection of new house by Mr Asple at Galbally within the prescribed distance from the centre of the road, the County Council be recommended to allow the building to remain as it causes no inconvenience."

Mr Shannon proposed and Col Quin seconded the following which was adopted:- "That we recommend the County Council to advertise, at stated periods, the fact that persons erecting houses must observe the conditions of the Acts of Parliament prohibiting buildings from being erected within a specified distance from the centre of public ~~roads~~ roads."

The Secretary mentioned that Mr Asple had called at the County Council Offices and apologised for not having obtained the permission of the County Council before proceeding with the erection of the house. He would have done so if he had known it was necessary.

PURCHASE OF COTTAGES.

Under date 13th December 1926, Mr T.J. Flood, Inspector, Irish Land Commission, wrote asking if the County Council would purchase three cottages on the Alcock Estate, which was being acquired by the Land Commission. There were also some other houses on the property which might be offered for sale.

Mr Sean O'Byrne mentioned that this matter was under consideration by the County Board of Health.

LICENCE FOR PETROL PUMP.

Licence for the erection of Petrol Pump was directed to be issued to Mr E.W. Bates, Coach & Motor Works, Gorey, on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Col Gibbon.

The issue of this licence was recommended by the County Surveyor.

which militates unduly against the public.

2. That the procedure for establishing or defending public rights of way or other public rights is cumbersome and expensive.

3. That the Government of Saorstát Éireann be requested to introduce legislation simplifying and amending the existing law on the subject and especially providing:-

(1) That the present Common Law methods of establishing rights of way shall be replaced by statute law which shall provide:-

(a) That continuous user by the public for a period of twenty years shall suffice to establish a public right to use

a path or track leading not only to a "public place" but to the sea or foreshore for the purpose of bathing. and

(b) To a place of public promenade or resort, or to an ancient monument or place of antiquarian interest, or to a beauty spot (e.g. the top of the Sugar Loaf).

(c) That the fact that there is more than one such path shall not debar any such path or paths from being rights of way by virtue of such public user.

(ii) That the Local Authority shall have power to institute or defend proceedings for the establishing or defence of a public right of way or other right.

(iii) That the Local Authority shall have power (without being under any legal obligation to do so) to maintain and keep open and free from weeds and undergrowths or other obstruction a public right of way. Provided that no liability shall attach to said Local Authority either on the ground of nonfeasance or misfeasance by reason of this clause.

(iv) That the Local Authority shall be empowered to prohibit the erecting hereafter of any unnecessary and undue obstruction by owners of adjoining property of a view obtainable from a highway or public right of way.

(v) That the Local Authority shall be given compulsory powers of acquiring land for the purpose of providing rights of way."

ROAD ENNISCORTHY TO MOYEADY.

Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, submitted an account showing that on this road he had only £21 odd in hands and it was impossible to maintain it to the 31st March next without a further expenditure of £61-1-4.

Col Gibbon proposed and Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded the following which was adopted:-

"That the County Council be recommended to agree to the expenditure of £61-1-4 from Contingencies A/C in order to keep the road from Enniscorthy to Moyeady in a suitable condition."

HAULAGE RATES.

The following report was submitted by Mr T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor:-

"Men hauling on Grant Work are at present working at rate of 1/- per cubic yard for road from Asylum Gate to Baroness Grey's Gate, distance to further end being just over a mile. They now say they cannot carry on, as they are only able to earn 6/- per day, owing to large amount of time lost in loading and they ask for increased rate."

After some discussion, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Boggan seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That the County Council be recommended to make no change in rates allowed for haulage work."

INCREMENT TO MR T. CULLEN, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR.

At the meeting of the County Council on 13th December 1926, a resolution was adopted postponing the consideration of increment to Mr T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor until the Roads Committee had an opportunity of considering complaints regarding Blackwater and other roads in Mr Cullen's district.

Mr Cullen reported that the principal road regarding which complaint had been made was 175E to which attention was called by the Oulart Branch of the Farmers' Union.

Under date 20th December 1926, Mr Cullen furnished particulars of the amount of material put upon this road from 1923, and stated that he had visited the road on seven occasions prior to receiving the complaint from the Farmers' Union.

In connection with the Blackwater roads generally, he admitted that some of the by-roads in that locality were in a bad condition but they had not been neglected. He denied that their present condition was due to either slackness of the men working on the section or lack of supervision on his part. When he took over these roads in 1923, he found them with a very poor surface, -margins and water tables being banked up with an accumulation of scrapings for years. Very little drainage had been provided for, and there was practically no suitable material available.

He arranged for the gathering, breaking and distribution of sea-stones of good quality and had heavy margins and banks removed off the principal roads. A good deal of this work still remained to be done but could not be carried out to any appreciable extent with the money now available unless the amount of tonnage was to be seriously interfered with. This was already insufficient to maintain some of the roads, leaving out the question of improvements.

He then outlined in full the history of Road 175E from 1917 and the difficulty which had been found in procuring suitable materials. Since January last, roads in this Section had been inspected on 37 occasions by him.

The Chairman mentioned that Mr Cullen was particularly unfortunate in having allotted to him a district with a very large number of poor roads.

In reply to Mr Boggan, the County Surveyor said the roads under Mr Cullen's supervision had improved since he took over charge.

Mr Boggan stated that in view of the report of County Surveyor, he would withdraw any objection he had to Mr Cullen's increment being allowed on the score of Clonhaston gullet for the work of which Mr Cullen had only a secondary responsibility.

On the motion of ~~Mr~~ Mr Cloney seconded by Mr Shannon, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That in view of the explanation submitted by Mr Cullen at this meeting regarding the history and present condition of the roads in Blackwater district, we recommend the County Council to agree to the granting of increment to Mr Cullen."

WEXFORD BRIDGE.

In reply to Mr Hall, the County Surveyor stated that the bascule beams were being erected and the men were now engaged in laying down the through sheeting.

It was not possible-at the moment-to say when the work would be finished but he claimed it to be a splendid job.

Mr Rossiter proposed and Mr Cline seconded the following:- "That the Minutes of Roads Committee meeting of 22nd December 1926 as submitted to the meeting be and are hereby confirmed."

Enniscorthy-Scarawalsh Road.

Col Gibbon mentioned that at the last meeting of the County Council, he stated that Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor was guilty of culpable negligence as regards this road. But at the last meeting of the Roads Committee it was definitely shown by Mr Ennis that he was acting as regards this road in accordance with a Scheme prepared by him a considerable time before. The words "culpable negligence" were not therefore true under the circumstances. At the same time, he (Col Gibbon) considered that the County Surveyor should see that repair work on roads was undertaken before the damage was allowed to go too far.

Roads Committee and the Press.

