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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

HELD ON 2ND JANUARY, 1928

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 2ND JANUARY, 1928, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING AMOUNTS TO BE ALLOCATED FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT WORKS FOR FINANCIAL YEAR, 1928-29.

Present:- Mr Thomas McCarthy (Chairman) presided: also present:- Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs William Boggan, James Clinee, 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, Thomas Rossiter, James Shannon, William Thorpe, James E Walsh, and John White.

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

The Chairman said that the County Surveyor's estimate for the financial year, ending 31st March, 1929, was £74,513, an increase of £20,699 over the amount allowed by the County Council last year, viz., £53,814. The adoption of the estimate would mean an increase of about 1s 1d in the £ on last year's rate. Last year, the County Surveyor's estimate was £83,657 which the County Council reduced by 35 per cent. The Council would notice that there was a decrease in the estimates between 1927-28 and 1928-29 of £9,144. Last year, they agreed to a rate of 3s 2d in the £ which included 3d in the £ to provide for the annual repayment in connection with quarries and machinery. The actual amount of grants, which they had received from the Local Government Department in respect of roads in Rural Districts, was:- 1923, £3,510; 1924, £30,700, 1925, £16,260; 1926, £45,376; and 1927, £69,382. It was for the meeting to decide the amounts which they would put at the disposal of the County Surveyor for road maintenance for next financial year.

The County Surveyor said if the members would compare the items for improvement works in the estimates for this current year and for 1928-29 they could see that £7,000 of it was represented by important special works which he had brought forward last year but which were not included in the present proposals. He did not expect he would be able to get the money for these works last year but he simply brought them forward to have it on record that they were works which would have to be done sooner or later. One of them - Gorey-Courtown road improvement - was included in last year's estimate for £6,500. They had received from the Department of Local Government £1,000 towards this road under a Tourist Grant and they expected next year they would get something more, but, unfortunately, nothing at all like what they would want for it. He had compared the actual money they got on last year's estimate with the work they had been able to do, and, with the condition of the roads at present, and he could state absolutely that with the money raised they had been carrying on and that was all. If they took a road which was in a middling condition for the first year or so with a reduced expenditure, though it might not show up too badly, it would go to pieces. They had an instance of that in the Enniscorthy-Wexford road. It went all right for a spell under reduced expenditure and then suddenly broke up, entailing enormous expenditure. He (County Surveyor) had gone carefully into the actual cash working of the various maintenance works, and the way in which they now stood, and the figure which he now presented in conjunction and in consultation with his Assistants was the figure which was an actual minimum to maintain the roads in a proper condition. If the Council cut the price, he hoped they would be able to carry on, and the roads might not show apparent deterioration for a year or so. But this would eventually appear and they would have to spend much more ultimately than by looking properly after them now.

The County Surveyor then gave instances of the sudden collapse of roads owing to reduced maintenance and held that the same thing would happen in many roads if the Council reduced his estimate. They had made judicious use of the limited amount of material they were able to provide and they had been unable to put every yard of it in the best place. The result was that the other portions were gradually weakened and, if they did not get more material, the roads, after a little time, would cut up very badly. He had gone lately into the question of allocations from the Contingencies Fund with the Assistants as regards the cash available, and they all required more money for material than the amount in the Fund. When he first discussed the matter with them, they had put up figures which, though not too high for actual requirements, were altogether out of proportion to any money he could possibly allocate. He then wrote and explained to them that they would have to furnish the absolute minimum with which they could carry on. He (County Surveyor) went into the new figures but had to cut them by about 50 per cent, and this was sufficient to use up all the money in the Contingencies Fund to the end of March next. A lot of Special Works which he had included were essential and could not very well bear postponement. They were not maintenance in the ordinary acceptance of the term but more reconstruction or improvement works. Some of this might possibly be cut out for the present year. A number of them had been recommended by the Roads Inspection Committee and, as he said, a lot of them would have to be done within a very reasonable time though a few might hold over. But 75 per cent of them were actually maintenance of existing jobs. If his estimate was cut now, it would be for the third consecutive year. There was a heavy cut last year notwithstanding that traffic had enormously increased. The County Surveyor then gave instances of roads which were subject to heavy lorry

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traffic and in respect of which he warned the Council of the serious expenditure which would be involved in future years if the amount he estimated for them for the coming year was reduced. Bus traffic was injuring a number of roads and the Council would make up their minds that this traffic is going to increase and to be responsible for heavy expenditure. He did not want to run up rates but held there was little margin for cutting his estimate if the roads were to be properly maintained. Many roads were apparently not bad but they were wearing thin every day and would eventually go to pieces all at once. They should remember that, at this time last year or a little later, the roads were in a fairly sound condition because there was a fine Autumn up to Christmas. This year they had very adverse weather, and it is not now but in perhaps two months hence the roads would show the effect of this weather.

Colonel Quin, held that, with the large grants they had obtained from the Government, the estimate for roads should have shown a reduction.

The County Surveyor pointed out that grants were applicable to only about 30 miles of road out of 2,000 and were given not for maintenance but for reconstruction work.

Colonel Quin asked if no allowance had been made for the saving of the maintenance amount on the 30 miles of road in question.

The County Surveyor, in reply, stated that the maintenance cost on these roads was down but the amount saved in that connection had to be allocated to other roads on which no grants were available. The money for grants is in part obtained from Motor Duty and was allocated to the roads to make them fit to stand the traffic of motors, - ordinary cars and heavy lorries, etc. Of course, the amount obtained in this way covered only a small part of the damage done by such vehicles. If they hadn't this traffic, they could maintain their roads for half the present figure.

Mr Shannon said the position was perfectly plain. The saving on maintenance owing to grants had to be applied to other roads because the County Council did not allocate sufficient money last year for road maintenance.

County Surveyor- The estimate was cut down not only last year but for several years.

Mr S O'Byrne said it was distinctly understood that any Government grants for roads were not to cover maintenance except in respect of a small amount for main roads.

Colonel Quin- We got 30 miles of road taken off our hands practically. These were very expensive to maintain and therefore we ought to have less and not more to pay.

Chairman- If we had to put these roads in proper condition, the road rate would have been not 3s 2d but 6s 2d.

Colonel Quin held that about 60 or 70 miles of road had received the benefit of grants, and still they were asked to provide for £20,000 more. It would be admitted that a number of roads had improved out of all recognition within the last five years.

County Surveyor- What I want to avoid is a sudden collapse in the roads and that is what will happen undoubtedly if a sufficient amount for their maintenance is not allocated.

Colonel Gibbon said it was with a great feeling of anxiety he heard the figures of the road estimate, showing an increase of 39 per cent over the amount allowed last year. He was not going to make a "poor mouth" for farmers but would state facts. In December, 1926, at the Dublin fat stock sales, the average price for cattle was 49/9 per cwt.; this year the price was 38/-. On 22nd December, 1926, the price was £2:0:3; this year, 37/9. At Christmas markets, 1914, the price was 42/6; this year it was 39/9. Railway rates had increased from 100 to 150 per cent, and there was no increase in the price of what the farmer produced to meet this. The cost of road maintenance, instead of coming down (as it must come down this year), was according to the figures of the County Surveyor to be increased

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by 1s 3d in the £, and he did not see how any farmer was in a position to meet this increase. Their duty as County Councillors, as he saw it, was two-fold - to provide for the ratepayers what facilities were possible and that the County could afford to put up. Some people might say they were not spending enough on roads and go to the other extreme and say why not have a concrete road from Wexford to New Ross and strike a rate for it. Any why not have a similar concrete road to Rosslare from Wexford. And why not strike a rate of 20/- in the £. Then there was room for improvement at every fishery harbour in the County and drainage and sewerage works were necessary in practically every village. Why were not these things done? Simply because they could not afford it. They were not able to keep their roads in the way they should be maintained. Instead of talking of an increase of £20,000 over what was allowed last year, the County Surveyor should be talking of something below 50 per cent. Personally, he would not vote for an increase in the road rate this year - in fact, he would not vote for anything except a reduction. There was no use in throwing the County into bankruptcy. Farmers were unable to meet their land annuities and rates. As regards annuities, instead of being allowed to remain two or three years in arrear, proceedings were now instituted against them if they were six months behind. There was no use in agreeing to a rate which meant bankruptcy to the farming community. With the exception of barley, not one single crop showed a profit this year. Barley made a little more but what was 3/- extra per barrel. The potato crop promised splendidly in the beginning, but in the heavy land they had all rotted in the pits, and farmers had suffered a heavy loss. Colonel Gibbon then dealt seriatim with the returns for pork, bacon, cereals, etc., and also referred to the enhanced price of feeding stuffs, every single one of which showed increased price over what obtained in 1926. The position of the farmer could be put in one sentence -

everything he produced was cheaper and everything he bought dearer than last year. Their duty to the ratepayers was to ask them to provide a rate which they could reasonably pay. They should remember that in many cases farmers were really unable to meet their rates and land annuities. The second duty of the Council was to see that the money at their disposal was administered as efficiently and as economically as possible. He held very strongly that the amount agreed to for road maintenance should not be above £50,000.

Mr Hayes pointed out that the estimate for roads had been cut last year; if they cut it again, the neglect for two consecutive years would mean that considerably increased and avoidable expenditure would have to be provided at a later period.

Mr Doyle said that "both sides of the house" realised the terrible plight of the farmers; it was as well known to the Labour representatives as to other Councillors. They saw decrees for non-payment of Land Commission annuities all over the County, and County Wexford was suffering more in this matter than any other County in An Saorstát. This was an indication of the times. If the Council agreed to an excessive rate over last year which he considered the proposed increase of 1s 3d in the £ to be they would have not a strike but a revolution against the payment of rates. It was all very well to talk of what would happen to the roads in two years' time if the ratepayers were bankrupt. What good in that event would good roads or any sort of roads be to them? If they increased the road rate by even one penny - in fact, if they could not bring it down, they would have a general strike against the payment of rates, and he would say that the people would be justified in taking such action if they were called on to pay anything over last year. He would vote against any increase until the

ratepayers were in a better position to pay a larger rate. They were told by optimistic people that the times and the country were improving but, so far as the rural community was concerned, he could not see any signs of improvement. It was not within the power of any farmer to make his land pay during the last three years. If the rates were increased, the Council would have to meet a strike against rates.

Mr Boggan pointed out that only a very limited number of farmers grew barley but they were all practically concerned in the purchase of feeding stuffs which showed an increase of 25 per cent in cost. The farmers who had to take 40 per cent less for their produce were not able to pay a rate of 20 per cent over what was agreed to last year. If the money for roads had been properly expended, the present enormous estimate would not be called for. He had heard from competent authorities that a very useful road could have been made from Wexford to Enniscorthy for ~~£5,000~~ ^{about half the money}. If the Government had taken this into consideration they would have had more money for other necessary works. If the Council increased this rate over last year, they would collect very little of it. He would resign to-morrow if the rate was increased in accordance with the County Surveyor's estimate. They should not act with a total disregard of the ability of the people to pay.

Mr Murphy complained of roadmen cleaning up bushes and briars instead of properly attending to the water tables. If the rate was increased, they might expect little short of a revolution against rates. He knew poor struggling farmers who were really in want of the necessaries of life.

Colonel Gibbon wished the meeting to understand that he did not mention the words "strike" or "revolution". He would not encourage ^{anyone} not to pay whatever rate would be struck, but, if they fixed on a rate which the people could not pay, a great many would be put out of their farms. The ratepayers would have to do the best they could to pay but the County Council did not want to break them.

Mr Hayes denied that there was any unnecessary work being done on roads. The Council should guard against taking action which would mean that in a few years the roads would go to pieces.

Mr Corish said that farming was not in as flourishing a position as they would like to see it, but beet had been a good paying crop last year. If they referred to the daily papers, they could see that farmers had invested extensively in the National Loan. He deplored the statement of Mr Doyle that they would have a strike against rates. They knew how statements like this, when made at the Council were taken, and he repeated that it was deplorable to have a member of the Council advocating a strike against rates. The roads in the County were not what they should be, and they were paying now for neglect of previous years. It was false economy to cut down the estimate and to have to make it up in the double in succeeding years. Some people who were able to pay rates were evading payment. It was well known that at last County Council elections certain persons voted against their convictions for candidates who promised impossible reductions in the rates. The County Surveyor was doing what he could with the money which had been voted, and he (Mr Corish) hoped that a larger sum than last year would be agreed to. It was the duty of the Council to maintain the roads in good and efficient condition, and the necessary money towards that end should be provided. The very people who cut down the estimate were constantly grumbling as to the condition of the roads and were very active as regards promoting works of road improvement

Colonel Gibbon pointed out that only three-fourths of one per cent of the acreage of the County was devoted to sugar beet and the benefit from the crop and the yield of the crop was only 70 per cent of what it was last year.

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Mr Thorpe said that, at every meeting of the Finance Committee, there was complaint of the backward state of the Rate Collection and, when the Rate Collectors were brought before the Committee, they said they were not able to collect the money. If they agreed to higher figures, how would it be collected. The County Surveyor was quite right in stating the roads wanted more attention, but why not get the men to do more effective work. They were half their time looking after "thrauneens" and doing ornamental work. They should attend to the water tables. The Council were paying 30/- per week to their men who were of the same class as those working on farms and who had to work for £1 per week, and farmers were not able to pay that amount. Why not bring the wages of roadmen to a level of those of agricultural workers and in this way get more work done on the roads. The yield per acre of sugar beet and the price per ton were less than last year. It would be well for people if they had not to sell their barley when they took into account the enhanced price of feeding stuffs.