In connection with recommendation that Roads Committee should be open to the Press, the Chairman pointed out that Committee meetings of public bodies were not open to the Press. Committees could only make recommendations which were open to ratification or rejection by the County Council subsequently. Col Gibbon who raised this matter at the last meeting of the Roads Committee had complained that sufficient publicity had not been given of late by the newspapers to road matters, though some months ago, it was Col Gibbon himself who proposed that only a summary of the proceedings of the Roads Committee should be read at County Council meetings in order to save time. The full minutes were on the table for everyone to read and for the Press to copy. Up to some months ago, these full minutes had been read at the meetings of the County Council but on the suggestion of Col Gibbon, a synopsis only of the minutes had been read for some time back. If there was to be any change, it should be one of the two following, - That the full minutes of the Roads Committee should be read or that the Roads Committee should consist of the entire Council and let its decisions be final.

By having the meetings of the Roads Committee open to the Press the public mind might become confused, as recommendations made at a Roads Committee meeting might be subsequently changed by the County Council so that the public would never know where they stood. He would be sorry to see any Committee meetings open to the Press and it would be rather an unusual precedent.

Col Gibbon admitted it was on his suggestion that a summary of the proceedings of the Roads Committee was now submitted instead of having the full minutes read. His reason for doing so was, that it was obvious going over the ground twice would take up an enormous amount of time and on the minutes of the Roads Committee there were a number of minor details which the County Council would approve of right away. Even at the time when the full minutes were read the Press did not report different items very fully unless some discussion arose out of them. The Press could be asked, if it was decided to have the Roads Committee meetings open to them, to put a note at the head of the proceedings that in reporting them they desired to remind their readers that all matters decided by the Committee were merely as recommendations which would in due course come before the County Council on such and such a date. The whole subject of Roads was on a par with the Public Health Board in importance for the county, and from the point of view of the farmers, the roads were certainly in front of everything else that was done at the County Council. For that reason, they should try and find some way in which the County could be kept in touch with what was going on in connection with the roads. If the suggestion of the Chairman that they should have a special meeting of the County Council purely and simply to deal with the roads was adopted, it would effect the result which he (Col Gibbon) wished to bring about. They had received a great many complaints from members of the County Council that they did not have an opportunity of going before the Roads Committee to air their opinions. For that reason he would be prepared to fall in with the Chairman's suggestion, or failing that, to see the proceedings of the Roads

Committee reported, on the understanding that the Press headed their reports with the note that Committees could only make recommendations and that their decisions were not final.

Mr Hall proposed:- "That the recommendation of the Roads Committee to have the meetings of said Committee open to the Press be not confirmed, but that the full minutes of the Roads Committee be read as in the past, this procedure to remain in force for a year."

Col Quin seconded the motion which was carried.

Col Gibbon proposed:- "That a special meeting of the County Council acting as a Roads Committee be held on the fourth Monday in January and the fourth Monday in February to deal with the ordinary work of the Roads Committee and also with the annual Estimate for Roads for the coming financial year."

The Chairman pointed out that the Finance Committee would consider the full Rate Estimate on the 20th of January and instead of having the meeting of the Roads Committee on the fourth Monday in January, they could have a full meeting of the Council on that date to deal with the Roads Estimate and let the ordinary business of the Roads Committee be dealt with in the ordinary way.

Finally after further discussion, the suggestion of the Chairman, having been seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne was adopted.

Increment to Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor.

In connection with the proposed increment to Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, the following resolution was received from the Blackwater Branch of the Farmers' Union:-

"That we, the members of the Blackwater Branch, Farmers' Union do protest against the proposed increase of the salary of Mr Thomas Cullen, Deputy Surveyor, on the grounds of his not giving satisfaction, and likewise do we protest against the unnecessary outlay in rates caused by the overlapping of haulage between Ballymurray and Ballyconnigar. Stones are being brought

"from Ballymurray to within a mile of Ballyconnigar, and from Ballyconnigar to within a mile of Ballymurray-an over-lapping of two miles."

Mr Roßsiter proposed and Mr Gaul seconded the following

"That the recommendation of Roads Committee agreeing to increment to Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor be confirmed."

Passed.

The County Surveyor denied that there was any over-lapping in haulage from the quarries mentioned in the resolution of the Blackwater Farmers' Association.

After some discussion, Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed and Mr Corish seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the portion of the resolution from the Blackwater Farmers' Union relative to overlapping of haulage from quarries be referred to the Roads Inspection Committee for report."

Haulage from Brownswood Quarry.

In connection with the decision of the Roads Committee as to haulage from Brownswood Quarry, a letter was read from hauliers, John Redmond and Stephen Dempsey, asking for permission to come before the meeting in connection with this work.

Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed and Mr Hall seconded: ~~that~~

That the deputation from hauliers at Brownswood Quarry be heard."

Passed.

Stephen Dempsey, one of the men concerned, complained that they were at present receiving 1/- per yard mile and they could only earn 6/- per day for man and horse at that rate. They were unable to load the stones direct, as on account of the bank, they had to fill them with a barrow, wheel them five or six yards across and then empty them into the cart. It took them from 15 to 20 minutes to load a cart each time.

Mr Hall held it to be a fact that a large number of loads were never measured at all.

Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor explained that there were two half-yard boxes at the loading bank. About 10 loads

were measured into carts by the foreman of the quarry, and all outside these 10 loads were measured in the depots on the roads.

Mr Boggan contended that the County Surveyor should make arrangements later on to have the approach to the bank constructed in such a way that it would be easy for the hauliers to load. They should even now be able to do at least about 8 journeys in the day.

The County Surveyor said it was his opinion that the short haulage was ~~the~~ responsible for the small amount of money the men were able to earn.

The Chairman stated he had investigated the matter and believed the men had a grievance.

This was strongly denied by Mr Boggan.

Mr Connors contended that when horse haulage was available, engines should not have been employed on this road.

Chairman-If horse haulage was employed, the amount of stones required for this road could never have been put out. Complaints had been made at last meeting that the preliminary work on this road was being delayed, but it would be impossible to deal with the haulage to the road except by engines.

Mr Thorpe proposed and Col Quin seconded :-

"That the Roads Inspection Committee be requested to investigate the complaint of the hauliers from Brownswood Quarry as soon as possible.

Wexford-Enniscorthy Road.