Colonel Quin said the publication of the statement that farmers were extensively investing in the National Loan was propaganda.

Mr Jordan said no one could make the statement that farming made a profit this year. It might be that one farmer in a hundred was able to invest some money in the National Loan but no one could say that the average farmer had any money to invest in any thing. He would not advocate a strike but asked the Council to be very careful to agree to an amount that would give people encouragement to pay. Some people were selling immature stock to meet the present rates and annuities. But a worm would turn and, if pressed too hard, the ratepayers would not pay because of inability to do so. The business of the County Surveyor was to prevent the collapse of the roads but the business of the Council was to prevent the collapse of the ratepayers which would certainly happen if they were pressed

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too hard.

The Chairman pointed out that, while things were not as flourishing with farmers as everybody wished and while they hoped for a brighter future for their industry, a duty devolved upon the Council of carrying on the County services in as efficient a manner as was possible. To do this they should agree to sufficient allocations. They should remember that in 1925 the County Surveyor's estimate had been cut by 21 per cent, in 1926 by 27 per cent, and in 1927 by 35 per cent. Personally he was not in favour of increasing the allocation over last year. This was, he considered, the least they should give to the County Surveyor. He (Chairman) would like to have it less but he feared that, if they made a bigger reduction, the Council coming in next year would criticise them very severely for not raising a sufficient sum and thus placing on their shoulders an increased burden. If they made a big reduction a great many people would pat them on the back and probably return them at the next election, but sensible people would have a different view. He thought they would be meeting everybody reasonably by adhering to the amount allowed last year.

An adjournment for ten minutes was then agreed to in order to allow the members representing the different interests in the Council to hold a consultation.

On resuming, Mr M Doyle proposed that the Council agree to a rate of 3/- in the £ to cover road maintenance, quarry and machinery charges for next financial year. This was the very utmost his party considered people were able to pay in present circumstances.

Colonel Gibbon seconded.

In reply to Mr Corish, the County Surveyor said if the proposal was carried a number of important improvement works should be dropped. Several of these had been recommended by the Roads Inspection Committee.

Mr S O'Byrne considered that the roads could not be properly maintained except by a rate of 3/6 in the £.

After further discussion, Mr Hayes proposed as an amendment:-

"That a road rate of 3s 6d in the £ be agreed to".

Mr S O'Byrne seconded.

A vote was taken on the amendment of 3/6 with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Clinee, Colfer, Connors, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, Pender, Rossiter, and Shannon. 12.

Against:- Messrs Boggan, Cloney, Doyle, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Murphy, O'Donoghue, Quin, Thorpe, Walsh, Whyte, and the Chairman. 13.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

Mr Hall as a further amendment proposed:-

"That the Council agree to a road rate of 2/6 in the £".

Mr Murphy seconded.

The following was the result of the poll:-

For the amendment:- Messrs Boggan, Cloney, Doyle, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Murphy, O'Donoghue, Quin, Thorpe, Walsh, and Whyte. 12.

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

The Chairman proposed and Mr Corish seconded the following as a further amendment:—

"That the County Council agree to the same allocation for Road Maintenance and Improvement, etc., as for last year, being £53,814 for ordinary maintenance and improvement, and £4,440 for quarries and machinery, and which represents

appeoximately a rate of 3s 2d in the £".

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the amendment:- Messrs Cline, Colfer, Connors, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, Pender, Rossiter, Shannon, and the Chairman. 13.

Against:- Messrs Boggan, Cloney, Doyle, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Murphy, O'Donoghue, Quin, Thorpe, Walsh and Whyte. 12.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

The amendment was then put as the substantive motion and agreed to on the same voting.

OVERDRAFT OF COUNTY COUNCIL.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Colonel Gibbon:-

"That we apply to the Department of Local Government for sanction to present overdraft of the Council of £28,000 to the 31st March, 1928".

Wm. G. Carter
2 Aug 1927

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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
2nd January, 1928.

(Signed) _____

Secretary Wexford County Council.

Dated this 4th day of January, 1928.

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.
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MONTHLY MEETING - 9th JANUARY, 1928.
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N. J. FRIZELLE,
SECRETARY.

FORTVIEW,
WEXFORD.

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The monthly meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 9th January, 1928.

Mr. Thomas McCarthy (Chairman) presided and there were also present:- Messrs William Boggan, P. Byrne; J. Clince, P. Colfer, John Connors, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, J. Gaul, J. Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, D. Kavanagh, A. Mernagh, Nicholas J. Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, M. M. O'Donoghue, John Pender, James Shannon, William Thorpe, J. E. Walsh, John Whyte, Colonel Quin and Colonel Gibbon.

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

The Minutes of last ordinary meeting of 12th December, 1927, and of Special Meeting of 2nd January, 1928, were read and confirmed.

VOTE OF CONDOLENCE - LATE MRS RICHARDS. =====

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Colonel Gibbon:-

"That we offer our sincere condolence to Mr. C. H. Richards, Local Taxation Officer, in the loss of his wife and extend to him our heartfelt sympathy in his bereavement".

FINANCE COMMITTEE. =====

The following Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee of 22nd December, 1927, were submitted:-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 22nd December, 1927.

Present:- Mr. Thomas McCarthy (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs P. Hayes, Wm. Thorpe, and Aidan Mernagh.

The Secretary and Assistant Secretary and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £15397: 14: 8d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

The state of the Rate Collection showed that up to 22nd December a sum of only £1205: 19: 2d had been collected for second moiety of current rate. Collectors M. M. Kelly, J. Cummins, P. O'Byrne, W. Cummins and Patrick Donohoe had not collected anything on this moiety up to the present.

In connection with first moiety there was outstanding £7294: 14: 9d to 22nd December, 1927; the percentage of amount collected by each Collector being as follows:- J. J. O'Reilly 98; per cent
E. J. Murphy 97; Thomas Rowe 96; J. Curtis 95; J. Quirke 93;
J. Doyle 93; J. J. Sinnott 93; M. Deegan 90; J. Cummins 90;
P. O'Byrne 89; B. Cleary 88; P. Furlong 88; S. Gannon 97;
W. Cummins 87; P. Fitzpatrick 86; T. Sutton 85; P. Walsh (resigned) 85; M. Kelly 84; P. Donohoe 84; J. J. Kelly 83 and C. McCarthy 82.

The Secretary mentioned that unless a substantial portion of the 2nd moiety of current rate was lodged within the next fortnight the Council would be unable to carry on.

It was decided that a strong letter be written to the Collectors immediately after Xmas instructing ~~that~~ them to show more diligence in the discharge of their duties and pointing out to them the serious nature of the financial position of the Council.

In connection with the vacancy for Collector in No.3 District

consequent on the resignation of Mr. P. Walsh, a telegram was read from Mr. John Doyle, Collector for No.7 District, that he was prepared to undertake the Collection in No.3.

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

"That John Doyle, Collector for No.7 District be appointed Temporary Collector to close the Collection in No. 3 Collection District for all amounts outstanding in respect of Rates to 31st March 1928; this appointment to be subject to the approval of his sureties and also to the approval of Mr. P. Walsh, late Collector for the District and his sureties as the latter are being held, by the County Council, responsible for the close of the collection of all Rates and arrears in respect of periods to 31st March next."

LIABILITY FOR RATES ON LANDS.

Circular letter under date 16th December, 1927 (G.29628/27) from the Department of Local Government ~~Department~~ stated that arrangements had been made whereby final lists of untenanted lands in each County vested in the Land Commission would be transmitted to the County Council by that Department immediately after publication. Application should be then made to the person liable in respect of arrears of Rates accrued up to the appointed day and in default of immediate payment the County Council should enter an appearance in the Registrar's Office of the Court of the Irish Land Commission in respect of any claim arising under sub-section (4) of section 18 of the Land Act 1927. The Demand Notes in such cases should be obtained from the Rate Collectors and handed over to the Council's Solicitor to enter an appearance. It was understood that this procedure would be inexpensive.

The Secretary stated that copy of this letter had on receipt been furnished each Rate Collector.

COURTOWN HARBOUR

Mr. R. Garland, Acting Harbour Master Courtown Harbour, wrote under date 19th December, 1927, that he was prepared to carry on

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the duties of Harbour Master until his services had been dispensed with.

It was decided that Mr. Garland be retained in office until 31st December, 1927.

Under date 6th December, 1927, Mr. Garland, Acting Harbour Master Courtown, reported that there were two motor boats afloat in the harbour for the past twelve months owned by Mr. William Bates (Jn), Gorey and Mr. Henry Warren, Springmount, Gorey. He asked that these men be notified that they are liable for harbour dues.

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

"That our Secretary be instructed to direct the Acting Harbour Master at Courtown Harbour to apply to Messrs W. Bates (Jn), Gorey and Mr. Henry Warren, Springmount, Gorey, for harbour dues in respect of two motor boats which have been afloat in Courtown Harbour for the past twelve months".

REPAIRS TO RESIDENCE OF DR. CONNOLLY, OULART.
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Thorpe:- "That we recommend the County Council to agree to the County Board of Health carrying out at dispensary residence of Dr. Connolly, Oulart, any repairs which they may consider necessary".

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ACT 1926.
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Under date 12th December, 1927, Mr. D. Corish, District Court Clerk, New Ross, wrote that Superintendent J. C. Courtney, G. S., New Ross, intended to apply for the committal to an Industrial School of a child named William Watters of Battletown, Duncannon, who had been twice convicted of failing to cause said child to attend School as required by School Attendance Act 1926.

The application was to be made under Section 17 of the School Attendance Act of 1926. Mr. Corish asked what was the attitude of the County Council towards committals under this Act or if any provision had been made for contributions by the Council under

the section in question.

The following resolution was adopted:- "That the question of holding Wexford County Council responsible for maintenance of children committed to Industrial Schools under section 17 of the School Attendance Act 1926 be referred to the County Council for consideration at next ordinary meeting. In view of the present commitments of the Council for maintenance of children in Industrial Schools, and who have been committed in the ordinary way, the Finance Committee are of opinion the Council should, so far as the law allows, resist the imposition of any financial responsibility for maintenance of children who may be sent to Industrial Schools under School Attendance Act of 1926.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE AS AN "AUTHORISED" COMMITTEE.
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In connection with the application of the County Council to the Minister for Local Government to have the County Library Committee declared an "authorised" Committee to allow of contribution towards the travelling expenses of members the following letter under date 20th December, 1927, (G.60767/1927 Wexford County) was read from the Department of Local Government & Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 16th instant requesting the recognition of the Library Committee as an Authorised Committee under Section 63 of the Local Government Act, 1925, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to request to be furnished with a statement of the constitution, number of members, and estimated number of meetings, in each year of the Library Committee.

"I am to add that, if the Minister approves, this Committee as an "Authorised" one under Section 63 of the Act contributions in accordance with the fifth Schedule can be paid only to such members as have attended three-quarters of the meetings held during the six months in which sanction to the authorisation of the Committee was sought and granted".

The following resolution was adopted:- "That copy of letter from Department of Local Government & Public Health (G.60767/1927

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Wexford County) be furnished the County Library Committee for their observations".

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.
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Under date 17th December, 1927, the following was read from Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council in reference to the case of John Kenny, Bunclody:-

"I am in receipt of yours with the copy of the County Council's Scheme relative to the proposed Scholarship herein, and with reference thereto I write to say:-

Under the provisions of the University Scholarship Scheme 1926/27 adopted by the County Council it is provided that "Scholarships" will be tenable only at a University or College".

"A University or College I take to mean, an Institution which grants Degrees to its students.

"In Kenny's case, I observe that he desires to take out his training at St. Patrick's Training College, Drumcondra.

"In my opinion, the St. Patrick's Training College, does not come within the definition of a "University or College" at which Students were entitled to take up their Scholarships, if and when same are awarded, by the County Council, because the Training College does not grant Degrees to their students, but merely a certificate that they have passed the Training College Examinations and accordingly I am of opinion that the County Council would not be in order in granting a Scholarship to a student who proposed to take out his course at the St. Patrick's Training College, or in making any Grant towards the costs of a student's training at that College.

"Further I may add that in my opinion the Scheme relates solely to the recognized Universities or their constituent Colleges which make Irish an essential subject for the matriculation Examinations, and does not in any way relate to the Training Colleges.

"I return the Copy of the Scheme which you sent me"

The following resolution was adopted:- "That copy of letter from Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, relative to the

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University Scholarship of John Kenny, Bunclody, be furnished to his father, Mr. Patrick Kenny".

ADVERTISING CONTRACT.

Letters were read from the Managers of "The People" "The Free Press" and "The Echo" newspapers agreeing to accept £135 per annum for insertion of the advertisements of the Co. Council and County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of
Col Quin seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne;-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of 4
meeting of 22nd December 1927 be and are hereby confirmed."

The following Minutes of Finance Committee in respect
of meeting of 5th January 1928 were submitted;-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 5th January, 1928.

Present:- Messrs Thomas McCarthy (Chairman); P. Hayes; A. Mernagh, W. Thorpe and Sean O'Byrne.

The Secretary and Assistant Secretary were also in attendance.

Mr. McCarthy was not in attendance at the opening of the meeting when Mr. Sean O'Byrne was moved to the Chair on the motion of Mr. Thorpe, seconded by Mr. Hayes.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Mr. McCarthy then attended and presided to the end of the meeting.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3935: 12: 6d was examined and signed.

OVERDRAFT OF COUNCIL.

Under date 4th January, 1928, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.328/1927 Fa L^och Garman) that the Minister had sanctioned overdraft not exceeding £28,000 to the 31st March next.

RATE COLLECTION.