Mr J. Quigley, Chief Engineer, Local Government Department (Roads), who attended in connection with the scheme for the resurfacing of the road said that the Department had had that road under their care for the past three years. It had been a very expensive and very unsatisfactory road in many ways. It had been subject, as the members knew, to extremely heavy lorry traffic and up to the present the Department had provided out of the Road Fund some £16,300 for it. There remained a sum of £33836, which had been allocated to the remaking of that road, and the whole question now was what kind of surface they should put on it. He had considered the question very carefully as to the best surface to recommend to the Council and the Ministry in order to get the best value for the money. They considered the possibilities of a tar macadam, and of a cheap form of concrete, which they were using under the Grants in County Louth. They were at present calling it compressed concrete, but on the whole the process was in the experimental stage, and they were not altogether satisfied with it. Compressed concrete, as it was called, was concrete put in with an ordinary roller. In the beginning, concrete was used as grouted concrete—the stone was steam-rolled in the usual way, and instead of putting on a slurry of mud to bind the stones together, afterwards rolling it, several surveyors in England and other countries, and in Ireland also, began to experiment with putting in a grout of cement so as to bind the surface together in a more substantial way than with mud binding, as it was called. It struck the Louth County Surveyor and himself that if they were doing that work at all it would really give better results if they mixed the material up as a concrete, so they had been mixing up the cement with stone and spreading it on the road and putting a steam roller on it. That system would necessitate a central joint continuously, and that joint caused them a good deal of trouble. It was not possible in most cases to make it so that the centre of the road remained quite watertight, and one of

the drawbacks with regard to compressed concrete was that central joint. It had also been showing somewhat bad results under frost in the present winter. It was concreting that was cheap compared to concrete roads in America and across channel. After all it was only a cheap form of work in the experimental stage, and therefore, something that he could not at present recommend for the road from Ferrycarrig to Enniscorthy. The alternative methods-tar macadam, etc.-had not been satisfactory in the Dublin area. There was a continual outcry on the part of horse owners with regard to the bad foothold, especially under certain conditions of weather. Owing to the complaint of slippiness in County Dublin during the present winter, the Co. Council insisted on the roads being kept gritted. That gritting on the tar surface had a very bad effect, as it caused the surface to disintegrate more or less, and also of course created a considerable amount of mud on the road, so that the surveyors up to the present had not been able to find an ideal road that would stand up to both motor and horse traffic. He, personally, had been giving all possible attention to the solution of the problem as to what might best be done within their money resources for the road to Enniscorthy. As he had said, it had already been very expensive. In the last three years they had spent £16000 on it. A certain amount of very good work had been done. The road from Wexford to Ferrycarrig and all the trunking from Ferrycarrig to Enniscorthy had been done under that £16000, but they should all recognise that for thirteen miles of road there had been very great expenditure, and they wanted, if possible, to provide a road that would do away with that heavy expenditure to a large extent and which would give a surface life of ten or twenty years. He had come to the conclusion that what would best solve the difficulty would be a central strip of concrete, 6 inches deep, twelve feet wide, with two sides each four feet in width, making a total width of twenty feet all the way from Ferrycarrig Bridge to Enniscorthy-11.4 miles. The macadam surface at the sides would be sprayed with Spramex or other suitable dressing. He had gone

into the figures and was confident that the work could be done for the money available, and he put his suggestion before the meeting as being what he considered would give the best return for the money on that particular road. With regard to the carrying out of the work he would recommend that it be done by contract in open competition. He had drafted the specification and submitted it to the County Surveyor. Some small amendments might be required and he would consult with the Co. Surveyor about them. The road had been very costly, seeing that up to the present they had provided up to £50000 for it. That figure might sound very big to some gentlemen who might not have been following the trend of events with regard to road-making, but the modern road was an expensive thing, and some surveyors had been spending £3000 a mile in making ordinary water-bound macadam roads, but of course that included widening, taking out corners, etc. He thought, however, that the members would agree that when they came to a figure of £3800 or approaching £4000 per mile for the making of a road, they had reached a sum as high as they could possibly find money to advance. They had only two sources from which to obtain money for roads at present - the ratepayers and motorists - and the total amount they put up was not so extraordinary compared with other services. The resurfacing in question would be paid for entirely out of the Road Fund, in other words, by motor taxes. With regard to possible objection to the work being done by contract, he would like to point out that they would be immediately considering a further distribution under the £2,000,000 which the Government had provided for the remaking of a certain mileage of roads which they were calling the National Roads, and which in their opinion were the most important roads in the Saorstát. It was up to himself and all the surveyors in charge to try and get the best value for that money and to spread it over the whole mileage they had scheduled, something approaching 1600 miles - so that they had not money to play with and needed to be as careful as possible.

At the same time they wanted to make up the road from Ferry-carrig to Enniscorthy, and from there to Gorey, and from there to the County bounds. Another road was from Enniscorthy to New Ross. The only point he wanted to make about the National Roads was that there would be a good deal of employment almost immediately. In fact the money was ready and they were ready to put up the work. It was merely a question of how much work could be undertaken with the plant, etc. available. The present work would be carried out under the County Surveyor and the staff of the County Council.

In answer to Mr Hall, Mr Quigley said he was not proposing to have the road done with reinforced concrete. They might have it reinforced over short lengths, but there were really no swampy parts ⁱⁿ ~~of~~ the road. There would always be a difficulty in repairing a concrete road, but he did not anticipate that there would be any cracks needing repair for a great many years. Of course the repairing of a crack was a possibility. It could be cut out and concrete run in again.

Mr Hall said that a great part of the road had a bad, soft bottom.

Mr Doyle said he thought the general opinion was that there was an extremely bad bottom in the road over a considerable way.

The Chairman said there were a few very swampy sections along by Kyle.

In reply to Mr Corish, Mr Quigley said that if they could put reinforcement in with the money available, he certainly would be in favour of putting it in.

Replying to Col Gibbon, Mr Quigley stated Ferrocete was ^{not} going to be used.

Col Gibbon said he wished to record his opinion that 6 inches of unreinforced concrete would not stand with the bottom there was between Lady Grey's entrance and the Edermine Hill. Another frightfully bad place was the whole way from the Fox and Goose to Arran Cottage. They could obtain Ferrocete

for £3 per ton while ordinary cement would possibly run to £2.

Mr Corish stated that a number of people did not think it desirable to have ferrocrete setting so quickly.

Mr Quigley replied that wonderful results had been obtained by the use of ferrocrete. It was cheaper recently than it had been. The figures given by Col Gibbon were correct. They had obtained quite wonderful results in Kildare with ferrocrete.

Col Gibbon stated that from the point of view of the farmers using the Wexford-Enniscorthy road it would be more to their interests to have the concrete work entirely on one side of the road.

Col Quin-That would mean the lorries tearing up one side of the road.

Mr Corish-It would look a ridiculous proposition.

Col Gibbon-Is this road to have a water-bound surface or a sealed surface on the sides?

Mr Quigley-Sealed.

Col Gibbon said he still adhered to the opinion that provision should be made for the carrying away of the surface water. He did not think it would be economic not to have such a provision made. A special clause should be inserted to provide for proper drainage. Mr Quigley in his statement emphasised that £16000 had been already expended on the road, but additional money which came from the rates of the county was also spent on it. The whole amount was a prodigious total.

Mr Hayes asked if it was proposed to confine the material to Ballybrennan Quarry.

Mr Quigley-We are eliminating Ballybrennan. There are three quarries mentioned in the specification.

Co. Surveyor-Clonhaston, Brownswood and Kerlogue.

Mr Hayes-Haven't you as good material in Trinity quarry? You will admit it is a good hard material.

Co. Surveyor-I think the three quarries we propose to deal with will be sufficient to cover the job.

Mr Hayes pressed his point in support of which he

said the job would give a good deal of employment, and there was a large number of men unemployed in the country.

Mr Quigley stated the three quarries mentioned were the property of the Council, and were convenient to the job.

Col Gibbon mentioned that where the road had been prepared by preliminary rolling, there was a very big camber which would put the Council to expense if it had to be interfered with. It was not necessary to have a high camber for a concrete road. The rolling was not carried far enough to the edges and was not at all uniform. Some of the edges of the road had not been dealt with and would have to be re-bottomed.

Mr Quigley suggested that the material from the ~~qu~~ quarries could be given free to the contractor, subject to their being worked in a proper way. The contractor would have as definite and simple a specification as it was possible to give him in order to get tenders within the money.

Mr Thorpe said the contractor should at least pay the quarry charge; otherwise this would have to be borne by the ratepayers.

Mr Quigley pointed out that whatever quarry charge was made for the quarry, the contractor would provide for it in his tender.

Mr Shannon-On what grounds do you prefer contract to direct labour?

Mr Quigley-On the grounds that you will get the best value for your money.

Mr Shannon-I don't think you will get better value. You have the Co. Surveyor and his staff and plant and a network of practical roadmakers all over the county. You would have a happy-go-lucky system of working your quarries by a contractor and his men. He would carry on to suit himself. You would also have your own plant idle.

Mr Hall-This is out of our hands.

Mr Walsh-Where have you plant in the county to do that? There is no plant.

Mr Rossiter-Is there a three years' guarantee stipulated in the contract?

Mr Quigley-One year is all that is asked. If you ask for a three or five years' guarantee it will mean increasing the contract price. These guarantees have not worked out satisfactorily for other surveyors. You would not with a guarantee for five or ten years get a contract that would be acceptable.

Mr Thorpe-How long do you intend to keep the road closed?

Mr Quigley-The road will have to be closed in sections and there will be a clause in the contract that residents and farmers in the district will have to be accommodated by the contractor during the work on the roads.

Mr Thorpe-How long do you think it will be after the concrete is laid until the road can be opened for traffic?

Mr Quigley-The ordinary cement would be about three weeks.

Mr Thorpe-There will be no road in a short time if you open it for traffic within three weeks after the concrete has been laid.

Mr Doyle asked Mr Quigley what might be the cost of the street surfacing in places like Merrion Square.

Mr Quigley replied that some of the thoroughfares such as Merrion Square cost about £2 per square yard. About 24 miles of asphaltting work had been done in and around Dublin which cost over £10,000 a mile. It would be prohibitive to do the Wexford-Enniscorthy road in asphalt or reinforced concrete.

The Chairman stated that Mr Quigley had given a very full explanation.

Col Quin stated the margins on the road would ruin it.

Mr Quigley stated that there was no money available at the moment to do anything with the margins.

The Chairman proposed that the work be carried out in accordance with the terms of the specification. He believed they would have a good road for ten or fifteen years.

In reply to Col Gibbon, the County Surveyor stated

it was proposed to get the sand from Killurin.

The Chairman in reply to a query stated that the specification provided that 10 per cent of the amount of the contract would be withheld for a year. In his opinion, the best way to reconstruct this road was according to the proposal put before them by Mr Quigley. One thing Mr Quigley should insist on, that the portions of the road from Lady Grey's gate to the rise of the hill at Edermine, and from the Fox & Goose to Arran Cottage should be laid down in reinforced concrete.

Mr Boggan asked what means had been taken to prove the durability of the concrete road proposed by Mr Quigley.

Mr Quigley-I have seen this class of road in various countries-France, Italy and England. We also put down such a road two years ago and it has stood up excellently. I have no doubt that concrete properly done will stand up to modern traffic.

Mr Thorpe-Will there be any difficulty in keeping the tar macadam level with the concrete portion?

Mr Quigley-I don't really anticipate any difficulty in that way. We propose to run a longitudinal joint in Macphalt. If I had money I would like to do the whole road.

Questioned as to the mixture of the concrete, Mr Quigley replied that the mixture of 1, 2, 4, and 6 to 1 would be all right and would last for the next twenty years. Probably 3000 tons of cement would be required, and it was, he added, a great pity they could not manufacture it in the Saorstát.

Mr Doyle-What is the average width of the road between the fences?

Mr Quigley replied there would be an average width of 20 feet of metal. The conditions with regard to the wages to be paid under the Grant would undoubtedly be the same as those which had already been laid down.

Mr Walsh seconded the Chairman's proposition.

Mr Hall said he believed the job would be a bad one from the farmers' point of view in regard to their use of the road.

Mr Quigley mentioned that he did not know whether the Council would be prepared to supply the material to the contractor from their quarries free of cost.

Mr Thorpe proposed that a charge of ^{three} pence per cubic yard be made.

Mr Hall seconded.

Chairman-When will we be in a position to advertise the work?

Mr Quigley-Immediately if you approve of the work to-day. This concrete work cannot be safely done during the frost and I would say the earliest date to start it should be the 1st of March.

Replying to Mr Corish, the Co. Surveyor stated a permanent clerk of works would be necessary for the job.

Mr Thorpe-Where is the money to come from?

Chairman-From the Grant.

Mr Quigley-A clerk of works is absolutely essential. In Co. Dublin the Council pay their own clerk of works. They have a man who held the position of county surveyor for a short time and they are paying him a big salary. We are quite ready to take the views of the Co. Council as to the clerk of works. You will want a particularly good one.

During the consideration of the clauses in the specification, Col Gibbon asked if it were necessary in case of special work like this, which was required to be done quickly, to limit the working hours to fifty a week. Could they not fix them at fifty-four as in the agricultural industry?

Col Quin-And overtime.

The County Surveyor stated there was nothing to prevent two shifts of men being employed.

Chairman-What are we going to do first about the clerk of works?

Mr Corish-The best man you could have would be a mason or plasterer.

Col Quin-You would want a bigger man than that.

On Mr Quigley's suggestion it was further agreed that

the wages of the clerk of works be fixed at £5 per week.

On the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne it was decided that the appointment of clerk of works be left in the hands of the County Surveyor.

The resolutions of the Chairman to carry out the work on the specification submitted by Mr Quigley and that of Mr Thorpe to oblige contractor to be responsible for a quarry ~~cha~~ charge of 3d per cubic yard for material supplied from the Co. Council quarries were then put and passed.