The state of the Rate Collection to the end of December 1927 was submitted. In connection with second moiety of Rate for financial year 1928 a sum of £2002: 11: 9d only had been collected out of £67398: 2: 7d while £6694: 9: 9d remained uncollected on foot of first moiety.

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

"That the Rate Collectors be informed unless they show considerable improvement in their Collections at once the Finance Committee will be compelled to recommend the Council to adopt the recommendations made by the Local Government

Department some time ago by which Collectors must lodge full amount of their warrant within the financial year and an amount equal to the first moiety of warrant at 30th September in each year.

In connection with the proposed appointment of Mr. John Doyle, Rate Collector, to close Collection in No.3 District in respect of which the Collector P. Walsh had resigned, the following under date 2nd January was read from Mr. Walsh:-

"My Sureties are not satisfied with the appointment of Mr. John Doyle as Collector for No.3 District as they do not know the man and cannot see how a man from New Ross District can close Collection. But will be satisfied with myself or Mr. James Quirke to close collection of all outstanding rates to March 31st next."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hayes:- "That in view of the fact that the personal sureties of Mr. Walsh are not satisfied with the appointment of Mr. John Doyle to close the collection we hereby appoint Mr. James Quirke, Rate Collector, for No.1 district, to close the Collection in No.3 District., provided that the sureties of Messrs Quirke and Walsh are satisfied with this arrangement".

A letter was read from Mr. W. Kehoe, Bennettstown, Broadway, stating he paid Poor Rates on 18th November, 1927 amounting to £1: 7: 7d and had not obtained official receipt.

Mr. McCarthy, the Rate Collector concerned, appeared before the meeting and stated that the £1: 7: 7d was left at his office and the unofficial receipt in his name was not issued by him but by the person who received the money on his behalf. He admitted the money had been received by him. He overlooked giving the Ratepayer official receipt and entering the amount on his Abstract for lodgment. His failure to do so was an oversight on his part

Mr. McCarthy was also questioned as to £1: 5: 3d which Mr. John Fox, Walshestown, had paid him and which had not been lodged. Mr. McCarthy stated that the £1: 5: 0d was part only of the half year's rate due on the holding, the remaining portion being payable by Mr. V. Doyle who purchased part of the holding. The £1: 5: 3d was his calculation of the sum payable for Mr. Fox's portion and he was waiting until the remainder was paid by Mr. Doyle before entering the full amount of rating on his Abstract for lodgment.

The Collector was instructed to lodge in the future, in all such cases, the portion of the rates paid him without waiting for the second payment by the other ratepayer concerned.

The meeting accepted the Collector's explanation and pointed out to him the necessity of immediately issuing official receipts in all cases.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

Under date 29th December, 1927, the following letter was read from Mr. Thomas F. White, University Scholar:-

"I beg to bring before your notice the fact that I have not received any scholarship money since the first instalment on the 1st November - just two months ago. Kevin Hall and Vincent Quirke have received a £9 instalment lately and I wonder why I have not got the same. It seems rather strange that I, the only one of the three entitled to the Scholarship under the Scheme, should be the only one not paid.

"I might mention that I called to the County Council Office yesterday and was informed by the Assistant-Secretary that my instalment would be cut on account of my not stopping in lodgings the whole time. Now I fail to perceive what this has to do with the question. I wonder if I got my board and lodgings free from a relative in Dublin would it make any difference. Because if the contention is that I did not need the money, surely I paid as much for the attentions of two doctors, ~~of one of which~~ them a Specialist, as I would pay for my stay in Dublin. Also I have to pay my landlady for keeping

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my room while I am away.

"I hope you will see about this matter as soon as possible and oblige"

It was decided to pay Mr. White £4: 10: 0d: half amount of usual instalment paid at this period of the year.

Under date 31st December, 1927, the following was read from Mr. John J. Kenny, Irish Street, Buncloody:-

"Your letter of 19th instant to hand for which I thank you. I note extract from Solicitor's letter - that it is not possible to give me any help while I am in Drumcondra College. If I mistake not the County Council put forward an alternative to which I would very gladly accept. As yet I do not know if that has been granted me. If I were allowed the Scholarship when my course in Drumcondra is finished it would enable me to obtain a degree. I should be very glad of any early reply to this as it would help me make my plans. Thanking you in anticipation."

It was decided to ask Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, if it is possible to allow Mr. Kenny, in the circumstances, to take up his full Scholarship, or take up a year's post graduate course, after completion of his training in Drumcondra Teachers' Training College

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of
meeting held on 5th January 1928 be and are hereby confirmed."

ROADS COMMITTEE

The following Minutes of Roads Committee in respect of
meeting of 2nd January 1928 were submitted;-

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A meeting of the Roads' Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 2nd January, 1928.

Present:- Mr. Thomas McCarthy (Chairman) presiding; also Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs W. Boggan, R. Corish, P. Colfer, Michael Cloney, James Hall, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

MONGLOSS LANE.

The following memorial in connection with the above was read:-

"We, the undersigned, residents of the undersigned townlands respectfully ask the Wexford County Council to take over and put in repair the laneway known as Monglass Lane, which leads to our farms and to our homes. The lane which is about an English mile in length requires very little outlay except for surface work. If this were done it would mean a great help to the people of the district who frequently use the lane, as it is an intensively tilled area, and it would fill a longfelt want in the district".

The Memorial bore 12 signatures.

Mr. James Lambert, Monglass and Mr. Thomas Gainford, Cain, came before the meeting. The former said there were nine farmers and three labourers living on the lane; the lane was in the centre of an intensive tillage district; cars overturned in it on account of a number of "sound joults" in it. It was 1800 yards long and would not require any widening.

The County Surveyor said that this was a "three-legged" road and the County Council had not power to make a road at a "dead" end.

Mr. Jordan, County Councillor, who was in attendance, said the only cost would be for surfacing.

Colonel Gibbon proposed:-

"That the following sub Committee be appointed to inspect and report as to application by ratepayers to have Monglass Lane put into contract:- Messrs Jordan, Clince and Shannon; to be accompanied by the County Surveyor and Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor. That the Sub Committee submit a report to next meeting of the Roads' Committee."

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.
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The following monthly report was submitted by the County Surveyor:-

"on the 21st December the Committee appointed by the Council met the local people at Corramacorra Road, and arranged in regard to such further work as was necessary before the Council takes up the work. Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, was to make a further inspection later.

"On the 22nd December I met Mr. Hassard, Fisherty Department's Engineer, at Courtown Harbour. There were present also:- Father O'Grady, Messrs Esmonde and Allen T.D's: Mr. J. O'Byrne, M.C.C., as well as a number of local people interested in the Harbour. A full inspection was made, and I agree with Mr. Hassard in regard to improvement works. I submit preliminary estimate of the cost, but this is subject to amendment later when I have Mr. Hassard's full report.

"I submit estimate for the laying of concrete and wood block paving at New Ross Bridge, and shall go more fully into the matter at the meeting. In regard to the wood paving this I believe will eventually be an economical job, but I am doubtful in regard to the concrete, and certainly I would not recommend concrete unless we could obtain a substantial grant from the Local Government for the work. As this is a joint bridge with County Kilkenny it will be necessary to have the sanction of the Kilkenny County Council before putting in hands any re-construction work of this nature.

"I have arranged for taking in electric light in New Ross Courthouse, and the work is at present being put in hands.

"On the 13th December in company with Mr. Shortall, C.E.,

I visited Taghmon, and we arranged in regard to works that it would be advisable to undertake in the village. Mr. Shortall has submitted a report to the Health Board.

"I have a further communication from the Wexford Boro' Surveyor regarding the hoarding at the Old Courthouse site. At present there is no necessity for immediate action as the traffic is now diverted to the other side of the roadway on the newly laid concrete, and I am laying concrete immediately adjoining the Courthouse site as weather permits. I think it advisable that the Council should press the Finance Department for decision in regard to the site on which the permanent Courthouse is to be built, as this will very materially affect the question of the hoarding.

"I have not yet arranged for the Committee to inspect Monasootha Lane as the local Councillor - Mr. P. O'Byrne, was anxious to have the meeting on a Saturday, and up to the present no Saturday has been available. In any case, there is no immediate hurry as the work could not be put in hands until after the 31st March.

"On receiving notification from the Department regarding storage of explosives I wrote asking for further directions and submit copy of Department's reply. It would appear that we must erect a magazine ourselves to hold all our explosives, and I suggest the old Jail site as a suitable place to erect the magazine.

"I submit quotation for supply of Anthracite Coal from the Castlecomer Collieries, and ask for authority to place order. This coal is required for the stoves in the Court and in Mr. Scallan's Office at the old Courthouse.

"I have carefully gone into the question of the allocation of money from the Contingencies Fund, and submit my recommendations; also I ask for sanction of transfers between various accounts.

"I have been in consultation with several Firms in regard to Machinery and parts necessary for Elevator Plant and Hopper which I consider should be erected at Ballybrennan Quarry. At the

time I have not sufficient details to go into the matter thoroughly, but shall do so later when dealing with "General County charges". In connection with the machinery also I consider it will be necessary next year to purchase several extra Tar Sprayers. This work is so dependent on weather that unless we have a large plant the work is held up, and there is consequent increased cost on the various jobs!'

Corramacorra Road

Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, said he had gone to the road on 31st December but no work had been done.

It was decided to adjourn the matter to next meeting of the Roads' Committee.

Courthwn Harbour.

The County Surveyor stated that he estimated essential repairs at the end of the pier at £150; new lock gates and sluices he estimated at £480. There was a gravel bank which formed at the end of the pier and which interfered with the sluicing being really effective as the power of the sluices was largely gone by the time it reached so far down the harbour. This bank could be removed only by the use of a hand grab dredger running on rails and which he estimated would cost £450. It was to be worked by the fishermen and if it was in operation the largest boat in the harbour would be able to get to sea. It was also suggested, and he believed rightly, that dredging of 8,000 cubic yards should be done in the inner basin. This at 3/- per cubic yard would run to £1200. This work might be done for less but the £1200 was his estimate for it. The total amount was £2280. The local men would have to guarantee to work the grab dredger if provided. If while the bank remained at the mouth of the harbour they would not work this dredger it would be to their own loss.

Mr. O'Byrne said local men would undertake to work the grab.

The County Surveyor in reply to Colonel Gibbon said the cost of repairs less any grant they might obtain from the Fisheries Department would be a County-at-Large Charge.

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It was decided to adjourn further consideration until Mr. Hassard's report was at hand.

Colonel Quin said he heard that when last repairs were being carried out half the cement was mixed with clay and sawdust.

The County Surveyor said he never heard that sawdust had been used ; they had used bags of marl in order to pump the place dry.

New Ross Bridge

The County Surveyor said that the cost of the re-inforced concrete on account of Urban rate of wages would be £1296 and for wood paving would be £1860: ~~that was~~. Wood paving with a life of 10 years which in this case he considered a low estimate would be £186 per annum. For the past six years the repair of existing wood flooring ran to £159 per annum. In putting down the wooden block paving metal plates would be used and these would not require renewal. Taking this with the cost of the blocks and contrasting it with the existing method the wood paving would be cheaper. He was not in favour of the concrete but he thought they should adopt the wood paving and try and get a substantial Government grant. Of course half the cost would have to be borne by County Kilkenny.

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

"That we approve of the proposal of the County Surveyor to sheet drawbridge of New Ross Bridge with wood block pavement. As this bridge is on part of the National Road Route we believe the total cost should be borned by Government Grant."

Wexford Courthouse

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne:- "That the Minister of Finance be requested to inform the Wexford County Council as soon as possible of his decision as regards the site of Wexford Courthouse, in view of paragraph in County Surveyor's report to this meeting"

Storage of Explosives

It was decided that this matter be left in the hands of

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the County Surveyor.

Anthracite Coal

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That the tender of Castlecomer Collieries Ltd., for 6 tons of Anthracite coal at 53/6d per ton free on rail at Wexford South station be accepted."

Allocation of Money from Contingencies Fund

The County Surveyor stated that the Assistant Surveyors had asked for £2200 but there was not enough in the fund to meet their demands. He recommended the following transfers:-

Main Roads

Mr. Treanor's district - 16G £50 and 15G £85 .
Mr. Ennis's district - 34E £50; 19G £20; 13E £20.
Mr. Cullen's district - 49E £50;.
Mr. Birthistle's district - 19W £40; 14W £20; 23W £60.
Mr. O'Neill's district + 12R £45; 116R £15.
Mr. Kehoe's district - 16R £30; 49R £15; 47R £15; 21W £15
 30W £15.
 Total ... £545
 Amount in fund £553.

County Roads.

Mr. Treanor's district Section E £40; G. £50; I £90.
Mr. Ennis's District : H.G. £40; A £30; B £30; C £40; E £40
 F. £30.
Mr. Cullen's District: I £140; L. £200; 237 and 238 £40.
Mr. Birthistle's district: A. £120; B. £100. C £50; D £70; E. £120.
Mr. O'Neill's District: F. £90; G. £110;
Mr. Kehoe's District : E.R. £50; H. £30; J. £30; K £30; F. £40;
 H. £40; I £40.
 Total £1690 out of £1698.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the list of transfers from Contingencies Fund to the various works as submitted by the

County Surveyor to this meeting be and are hereby approved. "

TRANSFERS TO ROAD A/CS.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That as recommended by County Surveyor the following transfers be made from and to Road Accounts:-

Mr. Birthistle's district: from a/c No.9 to account I £90
from a/c 34 to a/c 32 £50.

Mr. Kehoe's district: from a/c GW to account F £40.