The Co. Surveyor having read the proposed conditions of the contract, Mr Corish moved:-

"That for the first sentence in Clause 11 of General Conditions of Contract for work on Wexford-Enniscorthy road, there shall be substituted the following, the remaining portion of the clause being allowed to stand:- "The contractor shall employ all local labour both skilled and unskilled whenever the same is available and suitable, and shall pay a wage not less than the minimum standard prevailing for similar work in the district; same shall not apply to foremen or men holding key positions. All men so employed shall be members of the Trade Union catering for their particular trade or calling.

Mr Hall-Why should a man working on it be a member of a Trades' Union?

Mr Corish-Because if you hadn't Trade Unionists you might have men working 60 hours before long.

Col Quin-That means you throw out the wretched poor who are not members of the Transport Union?

Mr Corish-It does nothing of the kind. They have plenty of time to join.

Mr Quigley said the condition contained in Mr Corish's resolution had to be sanctioned by the Ministry. He could not say whether they would accept it or not.

Mr Corish-If it is passed it will be my job to approach the Ministry to see they approve of it.

Mr Thorpe-I thought the Ministry were the highest authority.

Mr Corish-They are approachable.

Mr Hall proposed as an amendment that the paragraph in Mr Corish's resolution insisting on the men employed being Trade Unionists be deleted.

Mr Doyle seconding said the paragraph meant compulsion on men to do a certain thing.

Mr Boggan-Are you bound to employ demobilised soldiers?

Co. Surveyor-Only those that are suitable. You must give preference to those who are suitable.

Mr Boggan-Will the demobilised soldiers be confined to County Wexford?

County Surveyor-Certainly.

Mr Hayes stated it was unfair to be still stipulating that ex-soldiers should be given the preference. He had nothing to say against the Army.

Mr Corish-The Government have allowed Councils to use their discretion.

Questioned as to the probable number of men to be employed, Mr Quigley replied that there would be likely 100 men in all.

Mr Doyle urged that the men thrown out of employment by the closing of Drinagh Cement Works should be given the preference in the work at Kerlogue Quarry as they were now idle for practically two years.

Mr Hall's amendment was then put to the meeting and on a poll the following voted for it:-
Col Quin, Col Gibbon, Messrs Doyle, Hall, O'Donoghue, Cloney, Walsh, Kavanagh, Boggan, White and Thorpe. - 11.

Against- Messrs Corish, Sean O'Byrne, P. O'Byrne, Shannon, Pender, Cooney, Gaul, Colfer, Rossiter, Mernagh, Connors, Cline, Hayes-13.

The Chairman did not vote and the amendment was declared lost. Mr Corish's motion was declared carried by the same voting.

The following resolution was then proposed by the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne and adopted:-

"That the clauses of the General Conditions for work on Wexford-Enniscorthy road be and are hereby approved subject to the amendment of clause eleven consequent on resolution as to employment of local labour and employment only of men who are Trades Unionists, which has been adopted at this meeting."

Mr Corish proposed and Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That where possible all materials employed in the reconstruction of Wexford-Enniscorthy road shall be of Irish manufacture."

Mr Rossiter and Mr Cline then withdrew their resolution in connection with confirmation of Minutes of Roads Committee.

Mr Rossiter then proposed and Mr Cline seconded the following which passed nem. con.:-

"That the Minutes of Roads Committee of 22nd December 1926 be confirmed unless as regards items in connection with which this Council has made amendments or changed."

Finance Committee Minutes.

The following Minutes of Finance Committee meetings of 22nd December, 1926, and 5th January, 1927, were read for the meeting:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 22nd December 1926.

Mr T. Mc Carthy (Chairman) presided. Also, Messrs P. Hayes, A. Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne and Wm. Thorpe.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary and County Surveyor were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £6469-2-11 was examined and signed.

OVERDRAFT.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-

"That in view of the fact that a sum of £1851-12-0 has only been collected out of second moiety of Poor Rate, viz, £71501, and £4814 still outstanding on first moiety, we request the Department of Local Government to sanction continuance of existing overdraft with the Treasurer of the County Council, viz, £30,000 on the usual terms."

RATE COLLECTION.

The state of Rate Collection to 21st December 1926 was submitted.

The following are the amounts of second moiety in each case:-

Wexford District - James Quirke £136-11-3: Thomas Sutton £34-3-0:

Patrick Walsh £7: P.J. Furlong £36-13-11: C. McCarthy £101-11-8.

Enniscorthy District. - M.M. Kelly Nil: Ml Deegan £26-11-5: Joseph

Cummins Nil: Patrick O'Byrne Nil: Sean Gannon Nil: W. Cummins

£182-1-7: Patrick Donohoe £35-1-7.

Gorey District. - John J. O'Reilly £249-6-0: John J. Kelly £65-19-0

P.J. Fitzpatrick £97-4-4: John J. Sinnott £255-18-1.

New Ross District. - E.J. Murphy £412-11-0: Thomas Rowe £41-6-6:

John Doyle £8-10-3: John Curtis Nil: Bernard Cleary £159-19-11.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr O'Byrne:-

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"That Rate Collectors be called upon to lodge at least 25% of second moiety of their Rate Collections by 5th January 1927 as according to the terms of their employment they should have practically half the amount of this moiety lodged by 31st December 1926."

BONDS OF RATE COLLECTORS.

Under date 17th December 1926, Mr J.J.O'Reilly, Rate Collector No 13 District wrote asking to be allowed to transfer his Fidelity Guarantee ^{Bond}~~Premium~~ from Irish National Assurance Co. to New Ireland Assurance Co.

The Committee decided that it would be inadvisable to interfere any further for the present year with any transfers of Fidelity Guarantee Bonds of Rate Collectors.

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 5th January 1927.

Present:- Mr Thomas McCarthy (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs Sean O'Byrne, William Thorpe and Michael Jordan.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary and the County Surveyor were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3828-0-9 was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

State of Rate Collection was submitted. At the previous meeting of the Committee, a resolution was adopted directing the Collectors to lodge 25 per cent of second moiety by 5th January 1927. None of the Collectors had put this resolution into effect. A sum of £2978-10-5 only was collected on second moiety warrant of £71501-19-5.

The amount collected was as follows (to nearest £):-

Wexford District- James Quirke £373. Thomas Sutton £54. Patrick Walsh £7. P.J. Furlong £435. C. McCarthy £153. Total £1022.

Enniscorthy District. M. Kelly Nil. M. Deegan £96. J. Cummins £54. P. O'Byrne £10. Sean Gannon £Nil. W. Cummins £183 and Patrick Donohoe ££106. Total £449.

Gorey District. John J. O'Reilly £249. John J. Kelly £66. P.J. Fitzpatrick £128 and John J. Sinnott £256. Total £699.