CASTLEBRIDGE ROADS.

The following memorial which was extensively signed by ratepayers and Residents in the Castlebridge district was submitted:-

"We, the undersigned, wish to draw your attention to the unsatisfactory state of the Road 2W, whereby people are prevented from going to-and-fro because of the fact that every time there is a rise of tide it is covered by water two feet in depth. Your Council will admit that this is a great hardship on all concerned and militates against the best interests of the village of Castlebridge.

"We also wish to draw your attention to the road between Castlebridge and Ardcolm which is also subject to severe flooding etc.

"We hope you will give instructions to have these matters attended to as speedily as possible".

It was decided that Mr. Corish with the County Surveyor and the Assistant Surveyor of the district should inspect the roads referred to in the memorial and report to next meeting of the Roads' Committee.

ENNISCORTHY-WEXFORD ROAD.

Colonel Gibbon said the meeting should have had a report as to the work on Wexford-Enniscorthy road.

The County Surveyor stated that the work had been held up

since the 21st December but it was to be recommenced immediately. There were three sections - about one mile and a half in all - to be completed. He had not noticed any further cracks in the road since last inspection.

Colonel Gibbon said he was over this road on 27th December and noticed a sudden hump half way between Edermine and Oylegate.

The County Surveyor said there was a second hump near Whitefort bridge and he had an appointment with Mr. O'Brien, a member of the Contracting firm, on the following day, to consider these and to go over the work generally.

FLOODING OF ROADS.

Colonel Gibbon stated that when motoring to Dublin on the 22nd December for over 100 yards at Castlebridge the water on the road was over the step of his car, the same thing occurred on the same day between Wells and Ballycanew. There was also quite 100 yards of flooding at the Carriganeagh Quarry. He would have been stuck at all these places if he had been in a car which would be affected by wet. This happened about half past six in the morning.

The County Surveyor mentioned that the flooding at the quarry was caused by the fact that a proper sill to a mill sluice had not been provided by a man named Cousins of Ballycale and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, was in communication with this man to have the necessary work carried out in order to obviate flooding in the future.

DANGEROUS CORNER AT BALLYGALVERT.

The County Surveyor reported that Mr. Shannon, County Councillor and Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, had seen this place on 6th December and reported in favour of having the work done as it was a very dangerous corner.

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to carry out the necessary work to ease the corner at Ballygalvert; cost not to

exceed £5.

DUNANORE QUARRY.

Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, reported that a man named Leacy of Duffry Gate, Enniscorthy, who was responsible for damage caused to wall at Dumanore Quarry by a falling tree said he would be responsible for cost of repair.

This was considered satisfactory.

MONASOOTH LAKE.

It was decided that the Committee of Inspection should visit this place with the County Surveyor and the Assistant Surveyor of the district on Friday 6th January.

DEMURRAGE CHARGES REMITTED.

In connection with account of £6: 9: 0d for demurrage charges by Gt. Southern Railways for tar consignments at Palace Station the County Surveyor submitted the following letter from the Railway Company:- "In connection with demurrage question I am agreeable as a special case to meet you by waiving the charge and am instructing our Station Master accordingly.

MANURE HEAP ON ROAD.

The following was read from Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, under date 12th December:-

"For some time past a heap of manure, the property of Mr. Phil Harris, Brownswood, Enniscorthy, had been dumped on road 232E. I have spoken to Mr. Harris and noticed him in writing several times regarding dumping of manure on roadside, but he appears to take no notice of these warnings".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Quin:- "That Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, communicate with Mr. Philip Harris, Brownswood, Enniscorthy, and inform him that he will be prosecuted unless he removes heap of manure his property, from Road 232E within a fortnight from this date".

PROPOSED SURRENDER OF ROAD CONTRACT.

The following, under date 28th December, was submitted by Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor:-

"John Dempsey (Senr) Davidstown has not done any work on roads 301E and 302E. He has been served with Ten Days Notice and has been before County Council as a Defaulter.

"This man has been in bad health for some time and wishes to surrender his contracts".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the question of accepting the surrender of Road Contracts of John Dempsey (Senr) Davidstown, be left to the discretion of the County Surveyor".

PROPOSED PROSECUTION OF ROAD CONTRACTOR

The following report under date 28th December was submitted by Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor:-

"Please bring contractor on 279E (Patrick Dunne, Caim) before County Council as a Defaulter as his road is in a disgraceful condition".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Quin:- "That Patrick Dunne, Caim, Contractor for Road 279 E, be prosecuted for having failed to carry out the maintenance of said road according to the terms of his contract "

SCHEMES FINANCED BY ROAD FUND.

The County Surveyor submitted particulars of work as it stood at present in connection with roads in respect of which Government grants were available.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Colonel Quin:- "That we again call the attention of the Local Government Department to the necessity of having as early intimation as possible of the amount of Government grants available for roads during the coming year - conveyed to the County Council."

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LAND AT BALLYBRENNAN QUARRY.

In connection with the report of Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, that ~~as~~ Mrs Deacon, Ballybrennan, Bree, from whom it was proposed to take a small piece of land known as the "Inch" and which was required for the proper working of Ballybrennan Quarry, was at present only a yearly tenant and was not in a position to sell the plot until the estate had been taken over ^{by} the Land Commission, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That the County Council be recommended to offer a rent of £3 per annum to Mrs/ ^{Susan} Deacon for the piece of land known as the "Inch" at Ballybreman Quarry on the understanding that, when she has purchased her holding through the Land Commission, she is prepared to sell the fee simple of the plot at the amount already agreed to, viz., £35.

CARNE PIER REPAIRS.

Under date 15th December, 1927, the following (D/7/11) was read from the Department of Fisheries:-

"With reference to previous correspondence on the subject of the proposed repair of Carne Pier; I am directed by the Minister for Fisheries to state that he has failed to secure the necessary sanction for the contribution suggested in this Department's letter of 25th July, last, towards the cost of carrying out the repairs. In consequence no grant from State Funds will be available for the work"

It was decided that a copy of this letter be furnished Mr. S. B. Weldon, Carne.

FENCING AT KILMORE PIER

The following under date 14th December, 1927 (F.I.10/26/18) was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce (Industries Branch):-

"I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of

of the 18th ultimo in regard to the fencing at Kilmore Quay.

"Exemption from the application of the Dock' Regulations was granted on condition that

"The fencing shall be provided and maintained for the protection of the two flights of steps, slip and land end of Quay".

"The Officer of this Department who visited Kilmore Quay on 23rd June, 1927, reports that no fencing was provided at slip. It is not suggested that the side of slip-way should be fenced, but it is essential that protective fencing should be provided at its seaward end. It is inferred from your letter that this has now been done.

The County Surveyor stated that there had been always fencing at the seaward end of the slip but at the time of the Inspector's visit it had been carried away by a vessel. It had since been replaced.

It was decided to inform the Department of the circumstances.

ROSSLARE FORESHORE

The following under date 24th December, 1927, was read from the Transport and Marine Branch of the Department of Industry and Commerce (M.S.1447):-

"With reference to your letter of the 18th ultimo relative to the shore at Rosslare I am desired by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to point out that the question of damage to the shore at Rosslare Fort is quite distinct from the case of Rosslare Strand. The Department are satisfied that the damage which has occurred at Rosslare Fort is not due to the fact that beach material has been removed from Rosslare Strand. It was only on investigation of the complaint of the Wexford Harbour Commissioners in regard to the Fort that the Department became aware of the state of affairs at Rosslare Strand, and they thereupon felt bound to bring the matter to the notice of the County Council who themselves were among the principal removers of beach material and who were at the same time the public body

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representative of the interests, public and private, affected.

"The Department cannot agree with the view implied in your letter ~~at~~ that the removal of beach material from Rosslare Strand is not an accelerating cause of erosion at that place. There would seem to be little doubt that erosion is being hastened by the removals in question and that it would be considerably checked by the cessation of the practice.

"On the question of groynes, referred to in your communication the following opinion expressed before the Commission on Coast Erosion (vide Vol. III page 243 of the Report which was published in 1911) in respect of the Rosslare and Wexford coast may be of interest to you:-

"The groynes would to a great extent, if not entirely, stay the travelling of the beach shingle and sand which undercut the boulder clay cliffs and sea banks, causing them to fall seawards, to be washed away by the tides. By checking the travelling of the shingle and sand along the coasts, pebbly beach terraces - storm beaches - would be accumulated which would prevent the pounding action of the sea reaching the under cliffs."

"The construction of groynes or other sea defence works is not a matter which the Department can undertake and they have no funds at their disposal which could be advanced for such a purpose; but in any case where injury to the coast-line is in any measure due to removals of materials from the shores or banks of the sea the Department is always prepared to consider the question of affording the remedy which lies in their power - viz., the issuing of an Order to prohibit removals of beach material.

"I am to add that if the County Council or any other body or person interested in the preservation of the coast-line at Rosslare or any property adjacent thereto desire to have removals of sand ^{and} gravel from the area in question prohibited the Department will be prepared to assist them, and to consider an application for the issue of an order to that effect on the usual undertaking

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in such cases that the applicant will enforce the Order.

"The applying for an Order and its enforcement in a case like the present is obviously a matter for bodies or persons locally concerned and the Department, having become aware of what is happening, can do no more than call attention to it and suggest a possible remedy".

The County Surveyor stated that the erection of groynes would cost £300 but if the County Council were prevented taking gravel from the foreshore it would cost the Council an extra £300 a year. He would submit a further report in the matter.

TELEGRAPHIC LINE BUNCLODY.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne:- "That we consent to the erection of telegraphic line in Buncloody as follows: - from Post Office to Clody Bridge; Ryland Street to Slaney Bridge and across Market Square, provided poles are placed in positions approved by County Surveyor.

PROPOSED SANITARY WORKS AT TAGHMON AND CLONROCHE.

Under date 23rd December, 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (S.61213/1927) forwarding for the information of the Council copy of the following letter which they had written to County Board of Health:-

"With reference to the entries in the Minutes of Proceedings of County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance on the 7th and 16th instant in regard to the proposed carrying out of certain sanitary works at Taghmon and Clonroche, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to forward to you the accompanying forms upon which application may be made by the Board of Health for sanction to ~~also~~ loan for the carrying out of these works with the concurrence of the County Council. Plans, specification and estimate of cost of the works should be submitted.

"I am further to state that it is observed from the Minutes

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of Proceedings of the County Council on the 12th instant that a Scheme for a water supply for Rosslare was under discussion. If the Board of Health intend to carry out this Scheme, plans etc., of the work should also be furnished.

"It is specially requested that the Board's proposals may be submitted as soon as possible. If the Engineer's reports on all three scheme with his estimates of the cost could be submitted in advance of the plans it may facilitate the early consideration of the applications".

"It would be desirable if the Board of Health, while renewing their request for a grant, should make application for a loan for the full amount of the works to be carried out. If the conditions in regard to unemployment justify a grant a small contribution from relief funds may be made applicable, and in that event a recommendation will be made to the Department of Finance for an advance of the balance of the cost of the schemes out of the Local Loans Fund.

"Evidence should be furnished as to the extent of unemployment in the areas in which the works are to be undertaken together with the particulars of the amount of home assistance at present being afforded in these areas. It would also be desirable to furnish the reports of the Medical Officers of Health as to the needs for carrying out these sanitary works!"

It was decided to request the Board of Health to furnish amount of proposed loan in both instances.

APPLICATION FROM CARTERS FOR INCREASED REMUNERATION.

The following application by nine carters engaged on Wexford-Enniscorthy road was submitted:-

We, the undersigned, would be very grateful if you would at your very earliest convenience place the following matter before the Roads Committee. At present we are engaged in carting material from Castlesow Quarry to Tinahask for the sidings of the new Concrete road. At the present rate of haulage we must make three

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journeys to Tinahask in order to make 9/-. For the past fortnight or more we have found it impossible to make three journeys owing to the length of the journey and the dreadful condition of the roads. We were willing and did our utmost to make three journeys but found it impossible. That means that for a day's work a man and horse only earned the sum of 6/-. We would be grateful if you would place our difficulty before the Committee and to ask them would they consider giving us 9/- per day for two journeys, two yards, and for that rate of pay we will be willing to cart the material to the Cross at the Enniscorthy side of Oylegate, if the material from Castlesow is going that far on the road".

Mr. Cullen said owing to the condition of portion of the road over which haulage took place he did not think the carters could make more than two journeys per day. They were paid ~~2/6d~~ 3/6d per yard when they had to break load. There was only about 200 cubic yards more to be hauled.

After discussion Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded the following:- "That carters engaged in haulage from Castlesow quarry to Wexford-Enniscorthy road be given an increase of 6d per yard while engaged at this work".

The Chairman took a show of hands when four were in favour of the proposal and five against.

Mr. Corish was not present at the time.

The Chairman declared the proposal lost.

IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION TOURIST ROADS.

A letter was read from Irish Tourist Association asking advise as to particular districts in the County requiring attention in the matter of developing of Tourist Roads.

The Chairman said he was the Representative of the Council on the Executive Committee of the Association and he had obtained from the County Surveyor the information asked for and had furnished it to the Association.

Colonel Gibbon said the Association should be asked to

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give some information as to their activities for 1927 and what the result of their propaganda in bringing tourist to County Wexford.

PETROL PUMP LICENCES.

Under date 17th December, 1927 Mr. Elgee, Solicitor forwarded copy of letter from Messrs O'Connor & Co., Solicitors for Messrs Bates and Sons Gorey in respect of the position of ~~the~~ their petrol pumps. The communication pointed out that the portion of the roadway which is now covered by the kerb was the property of Messrs Bates.

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

"That we again inform Messrs Bates and Co. Gorey, that under no circumstances will the County Council agree to a renewal of licences for their petrol pumps unless pumps and tanks are placed in positions indicated by the County Surveyor!"

In connection with the proposal of Mr. John Murphy, John Street, New Ross, to alter the position of petrol pumps outside his premises, the change had to be made owing to lack of gravitation.

Mr. Murphy submitted sketch showing old and new positions.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by the Chairman:- "That we agree to change of positions of petrol pumps of John Murphy, John Street, New Ross to positions B and C indicated on plan submitted to this meeting.

It was decided to inform Andrew Kehoe, Island Road, Enniscorthy that unless he removes, within a fortnight from this date, petrol pump outside his premises to position which will not interfere with proposed improvement of this road, he be prosecuted.

A resolution was also adopted that Mr. Matthew Harte, Campile, be informed unless he submits sketch asked for as regards site of petrol pump within a fortnight he must be

proceeded against for using a petrol pump without licence.

FORD OF LYNCH.

The Office of Public Works, Dublin, wrote under date 30th December (3795/27) that they had been asked by the deputation from Wexford County Council to push on with the proposed drainage Scheme for Ford of Lynch and to make enquiries as to the responsibilities of the Wexford Sloblands Company relative to the maintenance of certain drains in the district.

It appeared that the County Council had made such enquiries themselves and had instructed their Solicitor to take action. They asked what resulted from the enquiries and what action the Solicitor had been instructed to take as their own enquiries, so far, had not led to any result.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, explained that he had furnished reply to the query from the Office of Public Works.

HEAVY LORRY TRAFFIC.

The following memorandum from County Surveyor, Donegal County Council Northern Division was approved on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"It is very necessary that steps should be taken to get vested in the County Council the right to fix and enforce a limit for both the speed of lorries and buses; also their weight and size.

"According as roads are improved so does the speed and weights of these vehicles increase and the destruction caused thereby means increased outlay to the ratepayers.

"Furthermore these vehicles at present go upon any roads they please whether strong enough to carry them or not and with little regard to facilitating ordinary vehicles in passing them. The traffic I refer to is increasing at a rapid rate.

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"Other Counties whose roads are similar to ours in not having been strengthened to meet such traffic are up against this difficulty and I feel that if communicated with sufficient co-operation would be acquired to place before the Government a strong case for granting what I suggest".

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

"That the Minutes of Roads Committee for 2nd January, 1928, be received and considered".

Corramacorra Road

Colonel Gibbon intimated his intention of moving the necessary resolution at the meeting of the Council to be held on 13th February, 1928, to allow the Council to declare the Corramacorra Road to be a public road.

New Ross Bridge.

It was decided to forward copy of resolution of Roads' Committee as to having surface of drawbridge at New Ross Bridge laid with wood block pavement to Kilkenny County Council for their consideration.

Wexford-Enniscorthy Road.

The County Surveyor said the humps were at the junction of the banking. This occurred when the road was being laid originally along the gripe.

In reply to Colonel Gibbon the County Surveyor said there were 29 cracks now in the road. There had been only fourteen when the Committee inspected the road, on the 19th November last.

Colonel Gibbon moved:-

"That the Inspection Committee for Wexford-Enniscorthy Road make a further inspection of the work on Saturday, 14th instant, and report to next meeting of Roads' Committee. That Mr. Quigley, Roads' Engineer of the Department of Local Government, be asked to accompany the Committee!"

Colonel Gibbon said that at the present this road was simply waterlogged, and there was a quantity of water in the foundations. We did not mind the part of the road which had been done but the portion at which work was now being carried out. When in drier weather the water left the road would there not be a very appreciable sinking of the foundation and he wished to know what the County Surveyor proposed to meet the situation and if it was

safe to carry on the work at present.

The County Surveyor said he did not think there would be any appreciable sinking at all. It was solidly consolidated with one stone home to the next.

In reply to Mr. Murphy the County Surveyor said the only apparent reason for the cracks was that the lengths between the expansion joints was too great. The cracks were all in the long bays.

Mr. Corish said this was a very serious statement.

Colonel Gibbon pointed out that the Committee in their first report stated that the bays were too long with the result that shorter bays were made afterwards.

Mr. Corish considered the time had arrived when they should ask the contractors to meet the Roads' Committee and go into this matter. If they found cracks in the long bays it could happen that in adverse weather the road would go to pieces.

The County Surveyor said the specified figure for the expansion joints was from 50 to 150 feet.

Mr. Mernagh said no cracks were apparent in the portion of the road at which the small mixer had been used.

The County Surveyor said this was probably because of shorter joints.

Mr. Mernagh held that it was due to the foresight of the foreman who was in charge of the small mixer.

Mr. Gaul mentioned that when the Committee had been over the road with Mr. Quigley, Chief Roads' Engineer of the Department of Local Government, the latter did not find any fault with the manner in which the work had been carried out.

The County Surveyor said he did not consider the cracks a serious matter. They would be filled with pure bitumen.

It was decided that the County Surveyor notify Mr. Quigley of the proposed inspection of the road and ask him to meet the Committee.

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On the motion of Mr. Boggan, seconded by Mr. O'Donoghue, it was decided that the name of Mr. Mernagh be added to the Committee of Inspection.

Carne Pier Repairs

It was decided that copy of letter from Department of Fisheries stating that no State Grant was available for the repairs of this pier be forwarded to Father Fitzhenry P.P., Lady's Island and also to Mr. Cullen, Secretary to local Committee.

Remuneration to Castlesow Quarry Carters

Mr. Mernagh proposed and Mr. Corish, seconded the following resolution:-

"That carters engaged in hauling material from Castlesow Quarry to the Wexford-Enniscorthy road for side-filling be given an increase of 6d per yard while engaged at this work".

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the resolution :- Messrs P. Byrne, Cline, Colfer, Connors, Corish, Cooney, Gaul, Hayes, Mernagh, S. O'Byrne, Pender, Shannon and the Chairman - 13.

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

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

BALLYBRENNAN QUARRY.

The following under date 7th January, 1928, was read from the County Surveyor:-

"At the last Roads' Committee meeting I reported on the advisability of erecting an elevator and hopper at Ballybrennan Quarry, but had not full figures to submit to the meeting. I shall be glad if when the Roads' Committee Minutes come forward you will bring up the matter and get the decision of the County Council on Monday next. I find that the nett cost of erecting the elevator and hopper will be £285. During the coming year I

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shall require out of Ballybrennan Quarry for the National Road Grant Work about 7000 cubic yards of material, and I estimate that the hopper and elevator will save on this work up to £400, consequently there will be no actual permanent capital outlay as the whole cost of the job will be made up on the one Grant work. I bring this forward now and ask for the Council's decision so that I may get the work put in hands at once, and have it ready for the coming season's work. If I am not authorised now to put the work in hands, the elevator will not be available for dealing with material for the coming year. I will go into the details of the work more fully at the meeting!

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"That authority be given County Surveyor to include in his estimate for Public Works the cost of elevator and hopper at Ballybrennan Quarry in accordance with the terms of his letter of 7th January, 1928, and, that at the end of a year's working of this machinery, he submit a report showing the actual cost of working same as compared with the present system and with the estimate of his letter".

ROAD EXPENDITURE IN RURAL DISTRICTS.

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The following under date 7th January, 1928, was read from County Surveyor:-

"I have made out a table showing the allocation of money towards works in the four districts as requested at last Roads' Committee meeting. I have joined up the main roads in the Urban to the adjoining rural district as the County Council is now responsible for their maintenance. I wish to point out that the allocation of Grant money is entirely dependent on the importance of the thro' routes and consequently the sea border and southern part of the county does not stand favourably in this, as there could be no thro' traffic in these localities. I have the mileage rate of each district set out so that comparison according to mileage can also be made.

The allocation of money for each

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District (Rural) was as follows:-

Per mile -	Enniscorthy	- £27: 11: 0d
" "	Wexford	- £24: 7: 0d
" "	Gorey	- £22: 12: 0d
" "	New Ross	- £21: 16: 0d.

The amount in each district as per proposals of County Surveyor for 1928-29 was as follows:-

Enniscorthy	- £39: 3: 0d
Wexford	- £33: 18: 0d
New Ross	- £32: 5: 0d
Gorey	- £31: 0: 0d

The amount of Government Grants for the past year was as follows in Rural and Urban districts:-

Enniscorthy	- £48,062
Gorey	- £16,575
New Ross	- £2,564
Wexford	- <u>£14,354</u>
Total	- <u>£81,555</u>

The amounts for Urban Districts and which were included in above figures were:- Enniscorthy Urban £938; New Ross Urban, Nil, Wexford Urban £8789.

MONASOOTH LAKE.

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The County Surveyor stated that the Committee met on 6th instant, and inspected the lane. It was a sound road mostly but was narrow. He suggested to the local people that they should widen it and that the County Council would provide some material to put the lane into order, without further responsibility on the part of the County Council unless the latter decided at a future time to take over the lane as a public road. It was a very important road so far as the local people were concerned but he (County Surveyor) did not think it was a road for through traffic. It would take about £60 to put ^{it} into repair and the annual maintenance would be £10 or £12 per annum.

A deputation consisting of Messrs James Howell, J. Foley, and John Doyle came before the meeting and stated they were satisfied to carry out any work which would be specified by the County Surveyor.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne gave notice of his intention of moving the necessary resolution at next County Council meeting that this road be taken over as a public road.

It was also decided that the Committee be requested to submit a written report of their inspection and recommendations to the Roads' Committee for the purpose of record.

The following memorial signed by three clergymen and twenty-five other Ratepayers was read:-

"The following is a list of names of those Ratepayers who respectfully ask the County Council of Wexford to declare that the roadway through Monasootha- in the Parish of Ferns is to be in future a contract road.

"Ten farmers live on this roadway and some fourteen farmers use it. If in repair, it would be for a great number of people, the shortest and best road to Bunclody. Fair and also to Gorey Fair for people at the Ballyduff side. The people concerned are aware of several laneways less used and of less importance, being under contract, and they believe that in justice to them as Ratepayers, Monasootha should also be under contract.

"The Priests of the Parish, the Doctor, and all who have necessity to use this road, are very anxious that this request be complied with".

REMUNERATION MR. TIMOTHY MOORE, CLERK IN COUNTY SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT.

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The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. Gaul:-

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

Mr. Patrick Byrne seconded.

As an amendment Mr. Corish moved:-

"That Mr. Moore, Clerk in County Surveyor's Department be paid at the rate of time and a quarter of his existing remuneration while doing overtime which is to be taken as one hour per week at present".

Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded.

A vote was taken on the amendment with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Hayes, Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, Pender, Shannon and the Chairman - 10.

Against:- Messrs Boggan, P. Byrne, Gaul, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Kavanagh, Murphy, O'Donoghue, Quin, Thorpe, Walsh and Whyte - 13.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

A vote was then taken on the original motion of Mr. Gaul with the following result:-

For:- Messrs P. Byrne, Cline, Connors, Colfer, Cooney, Gaul, Hayes, Mernagh, Pender, Shannon and the Chairman - 11.

Against:- Messrs Boggan, Corish, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Kavanagh, Murphy, Sean O'Byrne O'Donoghue, Quin, Thorpe, Walsh and Whyte - 13.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

INSPECTION OF DRAINAGE DISTRICTS.

Colonel Gibbon mentioned that severe flooding had taken place in the County and it would be advisable if the County Surveyor or the Assistant Surveyors made special inspections of the various Drainage Schemes and report as to whether the main drainage channels were capable of carrying off the water.

Mr. Thorpe mentioned that it would be advisable if the Bellinvegga District in New Ross area was included in the inspection as the people were considering the advisability of promoting a Drainage Scheme.

Colonel Gibbon's suggestion was approved.

The County Surveyor said this work would have to be carried out by the Assistant Surveyors.

RATE COLLECTOR FOR NO.3 DISTRICT.

The following under date 30th December, 1927 (G.62244/1927 Wexford Co.C.17) was read from the Department of Local Government "With reference to the entry in Minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 12th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government & Public Health to state that, the question of pension rights of the person to be appointed to the No.3 District depends on the terms of Section

The Minister raises no objection to the position being filled, but for the present the post should be on a temporary basis.

The Department should be informed of the developments in the case of the ex-Collector when the full facts are known."

NATIONAL ROAD SCHEME (SECOND SECTION)
GOVERNMENT GRANT.

The following under date 31st December 1927 (R/SGN/32/2) was read from the Department of Local Government (ROADS):-

"With reference to the County Surveyor's letter of 23rd, December and enclosures on the above subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has approved of the Scheme submitted for the expenditure of £2445 this being the balance available out of the sum of £69613 earmarked for Wexford County under the final distribution of the National Road Scheme. This approval cancels Works No. N. 885 in respect of which a sum of £500 was allocated. The conditions notified in connection with the first section of the Scheme govern this distribution also.

The following works number has been assigned to the Scheme submitted and should be quoted in Requisition (Form No. 97) for instalments of the Grant and in correspondence.

Works No.	Route No.	Grant.
N. 867	T. 8	£2446.

A statement will be required in due course giving the total number of men employed on the work distinguishing the number of demobilised men of the National Army.

The Co. Surveyor stated that the amount in question £2445 was to cover portion of the cost of the side-filling of the Wexford-Enniscorthy Road. It would take another £1000 to complete it and it was suggested that this amount should be saved out of the proposal on Enniscorthy-New Ross Road by doing grouting work on special portions and the rest of it in ordinary water bound macadam sprayed. This would also refer to the portion of the road in the Enniscorthy Urban District.