New Ross District. E. J. Murphy £470. Thos Rowe £38. John Doyle £8 John Curtis £69. B. Cleary £222. Total £807.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Rate Collectors be notified that the Finance Committee are dissatisfied with the manner in which the collection of the second moiety of Rate for 1926-27 is being proceeded with. In view of the Council's financial position, Rate Collectors be informed that unless very substantial progress be made by them by next meeting of Finance Committee on 20th January, the Finance Committee will be compelled to ask the County Council to deal drastically with those whose collections are most backward."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee meetings of 22nd December 1926 and 5th January 1927 be and are hereby adopted."

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~~Resurrection~~

Under date 8th January 1927 the following was read from the Department of Local Government(No.G.612/1927 Wexford County):-

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of Form 61 showing the position of the Rate Collection up to the 31st ultimo.

I am to state that it is noted none of the Rate Collectors have closed their warrants for the first moiety of the current rates. They should be called upon to lodge the amount outstanding at once."

Proposed by the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne and adopted:- "That copy of letter(G. 612/1927 Wexford County) under date 8th January 1927, be forwarded to the Rate Collectors for their particular attention."

PREPARATION OF RATE ESTIMATE.

Circular letter from Department of Local Government under date 30th December 1926(60203/1926) as to preparation of Rate Estimate in view of the effect which Local Government Bill 1927 now before the Oireachtas would have on this work, was read for the meeting.

TREATMENT OF ADVANCED CASES OF TUBERCULOSIS.

Under date 16th December 1926 letter(P.H. 56660/1926 Wexford Bd of Hth & P.A.) with copy of letter addressed by the Department of Local Government to the County Board of Health and P.A. on the subject of provision of accommodation for the treatment of advanced cases of tuberculosis was read.

Letter of 30th December 1926(P.H.60020/1926 Wexford Bd of H. & P.A.) with accompanying copy of letter to County Board of Health & P.A.dealing also with this subject was read.

These communications pointed out that the buildings at Gorey old Workhouse were not suitable for use as a Tuberculosis Hospital and the County Board of Health should consider the utilisation of Wexford Fever Hospital premises for the purpose.

Chairman-The County Board of Health have agreed to

fall in with the views of the Department of Local Government and to utilise the Wexford Fever Hospital as a Tuberculosis Dispensary for advanced cases.

PROPOSED AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNTY COUNCIL
AND COUNTY INSURANCE COMMITTEE.

Under date 5th January 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (P.H.17/1927 Wexford Bd of Hth & P.A.) ~~wrote~~ asking that a copy of the agreement proposed to be entered into between the County Council and County Insurance Committee for the treatment of insured and exempt persons suffering from Tuberculosis should be submitted to them before final approval by the County Council.

It was decided that the Secretary communicate with the County Board of Health and ascertain how the consideration of comprehensive agreement between the County Council and the County Insurance Committee now stands, and if the Board of Health had taken any steps regarding the stipulations in former draft agreement to which the Department of Local Government had taken exception

ROAD GRANT.

Under date 16th December 1926, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (R.G.131) stating that £40 had been lodged with the Treasurer of the County Council on foot of special Grant of £200 for Faythe, Wexford Urban.

LAND COMMISSION AND PAYMENT OF POOR RATES.

Circular letter of 3rd January 1927 (G 312/27 Mis) from Department of Local Government was read. This pointed out that if Rate Collectors would serve all demands for rates on the Land Commission at the earliest possible moment after the striking of the rate, it would facilitate the payment of rates by the Land Commission and would greatly reduce the work of Collectors in their dealings with that Department.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-

"That copy of Circular letter (G 312/27 Miscellaneous) from Department of Local Government be furnished to Rate Collectors and that they be instructed to comply with its terms."

The Secretary stated that the Collectors had already received a copy of the Circular letter in question.

CAPITATION GRANTS - MENTAL HOSPITAL.

Under date 30th December 1926, the Department of Finance wrote forwarding information as to payment of capitation grants to Mental Hospital as follows:-

1922-23 — Amount of claim certified by the Auditor £4811-2-10. Payments on account £4021-2-7. 1923-24-amount certified by the Auditor £4933-8-4: payments on account £4037-19-1. 1924-25-amount certified by the Auditor £4996-10-10: payments on account £4205-9-6. 1925-26-amount certified by the Auditor £4856-11-3: payments on account £3985-19-7. 1926-27-amount certified by the Auditor not yet known.

Mr Doyle-We are short in Enniscorthy to the extent of £850 and the public do not appear to know that this curtailment is due to the Government.

The Chairman stated that the reason for the curtailment was that the amount assessed for capitation grants was not sufficient.

Mr Doyle held that the Government were responsible, and in consequence of their failure to discharge their obligations that ^a sum of £850 was thrown on the ratepayers. He proposed the following resolution:-

"That the attention of the Government be called to the fact that Wexford County Council are not receiving the full amount of capitation grant for Mental Hospital certified by Local Government Auditor. If original amount set aside by the Government to pay the full amount of capitation grant be not sufficient, we regard it as a duty of the Government to make up the deficit from some other source."

Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded.

Mr W. Thorpe-Any Government that takes up the reins of government should discharge their liabilities.

Mr Doyle-If the ratepayers were to fall back and say their funds were not sufficient what are you going to do?

The Government are finking their responsibility.

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The resolution was unanimously adopted.

OFFICERS OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEES.

The Secretary, Office of National Education, forwarded under date 31st December 1926, copy of circular letter which they had addressed to Secretaries of all School Attendance Committees which had been abolished as from 1st January 1927. Questions regarding the compensation of officers of School Attendance Committees which had been abolished would be dealt with by the Department of Local Government.

It was decided that no action be taken as regards compensation of School Attendance Officers whose offices have been abolished pending instructions from Local Government Department in the matter.

SALE OF FOOD & DRUGS ACTS.

Under date 16th December 1926, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L 2669/1926) that one of their officers had purchased for analysis four samples of butter in Ferns and four samples of butter in Gorey. The County Analyst had certified these samples to be pure.

VENEREAL DISEASE.

The following Scheme for the treatment of Venereal Disease was approved on the motion of Col Gibbon seconded by Mr Gaul:-

Scheme for the Diagnosis of Venereal Disease,

For the purpose of this Scheme the following words and expressions shall have the meanings hereinafter set forth:-

County: The expression "County" shall mean the administrative county of Wexford.

County Council. The expression "County Council" shall mean the County Council of the administrative county of Wexford.

Medical Practitioner. The expression "Medical Practitioner" shall mean a registered Medical Practitioner practising in the county.

Venereal Disease. The expression "Venereal Disease" shall mean Syphilis, Gonorrhoea, or Soft Chancre.

Minister. The expression "Minister" shall mean the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Medical Officer in charge of Scheme. The expression "Medical Officer in charge of the Scheme" shall mean Dr _____ of _____ or other Medical Officer appointed by the County Council and approved by the Minister to take charge of the County Scheme for the diagnosis and treatment of Venereal Disease.

Diagnosis.

Examination of Specimens: Any Medical Practitioner practising in the County shall obtain, at the cost of the County Council, a scientific report on any material which he may submit from a patient suspected to be suffering from Venereal Disease from the Pathologists with whom arrangements have been made by the Board of Health and Public Assistance.

Supply of Appliances. Any Medical Practitioner practising in the county ~~shall obtain~~ who may require the necessary Laboratory appliances for the taking of materials and their transmission by post or otherwise may make application to that effect to the Medical Officer in charge of the Scheme who shall thereupon arrange to supply gratuitously to the applicant the necessary outfit of appliances, a form of clinical details of the case, a circular of instructions for the collection of the specimens and a label with the address of the Pathological Laboratory to which the specimens are to be sent. The outfit, form and circular will be that decided upon by the Pathologist, with the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Postage on Specimens. In order to save practitioners the trouble of applying for repayment of postage, a uniform payment of six pence, to cover out-of-pocket expenses in the transmission of specimens, shall be made for each specimen sent to Laboratory.

The Pathologist shall send quarterly statements of the specimens sent and the Practitioners sending shall be paid the amounts shown by the Pathologist's statement forthwith.

Supply of Printed Directions. All Medical Practitioners practising in the County shall be supplied at the cost of the

County Council with printed directions regarding:-

- (a) The methods of taking blood or other materials for examination..
- (b) The name and address of the Bacteriologist or Pathologist employed to make such examination
- (c) The address of the Laboratory to which the materials are to be sent by the Practitioner.
- (d) The precautions necessary in transmission, and
- (e) The repayment by the Co.Council of postage on materials forwarded.

Treatment.

Hospital Treatment: Patients requiring special Hospital Treatment shall have such treatment provided in a recognised Hospital which has entered into an agreement for the treatment of cases of Venereal Disease with the County Council and which has the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Patients will receive such treatment on the recommendation of the Medical Officer in charge of the Scheme and only on his recommendation.

Supply of Salvarsan or its Substitutes: Salvarsan or its substitutes for the treatment and prevention of Venereal Disease shall be supplied to Medical Practitioners free of cost, subject to the restriction that Salvarsan or its substitutes, which are administered by intravenous injection, shall be supplied only to such Medical Practitioners as can show satisfactory evidence of training or experience in the administration of these drugs. Medical Officers requiring to obtain Salvarsan or its substitutes for the treatment or prevention of Venereal Disease shall make application to that effect to the Medical Officer in charge of the Scheme, and each application shall state a qualification or qualifications possessed by the applicant. The Medical Officer shall satisfy himself before issuing a supply for the purpose, that the applicant is a Medical Practitioner who possesses one or other of the following qualifications:

(a) Holds a certificate of having satisfactorily fulfilled the duties of clinical assistant in a hospital Department recognised by the Department for Local Government and Public Health in connection with a Sanitary Authority's Scheme for the treatment and diagnosis of Venereal Diseases in their communicable stages:

(b) Holds a certificate of satisfactory attendance at a course of instruction in the diagnosis and treatment of Venereal Disease (including intravenous medication) in such a Hospital Dept. or in a recognised Medical School or post graduate college.

(c) Is or has been within the last five years, a member of the permanent staff of a hospital managed by a Committee and containing not less than 50 beds, or

(d) Produces satisfactory evidence, other than that indicated in the foregoing paragraphs that he has had adequate experience in the administration of these drugs by intravenous injection.

Records.

Records and information relating to the Scheme shall be kept and furnished by the County Council and by the parties to the Scheme as required by the Department of Local Government and Public Health, with due regard to the confidential nature of the information recorded, and all registers and records of cases dealt with under the Scheme and all laboratories, hospitals and Institutions with which the County Council make arrangements shall be accessible to the authorised officers of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Institutional Arrangements for Execution of Scheme.

(a) The Medical Officer in charge of the Scheme shall recommend in respect of cases requiring Institutional treatment. He shall have fixed hours for the examination of patients sent to him by Medical Practitioners practising within the county.

(b) Arrangements shall be entered into between the Co. Council and an approved Hospital for the treatment of cases requiring special Hospital treatment.

(c) With the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health arrangements shall be made by the Co. Council with

an approved Pathologist, for the examination of specimens, the drafting of instructional circulars and the provision of out-fits of appliances.

Information to be Confidential: All information obtained in respect of any person treated under this Scheme shall be treated as strictly confidential.

General: This Scheme shall come into operation on the 1st April 1927, and shall continue in force for one year when it may be continued, modified, extended or lapsed as the County Council with the consent of the Minister may decide.

Travelling Expenses of Patients: The County Council may, if they think it advisable and just pay the travelling expenses of patients who are sent for treatment to a special Hospital.

Finance.

Medical Officer in charge of Scheme	£50-0-0
Clerical Expenses and Expenses of Administration	£30-0-0
Medicines, Appliances and Treatment	£120-0-0
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	£200-0-0
Grant Contribution	£150-0-0
Total Cost of Scheme to Rates	<hr/>
	£50-0-0

Mr Rossiter served Notice of Motion as follows:-

"That on receipt of approval by Department of Local Government of Scheme for the treatment of Venereal Disease, the County Council appoint Dr S.V. O'Connor, Wexford, as Medical Officer under the Scheme as Dr O'Connor has at present superannuation under the Scheme for Amalgamation of Unions."

TRANSFERS OF AMOUNTS FROM ROAD CONTINGENCIES FUND.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Corish:-

"That the following transfers be made from Road Contingencies Account (Main Roads) *to*

18G £101: 19G £50: 2E £100: 13E £80: 14E £40: 8E £40: 34E £80:
37E £40: 27E £10: 1R £40: 12R £150: 29R £30: 32R £30: 47R £30:
140R £20: 1W £50: 5W £30: 17W £30: 19W £50: 30W £30.

Sign Posts £155-8-2.

Section A Gorey £65: B £41: C £55: D £278: E 62: F £43: G £50:
H £70: I ££27.

Section B Enniscorthy £70: C £70: F £70: J £70: K £70: N £80.

Section D New Ross £70: F £80: G £60: I £100: E £100: H £60:

J £100: M £40: *Enniscorthy*

Section *F* Wexford £40: H £60: I £60.

Sudden Damage 3rd and 4th class roads New Ross £14.

GRAVEYARD AT KILMALLOCK, ENNISCORTHY.