Col Gibbon said that when Mr Quigley, Chief Roads Engineer of the Local Government Department attended the meeting of the Council, the question was definitely asked him how the money for the cleaning up of the water tables and for filling in the sides of the Wexford-Enniscorthy Road was to be provided and Mr Quigley gave the definite answer that the Council need not worry about the matter as the necessary money would be put up for them.

Mr Cooney said he would protest against the diversion of any money from NEW ROSS-ENNISCORTHY road to any other work. The putting down of the money would not provide for as good a job as if tar grouting was carried out as originally proposed.

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

"That the Local Government Department be requested to provide the requisite funds to complete the work on Wexford-Enniscorthy Road without interfering with any other existing Grants in the County."

ROAD GRANTS.

The Secretary reported that since last meeting the Local Government Department (ROADS) had forwarded the following Road Grants Road T 16 Works No. 858 Amount £290; Works No. S 862 (Rosslare Tourist Road) amount £200.

PROPOSED GENERAL SALE OF LABOURERS' COTTAGES.

Circular letter No. H. 215/21501/1927 Miscellaneous) re above from Department of Local Government was read for the meeting.

Copy of Kildare Draft Sale Scheme had been circulated to the members.

The following recommendations were submitted from the Wexford Board of Health:-

(1) That a Scheme be prepared on the lines of the Kildare Scheme but that the initial reduction be increased and that a standard repayment be fixed if possible.

(2) That the outlines of the Scheme be submitted and explained to the tenants of the cottages by the Cottage Rent Collectors with a view as to obtaining information as to what number of the tenants would be prepared to avail of the Scheme.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Goriagh seconded by Mr Cline;-

"That consideration of letter from the Department of ~~the~~ Local Government(H/215/21501/1927 Miscellaneous) relative to the proposed general/sale of Labourers' Cottages be adjourned until the Council have before them the considered Scheme of County Board of Health."

ROSCOMMON COUNTY COUNCIL AND DRAINAGE SCHEMES.

UNDER DATE 3rd January 1928, the Department of Local Government wrote(S62752/27 P.G-017)forwarding copy of a letter which they had addressed to Roscommon County Council/relative to a resolution adopted by the latter Body regarding Drainage Schemes.

The letter pointed out that under the proposed legislation concerning minor works of drainage, it was within the discretion of the County Council to undertake such works as they thought proper and necessary. The provisions of the Drainage Maintenance Acts 1924 & 1925 do not require the Drainage Rate to be collected with the Poor Rate as part thereof and it was open to the Council to issue a separate Warrant to their Collectors for collection of the Drainage Rate.

DIVISION OF ESTATES.

Under date 20th December 1927, the following letter(49368/27) was read from the Irish Land Commission;-

"With reference to your letter of the 22nd ult containing copy of a resolution which was adopted at a meeting of your County Council on the 14th idem, I am to inform you that arrangements have been made whereby the Secretary, General Valuation Office, Dublin is notified at an early date after Estates are taken over by the Land Commission, and particulars of the division and allotment of the lands are also furnished to that Department when the lands have been distributed to tenants."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

Under date 3rd January 1928, the following was read from the Secretary, University College, Dublin;-

"I am directed by the President to inform you that the University Scholarship Scheme of Wexford County Council is approved by this College."

PRIMARY SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

Under date 23rd December 1927, the Department of Education wrote (F16734) approving of Scheme of Scholarships from Primary Schools for year 1928.

LOAN GALBALLY WATER SUPPLY.

Under date 30th December 1927, the Secretary County Board of Health wrote, forwarding copy of letter from Commissioners of Public Works that it was necessary for the County Council to pass a new resolution as regards above loan as the period fixed for repayment of loan by the County Council, viz., 25 years, had been cut down to 20.

Mr S O'Byrne gave notice of his intention to move the following at next meeting of the Council on 13th February, 1928:-

"That, as the Commissioners of Public Works did not agree to advance loan for Galbally Water Supply for a longer period than 20 years, I hereby give notice to move the following resolution at the meeting of Wexford County Council to be held on 13th February, 1928:-

"That the Wexford County Council consents (in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of the Local Government Act, 1927), to the Wexford County Board of Health and Public Assistance obtaining an advance from the Local Loans Fund amounting to £250; said advance to be repayable in 20 years with interest at the rate of $5\frac{3}{4}$ 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".

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CASTLEDockRILL NEW BURIAL GROUND.

Under date 28th December, 1927, the following resolution was received from County Wexford Board of Health:-

"That application be made to the County Council of the County of Wexford for consent to the borrowing by the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum of £310".

Mr Shannon gave notice of his intention to move at next meeting of the Council a resolution that the Council consents to the borrowing of £310 by County Wexford Board of Health in order to provide a new burial ground at Castledockrill.

CONFIRMATION, LOCOMOTIVE BY-LAWS.

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

That by-laws, dealing with locomotive traffic over bridges, draft of which has already been approved of by the Council, be and are hereby agreed to and confirmed by this Council.

SANITARY WORKS - PROPOSED LOANS.

In connection with letter from Local Government Department (23rd December, 1927, - S 61213-1927) as to proposed Sanitary Works in certain villages in the County, Mr Corish gave notice of his intention to move a resolution at the meeting of the Council on 13th February, 1928, consenting to the County Wexford Board of Health borrowing the following sums for Sanitary Works:- Rosslare District, £11,000; Clonroche District, £326; and Taghmon District, £1,400.

SEALING AGREEMENT, MAINTENANCE RAILWAY BRIDGE AT CHILCOMB, NEW ROSS.

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

"That the agreement between the County Council and the Great Southern Railways, relative to maintenance of overline

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bridge at Chilcomb, New Ross, be sealed and signed on behalf of this County Council".

GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS - ANNUAL MEETING.

The Secretary, County Councils' General Council, wrote that the annual meeting had been fixed for Friday, 24th February, 1928, and asked to be informed of any items which the Council wished to have placed on agenda paper.

EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS, 1932.

Rev J O'Donnell, S.J., Editor, "Irish Messenger", wrote that, at the meeting of the permanent Committee of the International Congresses held in Paris, the resolution in favour of holding the Eucharistic Congress in Dublin in 1932 was passed unanimously. Father O'Donnell asked that the good news would be conveyed to the members of the County Council and to offer them his hearty congratulations on the share which their resolution in favour of holding the Congress in Ireland in 1932 has had in bringing about this most happy result.

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.
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SPECIAL MEETING - 13th FEBRUARY, 1928.
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N. J. FRIZELLE,
SECRETARY.

FORTVIEW,
WEXFORD.

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A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER AND AGREE TO RATES FOR GENERAL AND SEPARATE CHARGES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1928-29, AND ALSO TO TRANSACT ORDINARY BUSINESS, WAS HELD IN COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBER, FORTVIEW, WEXFORD, on 13th FEBRUARY, 1928.

Present:- Mr. Thomas McCarthy (Chairman) presiding; also present:- Messrs William Boggan, Patrick Byrne, James Cline, M. Cloney, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, M. 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 Whyte and Colonel Quin..

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, the County Surveyor and six Assistant Surveyors and also, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, were also present.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

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 APOLOGY FOR NON-ATTENDANCE AT MEETING.

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Under date 13th February, 1928, Colonel Gibbon (Vice-Chairman) wrote apologising for his absence from the meeting as he had to attend a meeting of the Directors of the Irish Sugar Manufacturing Company in Brussels on 14th.

 RATES FOR GENERAL AND SEPARATE CHARGES FOR FINANCIAL
 YEAR 1928-29.

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In connection with the above, the following Minutes of Special Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on the 4th February, 1928, were submitted:-

A SPECIAL MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE WAS HELD IN COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBER, FORTVIEW, WEXFORD, ON 4TH FEBRUARY, 1928, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING ESTIMATE OF RATE FOR GENERAL AND SEPARATE CHARGES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1928-29.

Mr. T. McCarthy, Chairman (presided) and there were also present:- Colonel Gibbon, Messrs Sean O'Byrne, W. Thorpe, P. Hayes, J. E. Walsh and A. Mernagh.

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

Under date 2nd February, 1928, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (R/RGM/32) with reference to the payment of Maintenance Grant in connection with main roads.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Colonel Gibbon:-

"That letter from Department of Local Government (Roads) under date 2nd February, 1928 (R/RGM/32) be referred to the Roads Committee meeting of 27th February, 1928, for consideration. That the Department of Local Government be asked to arrange for the attendance of a member of their Road Engineering staff to discuss with the Roads Committee the points dealt with in the Department's communication".

PROPOSED TECHNICAL SCHOOL FOR GOREY.

The following was submitted:-

"A meeting of the local Committee, who have in hands the project of establishing a Technical School in Gorey, was held in Courthouse, Gorey, on 25th January, 1928.

"Very Rev. Canon Rossiter, P.P., Gorey, presided, and there was a full attendance of the Committee.

"Mr. E. P. Barrett, M.A. (Inspector), Department of Education (Technical Instruction Branch) and N. J. Frizelle, (Secretary to Co; Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction) were also in attendance.

"The insistent demand of the people of Gorey for technical Instruction was discussed at considerable length. It was pointed

out that up to a year ago the classes of the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction held in the area had not met with the response which they deserved. This apathy had disappeared and there was now an enthusiastic request for instruction. The Committee believed that the needs of the youth of the district could not be met by itinerant courses and desire to point out to the County Council that successful Technical Schools are working in much smaller places.

"The principal concern of the meeting was that of ways and means - the cost of the establishment of the school and its annual expenditure. The erection of a building was not favoured until sufficient evidence was forthcoming of local support at sufficient strength to keep teachers fully employed.

"The following financial statement was approved:-

Rent of Premises (per annum)	...	...	£50.
Manual Instruction Equipment	...	...	100
Salary and travelling expenses of Domestic Economy Instructress	...	...	130
Equipment of Instructress	...	...	60
Part time Commercial Teacher for Shorthand, Book-keeping and Business Methods	...	...	70
Caretaker	...	...	50
Furniture and fittings	...	...	100
Part Time Teacher for Introductory Course	...	...	25
			<u>£585</u>

"The annual expenditure for Caretaker, Salary and Expenses of D. E. Instructress, Part time Teacher Book-keeping etc., and part time teacher Introductory Course, would £325.

"The nonrecurrent items, viz., cost of Equipment etc., would come to £260. The Committee suggest that the latter sum could be taken from the savings which the Department hold on foot of County Technical Instruction Scheme which now stand about £1200. As regards annual expenditure it is anticipated that £150 should be earned in attendance grants, leaving the net annual outlay £170.

"The Committee recognise that the present Rate of 1d in the £ on the rural portion of the County is not sufficient to finance the Agricultural and Technical activities of the Co. Committee and they suggest that the County Council should agree to raise a rate of 1½d in £ which would be sufficient for present needs and would provide

for the establishment of the school in Gorey.

"They appointed the following as a deputation to lay their views before the Finance Committee of the Council to be held on 4th February, viz., Dr. Dwyer, Messrs James Ffrench and J.O'Loughlin

"They especially point out that they have not included in financial statement any grants from Department because all monies in Endowment Grant have been allocated and no change can be made in existing allocation until the recommendations of the Technical Commission have been disposed of.

"They, however, consider that if the Gorey Scheme can be established it would be well entitled to the same treatment as has been afforded to the other Urban areas in the County, the Technical Committees of which are in receipt of grants in the ratio of practically £5 for every £1 of local Rate. They strongly urge the Finance Committee to deal favourably with their application. While recognising that it is an inopportune time to raise local Rates the figure they have asked is a bare minimum, and is so small in comparison with the benefits to be derived by a town of 2000 people that they feel confident the Finance Committee will not hesitate in recommending it to the County Council. Besides they fear that if the project be turned down now the people will lose heart and it will be difficult to revive interest and enthusiasm later.

The following is copy of resolution adopted at the meeting in Gorey on the proposition of Mr. Garret Lombard, seconded by Mr. J. E. Cooke:-

"That the County Council be requested to take steps to establish permanent technical instruction in Gorey, in view of the demand there for it; and raise the rate allocated to technical instruction to $\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £; and that the County Council transmit the result of their action on this resolution to the Department of Education with a view to ascertaining the financial assistance which the Department is prepared to grant. That a deputation consisting of Dr. James Dwyer, P.C. James French, John O'Loughlin and the Hon. Secretary of the Committee, be hereby appointed to lay the views

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the views of the Committee before the Special Finance Committee of the County Council".

The following deputation attended:- Dr. Dwyer, Rev. Mr. Nabney, and Mr. W.J. Brennan-Whitmore: Hon. Sec.

The latter explained that Messrs Ffrench and O'Loughlin, who had been appointed by the meeting at Gorey were not able to attend owing to private business.

Dr. Dwyer referred to the absolute necessary for the development of Technical education in Ireland if the country was to hold her own in the commercial world. He had spoken to a number of the largest ratepayers in Gorey town and district and they had no objection to the adoption of a small rate by the County Council to help in establishing a permanent centre of instruction in Gorey. Any money spent on the project would be repaid a hundredfold.

Rev. Mr. Nabney said that he was diffident in suggesting in these hard times the imposition of any further burdens on the ratepayers but a real sense of responsibility urged him to take part in the deputation. If our young people were to be built up to take their proper place in our beloved Country people, in responsible positions should do all in their power to further that aim and object Ireland was indeed very far behind other Countries in technical training. If young people do not get the education and training that those responsible were bound to give them they would exploit their ability in perhaps undesirable directions. Technical work was really Christian work and the small matter of a rate should not weigh very largely considering the issues at stake. He felt very strongly that if they were not prepared to do all in their power for the education and training of our youth they would be greatly to blame. It was a question really of their duty to the country they loved so much. For that reason they should give youth a chance and erect a solid Scheme of Technical Instruction for the people of Gorey.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne

seconded by the Chairman:--

"That an addition of $\frac{1}{4}$ d be made to present rate of 2d in the £ raised under Agriculture & Technical Instruction Acts; the extra amount thus realised to be devoted to technical instruction. That the Department of Education (Technical Instruction Branch) be asked to make (in view of this increased rate) a generous increase in their endowment grant to help the funds set aside by the Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for technical instruction. That the question of the further expansion of technical work, including the establishment of Technical School in Gorey be referred to the Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction who will take into consideration the grants which the Department of Education may be induced to give before finally agreeing on a scheme of development."

Mr. Thorpe dissented.

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT RATE.

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Mr. Barry of the Irish Tourist Development Association appeared before the meeting to advocate the striking of a rate for Tourist Development. The Association last year was greatly hampered in its activities thro' lack of funds. They had received about £10,000 from the Councils. This was only about half what Blackpool and the Isle-of-Man spent in propaganda. Switzerland was spending £30,000; France and Germany £100,000; Italy £40,000 per annum and other smaller Continental Countries in equal proportion on to attract tourists. It would cost the Irish Association £10,000 per annum to advertise effectively in England alone. The Association had arranged a Continental visit for Irish Hotel Keepers with the result that conditions in Hotel management had been improved. The Association were asking £50,000 from the Local Government Department this year for improvement of Tourist routes. The fact that Wexford County Council had struck a rate last year for tourist development had great influence in securing the grant of £1,000 for Rosslare roads and a similar sum for the Gorey-Courtown

Road. Counties which failed to strike a rate did not receive any special grant from the Department. The Association was opening a bureau in America and wanted to establish another in Paris and other centres. Visitors to Hotels last year, in spite of an adverse season, showed an increase of from $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent to 15 per cent over 1926.

A detailed report from the Association as to local propaganda was submitted from the Irish Tourist Association.

The Council struck a rate of $\frac{1}{4}$ d in the £ last year (which covered $\frac{1}{4}$ d promised in the previous year). This had been allocated as follows by the Association:- Administration ~~£80~~, Bureaux £80 Editorial and Photographic purposes £80; National Publicity £160 and Local Publicity £400..

The meeting decided to recommend the County Council to set aside the equivalent of $\frac{1}{4}$ d in the £ on the County for the purposes of tourist development.

RATE ESTIMATE.

The following figures for estimate of County Services for financial year 1928-29 were then considered:-

	1928-29	1927-28	Increase	Decrease
	£	£	£	£
Public Works	5966	3500	2466	
Salaries: Secretary's Office	1902	1894	8	
Salaries other Co. Officers, Analyst, Lamplighters etc.,	326	293	33	
Retiring Allowances & Gratuities	339	504		165
Cost of Rate Collection	4293	4509		216
Refunds of Irrecoverable Rates	3217	1255	1962	
Franchise & Jurors Lists	1693	1975		282
Printing in connection with Registration Act	426	443		17
Valuation	208	208		
Members' Travelling Expenses	235	270		35
University Scholarships	700	630	70	
Primary Scholarships	755	570	185	
Legal Expenses	306	320		14
Coroners and Inquests	286	255	31	
Postage and Office Requisites	275	275		
Printing and Stationery	170	300		130
Advertising Pleasure Resorts	412	822		410
Other Advertisements	220	212	8	
Contribution Co. Councils:				
General Council	20	20		
Contribution Chair Scientific Agriculture National University		20		20
Conveyance of Prisoners	65	120		55
Weights and Measures	45	50		5
Food and Drugs	110	53	57	
Salaries: Court Officials &c.	97	71	26	
Rent & Expenses of Courthouses	370	494		124
Library Scheme	412	412		
Reformatories & Industrial Schools	4285	4055	230	
Courthouse Harbour £106 } Rent Old Jail £207 }	313	292	21	
Refund to Wexford Urban Adjustment				
Financial Relations	30	24	6	
Diseases of Animals Acts: Salaries Veterinary and Sheep Dipping Inspectors	510	510		
Diseases of Animals Acts: Other Expenses	695	680	15	
Audit fee £85: Debit Interest £1050	1135	1285		150
Criminal Malicious Injuries Amendment Act	-	9882		9882
Superannuation Allowances Ex- Union Officers	1773	1710	63	
Superannuation Allowances Ex- R.D. Council Officers	217	217		
Election Expenses	1160	---	1160	
Contingencies	750	750		
Money Supplied to Mental Hospital	20306	20 306		
Money supplied to Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction	2967	2970		3
Total	£56989	£62156	£6341	£11 508

In regard to items for public works the County Surveyor submitted the following:-

Bridges :-

Wexford mtce	£100	
Wexford repair	£100	
Ferry carrig mtce	£50	
" repair	£450	
Deeps mtce	£30	
Loan	£278	
Edermine mtce	£25	
repair	£50	
New Ross mtce	£40	
repair	£150	
Caretaker	£50	
Mountgarrett Loan	£933	
Revenue a/c	£780	
Wexford loan	<u>£435</u>	£3,471.

Harbours:-

Courtown Repair	£150	
(50%) £2130 Improvement	£1065	
Poulduff repair	20	
Carne repair	350	
Kilmone repair	100	
(50%) £400 dredging	200	
Fethard repair	30	
Slade repair	50	
Duncannon repair	50	
Arthurstown repair	50	
Ballyhack repair	10	
General Diving Suit	<u>150</u>	£2,245
Courthouses		100
County Buildings		<u>150</u>
		<u>£5,966</u>

Of these amounts the Urban Districts contributed to £5816 but were exempt from chargeability on £150 for County Buildings.

The meeting made the following reductions in County Surveyor's

estimate:- Ferrycarrig Bridge	£450	
Courtown Harbour	£750	
Carne Pier	<u>£200</u>	
Total	<u>£1400</u>	leaving the

estimate stand at £4566 or a net increase of £1066 over last year's amount.

The following resolution was then adopted:- "That we recommend the County Council to agree to a sum of £4566 for public works for financial year 1928-29.

Increase of £8 in salary of County Officer represented increment of £8 payable to J. J. Fanning according to the terms of his appointment as Clerk of Gorey Board of Guardians.

Increase in salaries of other County Officers arose owing to increased activity in administration of Food & Drugs Acts which necessitated a higher amount in Analyst's fees.

As regards the amount set aside for irrecoverable rates this item had been reduced by £1000 last year. The actual arrears from that year were £981 and this year as per return under this head the amount would be £2236.

The meeting passed this item at £3000.

The increase in University Scholarship Scheme was accounted for by an extension of Scholarship to enable one of the scholars to obtain a degree in Education.

Primary Scholarships' increase was owing to the fact that a larger number of Scholarships were being provided for over last year.

The figure for Coroners' salaries and expenses of inquests was based on actual figures. Fees payable to doctors for giving evidence at Inquests were £2: 2: 0d without post mortem examination and £4: 4: 0d with postmortem. Before last year these amounts were £1: 1: 0d and £2: 2: 0d respectively.

Increase in Food and Drugs was owing to increased administration in purchase of samples for analyses etc.

As regards increase of £230 for Reformatory and Industrial

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Schools owing to increased number of inmates in these institutions a resolution was adopted directing the Secretary of the Council to ask the Managers for report as to the after career of the children.

The increase of £21 for Courtown Harbour was caused by small urgent repairs which had not been provided for in last year's estimate.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of the Chairman:-

"That we approve of items totalling £55743 for inclusion in County Services Estimate for 1928-29 : £32099 being for services administered directly by the County Council; £3338 for County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction and £20306 for Mental Hospital Committee".

The following estimate of General Expenditure chargeable to Roads' a/c was submitted:-

	1928-29	1927-28	Increase	Decrease
	£	£	£	£
Salary County Surveyor	716	716		
Postage do	50	50		
Salaries Assistant Surveyors	1345	1335	10	
Travelling Expenses do	1339	1266	73	
Salaries Clerks in County Surveyor's Office	378	378		
Printing & Stationery	157	350		193
Advertising	150	150		
Retiring Allowances and Gratuities	33	33		
Total	£4168	£4278	£83	£193

The Salaries of Assistant Surveyors showed an increase of £10 - increments to Assistant Surveyors.

In regard to travelling expenses of Assistant Surveyors the following resolution was proposed by Mr. Thorpe, and seconded by

Colonel Gibbon:-

"That owing to the stringency of the times and the reduction in cost of petrol etc., the mileage rate for Assistant Surveyors be fixed at 4d per mile provided petrol can be obtained by Surveyors on repayment thro' County Council at a Commercial rate figure; otherwise that amount of mileage rate be fixed at 4½d."

Mr. Hayes proposed and Mr. Mernagh seconded the following:-

"That mileage rate to Assistant Surveyor remain at 5d per mile."

On a show of hands three voted for the amendment and four against.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The resolution was then put and passed nem.con.

The following resolution was then adopted:- "That a sum of £4042 be recommended to the County Council to be raised for General Expenditure chargeable to Roads' Account".

With regard to money to be supplied to public bodies the following resolution was adopted:-

"That a sum of £3338 be raised for Co. Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction which includes £1483 for Irish Scheme and £371 additional amount for technical instruction".

The following resolution was adopted:- "That a sum of £20,306 be raised on demand of Mental Hospital."

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That the following be raised for County Board of Health:-
 Poor Relief Charges £50,000: Repayment of Loans £2423 (Poor Relief)
 Board of Health charges (demand) £1085: Joint district charges
 viz:- Tuberculosis Act £1192; Treatment of Venereal Disease £38;
 Blind Persons Act £100 : Gross Total £54838."

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That as regards the allocation of £53,814 for Road Maintenance for financial year 1928-29 agreed to by the Wexford County Council we hereby approve of the amounts allocated to each

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each proposal for maintenance and new works in accordance with the figures submitted to this meeting by the County Surveyor. This provides for the following allocations:-

Main Roads : £19583
 County Roads : £34231
£53814

The meeting then decided to recommend a Rate of $\frac{7}{11}d$ for general charges for financial year 1928-29. The allowance for Agricultural grant in a normal year allows for an abatement of $\frac{3}{2}d$ in the £ on the above figure in regard to assessment on land. But, as repayment of instalment of loan under Local Government (Rates on Agricultural Land) Act, 1925, amounts to 10d in the £ the actual abatement to land is $\frac{2}{4}d$ in the £.

SEPARATE CHARGES.

Form 43 (Estimate of Rate for Separate Charges) was considered.

It was decided, on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by the Chairman, to recommend the following to the County Council for adoption:-

No.	Name of Charge	Area	Rate in £
4	Repayment Loan Arklow Harbour	Barony of Gorey	1d
18	Compensation Officers E'corthy Rural District School Attendance Committee	Enniscorthy R.D.	$\frac{1}{4}d$
19	Compensation Officers New Ross R.D. School Attendance Committee	New Ross R.D.	$\frac{1}{4}d$
20	Expenses Labourers Acts E'corthy	Enniscorthy R.D.	$7\frac{3}{4}d$
21	" " " Gorey	Gorey R.D.	4
22	" " " New Ross	New Ross R.D.	$9\frac{1}{4}d$
23	" " " Wexford	Wexford R.D.	$7\frac{1}{4}d$
25	Part Balance transferred from Enniscorthy R.D. Account	Enniscorthy R.D.	$3\frac{1}{2}d$

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No.	Name of Charge	Area	Rate in £
28J.	Part Balance Transferred Wexford Rural District Charges Account	Wexford Rural District	3d
1AA	Expenses Public Health Act	Enniscorthy R.D.	1½d
2A2A	Lighting Newtownbarry Town	Townland of Newtownbarry & Ballinapark	5½d
1B1B	Sanitary Works & Water Supply	Gorey Rural District	2½d
4B4B	Sanitary Works & Water Supply	Town of Gorey	1½d
5B5B	Coolgreany Sewerage	Coolgreany Dispensary District	¾d
21216	Crim. Injury Decree Ml. H. O'Byrne)	County-at Large }	½d
21218	" " " Lizzie Meyler)		
1544	Crim. Injury Decree John Browne)	Enniscorthy Urban District	Included Urban Demand.
1555	" " " Sarah Duff)		
21219	Crim. Injury Decree Bertold Schelby	Urban District of New Ross	do.
22020	Crim. Injury Decree Bridget Kirwan	Urban District of Wexford.	do.
22121	" " " Stephen Sinnott & ors.		
2155	Crim. Injury Decree John Murphy	County Electoral area of New Ross	1½d
2177	Crim. Injury Decree Ml. Doyle	E.D. of Newtownbarry	3d
2233	" " " Martin Gill	E. D. Kilpatrick	1d
2244	" " " Catherine Sinnott	E.D's of Forth, Glynn, Kilbride, Taghmon, Whitechurch	1½d
2255	" " " John Sinnott	E.D's of Forth, Glynn, Kilbride, Killurin, Taghmon, Whitechurch	1½d
2222	" " " Pat. McGrath	Rathroe E.D.	5½d.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of Special Meeting held on 4th February, 1928, be received and considered."

The meeting then decided to hear representations from Farmers' Associations in connection with proposed Rates.