Under date 5th January 1926, letter was read from Mr Henry M.P. Hare (estate of Robert Hawtrey Peare), solicitor, Irish Land Commission pointing out that in 1913 Messrs M.J. O'Connor & Co Solicitors, Wexford had applied to the Land Commission for liberty to subdivide the holding of Mr R.H. Peare at Kilmallock in order that one rood of the lands should be acquired by Enniscorthy Rural District Council for the enlargement of the graveyard on the lands. Redemption money of £3-10-*1*d for the rood had been paid and the former annuity of the holding reduced accordingly. No steps were, however, taken to exclude the rood from the registered holding and the consent of the Land Commission was withdrawn. Default had been made in the payment of the Land Purchase annuity and the lands were about to be put up for sale, but before doing so, the Commissioners desired to give the County Council an opportunity of completing what was apparently intended in 1913, viz, to have the rood excluded and declared free from any portion of the Purchase Annuity.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-

"That the Irish Land Commission be requested to have rood of land taken by Enniscorthy R.D. Council at Kilmallock for use as a graveyard, excluded from the holding of Mr Robert Hawtrey Peare and declare same to be freed from any portion of the Purchase Annuity in this case."

PREPARATION OF REGISTER OF ELECTORS.

Under date 7th January, 1927, the following was read from Mr. J. S. Scallan, Registration Officer:-

"I beg to apply to the County Council for an advance of Three Hundred Pounds to enable me to meet current expenses in connection with the preparation of the fifth Register under the Electoral Act 1923"

The Chairman proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne, and adopted:-

"That, in order to meet current expenses in connection with the preparation of Fifth Register under the Electoral Act 1923 a sum of Three Hundred Pounds be advanced to the Registration Officer, Mr. J. N. Scallan".

ANCIENT MONUMENTS COMMITTEE.

The following resolution from Ancient Monuments' Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cloney, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne:-

"That we request the Wexford County Council to call upon the Government to seek Parliamentary powers to enable the Office of Public Works to take over Ancient Historic Monuments in order to provide for their preservation.

"Such a measure is urgently needed if a priceless National heritage is to be saved. Adequate protection can be made for the rights of property owners on whose lands such monuments stand. In present circumstances we are convinced that powers entrusted to the Office of Works, under a measure such as we propose, would be exercised with tact, and, also, with a due regard for the rights of all concerned.

"We would ask the County Council to forward this resolution to the other Co. Councils in An Saorstát with a view to its adoption, as we are convinced that any steps taken by our public

bodies in this matter will have the hearty support of all patriotic Irishmen"

GRAIN CONFERENCE.

A resolution was received from Tirconail County Council requesting the Government to give effect to the recommendations of the Grain Conference which was composed of representatives of the County Committee of Agriculture and which had apparently been so far ignored.

The Chairman said the Council should refer the resolution to the Committee of Agriculture.

Colonel Gibbon said the Committee of Agriculture refused to send delegates to the conference.

Mr. Walsh said it would only tend to increase the cost of labour.

Mr. Doyle said he had the pleasure of attending the Grain Conference a few times and he could never see any good derived from the recommendations.

Colonel Gibbon said the County Committee had already marked "read" the recommendations of the Grain Conference.

Colonel Quin proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following which was passed without dissent:-

"That the resolution from Tirconail County Council asking the Government to give effect to the recommendations of the Grain Conference be marked "read"."

LAND ANNUITY GUARANTEE REPAYMENTS.

The following resolution from Dublin County Council was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Thorpe:-

"That this Council is of opinion that there is no longer any reason for continuing the Clause in the Land Purchase Acts holding Co. Councils responsible for defaulting Annuitants and consider that the time has come for the repeal of this section. Copies of this resolution to be sent each Co. Council and County Council of General Councils"

GENERAL ROAD MATTERS.
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Mr. Thorpe proposed, Mr. Hall seconded and it was adopted:-

"That the Roads Inspection Committee be requested to report as to the manner in which road material has been spread at Tomcoole Cross roads"

The following Memorial, which was extensively signed, was submitted to the meeting:-

"We, the Undersigned being some of the residents and ratepayers in the townland of Ballygillane Big, beg to bring the following to your notice. There is a road going by Ailsa Lodge and Mrs Barry's house, and the road is about 200 yards in length. It is a quarter of a mile from the Pier. There are ~~nix~~ eight houses on the road and all occupied by substantial ratepayers and there are no arrears of rates. At the present time the road is absolutely impassable and has not apparently been cared for by your Council at all. As ratepayers we feel we are absolutely entitled to have a properly maintained road by our houses and we would be glad if you would kindly see that the Council attend to the matter at once".

Mr. Doyle - The whole thing was only 250 yards long. There were eight houses on the road, and the rate on each ranged from £5 to £11 per year. None of the houses were new, and between them all they housed 64 persons. A good many of them would probably be lodgers but there were five or ~~six~~ very substantial houses, and the people complain that they had to pay a big rate, and should be entitled to a good road to their houses. The whole rate in that district had been increased by £700, and those who had to pay £11 a year felt they were entitled to a road. The whole place was only 250 yards long, and it was a continuation of the new road. To his mind it would not take much to put the place in repair. If it was repaired now it would stay in repair

for a number of years. If the road was to cost a lot of money he would not be in favour of spending it, but his suggestion was backed up by some of the largest ratepayers in the district. The whole population of Ballygeary were prevented from attending divine service, while the children were prevented from attending school by reason of the flooding. A good deal of the flooding was due to lack of drainage of the Ford of Lyng, and he would like to know if Mr. Elgee had yet got Counsel's opinion, which the council directed him to get some enight months ago. Something should be done at once to alleviate such a nuisance in the district.

Mr. Corish seconded.

Mr. Hayes said he agreed with Mr. Doyle, and he would like to call attention to the state of another road in the Corramacorra district.

The Chairman said that was a matter for the Roads Committee.

Mr. Elgee said with reference to the Ford of Lyng Counsel asked him for a map setting out details as to the area of all the different townlands which were affected. He had asked Mr. Barry to supply this, and he hoped to be able to send it on this week.

In reply to Colonel Gibbon, the County Surveyor said the cost of making the 250 yards of road would be £300.

Mr. Doyle - You deviate considerably from your letter to me, in which you said £50.

County Surveyor - If the road was to be made by the people it would cost £50 to surface it.

Mr. Doyle said he would not support it at a cost of £300.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor for a report at the next meeting.

Colonel Gibbon raised the question of repair of potholes. He had seen workmen throw chippings into pot hole, pour in cold bitumen without any roughening or preparation of the hole, more loose chippings were put in then, more cold bitumen etc., and no attempt was made at any time to consolidate the material.

The County Surveyor stated that the holes were brushed out

and flattened down.

Mr. Thorpe contended that a special rammer should be used in the circumstances.

Mr. Quigley said that very good results had been obtained in Dublin by putting in bitumen and chippings. Of course picking out the hole and tamping would give better results but it cost more in time and money. It might be advisable to have the bitumen and chippings mixed before use.

Wm Quigley
Febr 14th 1927.