The following attended as a deputation on behalf of the Farmers' Union of North Wexford:- Messrs Walter Boggan; - Crean e Kilmuckridge; W.E. Poole, William Abraham, Craanford, Laurence Kihselas Denis Lynch, Camolin, James Byrne, Clough, John Jones, Kilanerin, Myles Smith, William Tomkins, Fred Earle, Ballygarrett; William Moore, Knockbawn, Inch, Joseph Kenny, Askamore, Thomas Doyle, Tara Hill with Mr. P. Higgins, Parkbawn, Inch, District Secretary Farmers' Union.

Mr. Patrick Higgins who spoke on behalf of the Deputation said that their object was to try to entreat, induce and persuade the Co. Council to strike as low a rate as possible. They did not come there to intimidate the Council or to say they would not pay their rates. They would pay so far as they were able.

Mr. Higgins then referred to the many cases taken in Court against farmers for non-payment of their Land Commission Annuities and of their Poor Rates and contended that if these men had been able to pay they would not have allowed their names to go before the public for criticism. There never was such depression in Agriculture as at the present moment. The County Council should consult with the heads of their Administrative Departments and ascertain how economies could be effected. The Deputation asked the County Council to try to do what was in their power to agree to a "payable" rate. When taxation was high, labourers suffered as well as farmers, because if the latter were unable to meet their obligations, labour had to be disemployed or to accept a lower wage.

Mr. Wm.E. Poole, a member of the Deputation also spoke.

Mr. John Joyce, Butlerstown Castle, Broadway, with others, attended as a Deputation from South Wexford, Farmers' Union.

Mr. Joyce concurred with the points brought forward by Mr. Higgins and stated that it was impossible to make farming pay while the prospects for improvement were not bright.

The Chairman proposed the following resolution:-

"That we approve and confirm the figures in regard to rates for financial year 1928-29, as recommended by Special meeting of Finance Committee of this County Council, held on 4th February, 1928. That rate for general charges for financial year 1928-29 (in conformity with particulars appearing on Form 42), be and is hereby agreed to at $7\frac{1}{4}d$ in the £. That holders of agricultural land receive a rebate on valuation of said land, representing a poundage rate of 2s : $4\frac{3}{4}d$ in the £, being the difference between the poundage rate represented by agricultural grant, viz., 3s : $2\frac{3}{4}d$, and poundage rate for amount of repayment of instalment of loan under Relief of Rates Agricultural Land, viz., 10d in the £, leaving the net general rate payable on agricultural land at 5s. $6\frac{1}{4}d$ in the £. That rates for separate charges for financial year 1928-29 (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 of the County:-

Enniscorthy	£2,467 : 19: 10d.
New Ross	£2,301 : 5: 8d
Wexford	£5,661 : 7: 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 ~~we~~ hereby direct that said amounts be collected apart from the poor rate and independently of the same. "

Mr. Clince seconded.

In connection with the reduction in County Surveyor's Estimate

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for repairs to Carne Pier, the County Surveyor, in reply to queries, said that if the Pier was to be restored to its original condition, the cost would be over a couple of thousand pounds. The repairs he proposed would allow of its use by fishing boats.

As regards the proposed cut in the mileage rate for Assistant Surveyors, the following was read from Mr. J.F. Birthistle Secretary of the Local Branch of the Irish Local Government Officials' Union:-

"In connection with the proposed reduction of mileage rate to Surveyors we beg to point out that when we procured cars we did so on a definite agreement with the County Council that we were to receive a rate per mile as laid down by Local Government Department, and in proof of this we would refer you to Circular of date 27th April, 1923 (copy herewith). In view of this we desire to point out that the present proposal is ultra vires and definitely a breach of faith "

Messrs Birthistle and Ennis appeared on behalf of the Assistant Surveyors.

The former pointed out that the reduction in mileage would be an unconscious breach of faith on the part of the County Council with the Assistant Surveyors. When the latter purchased their motor cars, it was on ^{the} definite understanding that they were to receive the Local Government rate of mileage. The Local Government Department was the sole authority to deal with this matter.

Mr. Ennis said that until they had received directions from the Department of Local Government the County Council had no right to reduce the rate of mileage.

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Gaul seconded the following resolution:-

"That the Assistant Surveyors of this Council be allowed a mileage rate of 5d per mile for 1928-29. "

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

For:- Messrs P. Byrne, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Connors, Gaul, Hayes, Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, Pender, Rossiter and Shannon13.

Against:- Messrs Boggan, Cloney, Doyle, Hall, Jordan, Kavanagh, Murphy, O'Donoghue, Quin, Thorpe, Walsh, Whyte and the Chairman ..
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The voting being equal the Chairman gave his casting vote against the proposal which was declared lost.

The resolution relative to agreement of the rate for the financial year 1928-29 was then put and carried unanimously.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne:- "That the Minutes of Special Meeting of the Finance Committee of 4th February, 1928, be and are hereby confirmed".

LOSS OF RATES AND LAND COMMISSION ANNUITIES ON DERELICT FARMS.
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As regards item in Estimate for Irrecoverable Rates, Mr. Murphy called attention to the crying grievance which existed among ratepayers who had discharged their liabilities to the State and the Co. Council owing to the number of derelict farms in the County in respect of which neither annuities nor rates were being recovered. There were two such farms in his own parish and two others in an adjoining one. The annuities of these four holdings would certainly be £120 while the rates would run to £60 or £80. Unfortunately there were likely to be more of such cases in the future and they constituted an intolerable burden on the ratepayers who were paying their way

He proposed that the County Council communicate with the Land Commission and point out the necessity for some relief being given to the struggling ratepayers who were burdened with the load of annuities and rates on derelict farms. The list of Irrecoverable

rates in this County has swelled fourfold within recent years and a considerable amount of this increase is accounted for in connection with loss of rates on derelict farms."

Mr. Doyle seconded the resolution which was adopted.

MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The following Minutes of Finance Committee in connection with meeting ~~held~~ on the 19th January, 1928, were submitted:-

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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 19th January, 1928.

Present:- Mr. Thomas McCarthy (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs W. Thorpe, Sean O'Byrne, P. Hayes and Aidan Mernagh.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £7193: 15: 5d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

The following showed the state of rate collection (second moiety) of rate ended 31 March, 1928 up to 18th January, 1928:-

E. J. Murphy 25 per cent; J. Quirke 15; S. Gannon 14; P. J. Furlong 11; M. Deegan 10; J. J. O'Reilly 10; J. Curtis 10; B. Cleary 9; J. Cummins 7; W. Cummins 7; M. M. Kelly 6; P. O'Byrne 6; C. McCarthy 5; P. Donohoe 4; T. Rowe 4; J. J. Sinnott 4; J. Doyle 3; J. J. Kelly 2; T. Sutton 2 and P. Walsh (resigned).

The following resolution was adopted:- "That Rate Collectors be directed to have, by 30th January, 1928, 15% of second moiety collected. That any collector who does not comply with this instruction attend at Finance Committee on Thursday 2nd February, 1928. That Collectors be also directed to expedite the closing of first moiety of present year's rate and of which there is to date £6317: 13: 5d outstanding".

That Secretary advertise the fact that second moiety of Rate is payable as from 1st October, 1927 and that Rate Payers who hold up payment until the last days of March run the risk of having proceedings taken against them.

In connection with the closing of Collection No.3 District, letters were read from Messrs Matthew Walsh, Rochestown, Taghmon and James Hillis, Aughermon, Taghmon, Sureties for P. Walsh, Rate Collector (resigned) that they were satisfied that the collection should be closed by Mr. Quirke, Collector for No.1 District.

Under date 18th January, 1928, the Manager, New Ireland Assurance Co., Ltd., wrote that they had no objection to Mr. Quirke taking over No.3 District for Collection should the Council be satisfied that he is capable of undertaking the additional work.

REPAYMENT LOAN - RATES ON AGRICULTURAL LAND.

It was decided to pay the instalment of £6448: 9: 4d due to 20th November, 1927, on foot of above loan.

CHAIR OF SCIENTIFIC AGRICULTURE.

Under date 18th January, 1927, the Secretary, County Councils General Council, wrote that as the finances of University College had now been placed on a satisfactory basis as regards the Chair of Scientific Agriculture the contributions hitherto paid by County Councils would be no longer required. The Registrar of the College had however pointed out that the arrears of the contributions due by Wexford County Council on foot of their undertaking amount to £40 and it was hoped that paying order for the amount would be forwarded without delay.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to pay the £40 the amount of arrears due University College, Dublin, in respect of contributions towards the cost of chair of Scientific Agriculture

LECTURERSHIP IRISH MUSIC.

Under date 18th January, 1928, the Secretary General County of County Councils wrote reminding the Council of their

undertaking to contribute the sum of £5 towards the expense of maintaining the Lecturership on Irish Music in University College, Dublin, for the year 1925-26. The Registrar of the College had pointed out that this contribution had not been received and it was hoped that a Paying Order for the amount would be forwarded as soon as possible.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne proposed, and the Chairman seconded, the following which was adopted:-

"That we recommend the County Council to pay the promised contribution of £5 towards the expense of Lecturership on Irish Music for year 1925-26.

COURTHOUSE KEEPERS.

Several applications were received from persons in connection with the caretakership of Enniscorthy Courthouse.

The following letter from the Department for Justice under date 7th January, 1928 to Mrs Lacey, former Courthouse Keeper was read:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Justice to refer to your letter of the 6th instant relative to caretakership of Enniscorthy Courthouse and to state that he is advised that the County Registrar has no power to appoint a keeper to take charge of a Courthouse which is used solely for the purposes of the District Court.

"The matter upon which you have written would, therefore, appear to be one for the County Council and not for the department."

The following resolution was adopted:- "That we recommend the County Council to appoint a deputation to wait upon Mr. Fitzgerald d
Kenny, K.C. Minister for Justice with a view to the revival of Circuit courts for Enniscorthy, Gorey and New Ross"

"That, in the meantime, the County Surveyor appoint temporarily some person to attend to the ordinary work of cleaning Enniscorthy Courthouse (pending appointment of permanent caretaker) at a cost not to exceed 10/- per week".

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COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS.
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Circular Letter under date 11th January, 1928
(F.60255-1927 Ilgneitheach (R.S), relative to forthcoming
County Council Elections was read. Accompanying were copy
of Local Elections Act 1927 and copy of Rules made by the
Minister for Local Government under Section 14 of that Act
in regard to the formation of Polling Districts and the
appointment of polling places.

The following recommendations were made:- "That County
Council Elections be held on Tuesday 26th June, 1928 and
annual meeting of County Council on Tuesday 10th July, 1928.

"We are of opinion that the polling places which obtained at
the recent Dail Elections are most suitable and should be
embodied in provisional scheme for submission to the Minister.

"We suggest that the County Council should protest against
local elections being held at a period of the year which
deprives old members not re-elected, and also new members of
the County Council and Committees of their contributions
towards travelling expenses for half year ended 30th September,
1928. We consider that the Local Government Department should
bring about a change in the law to remove this anomaly as
we feel that it would be only equitable to have members receive
contribution for each meeting attended.

"A copy of this resolution, if approved by the County
Council, should be forwarded for consideration to the General
Council of County Councils..

ROADS INSPECTION COMMITTEE'S EXPENSES.
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the
Chairman seconded by Mr. Hayes:- "That all outstanding expenses
due to members of Roads' Inspection Committee be paid.

SPECIAL MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.
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It was decided that a Special Meeting of the Finance Committee
to deal with Rate Estimate be held on Saturday 4th February, 1928
at 11 o'clock

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 held on 19th January, 1928, be received and considered."
Co. Council Elections.

Mr. Doyle suggested that if possible arrangements should be made to obtain the use of the forge at Rathdowney for the polling of Electoral Divisions of Rosslare, seeing that the Rosslare School was at one end of the division. If it was not possible to secure the forge the school would have to be used.

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 held on 19th January, 1928, be and are hereby confirmed".

The following Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 2nd February, 1928, were submitted:-

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THE FORTNIGHTLY MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
WAS HELD ON THURSDAY 2nd FEBRUARY, 1928.

Present:- Mr. T. McCarthy, Chairman (presiding);
also:- Messrs W. Thorpe, Sean O'Byrne, Patrick Hayes and
Aidan Mernagh.

The County Surveyor and Assistant Secretary were also
in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £9203: 10: 5d was examined
and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

The Assistant Secretary submitted the state of Rate
Collection as follows:-

Collected on second moiety 1928 Rate:- E. J. Murphy 29%
Q. Quirke 24%; M. Deegan 19%; W. Cummins 17% B. Cleary 17%
S. Gannon 17% T. Rowe 17%; P. Furlong 17% J. Cummins 16%
J. J. Kelly 16% J. Curtis 16%; P. Donohoe 16%; J. Doyle 15%
J. J. Sinnott 15% M. Kelly 15%; J. J. O'Reilly 15%; P. O'Byrne
15; T. Sutton 13; P. Fitzpatrick 11; C. McCarthy 11;.

The amount of 1st moiety collected was £10874: 16: 11d
and outstanding £56523: 5 : 8d.

There was a further sum of £5850 : 12: 1d outstanding
on the first moiety.

Collector Sutton and McCarthy attended before the meeting.
The former stated he had called on the majority of the Rate -
payers in his area most of whom promised payment the first
time they had the money available. A number told him they would
pay on next fair day. He found it very difficult to secure
prompt payment.

The Chairman, having examined collecting Books, informed
Collector Sutton that he did not consider he was pushing forward

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his collection as much as he should. Unless he improved he would eventually lose his position. The County Council were finding it very difficult to finance the Mental Hospital, County Health Board and other essential County Services.

Collector Sutton was instructed to have 25% lodged by next Finance Committee Meeting.

Collector McCarthy stated he found it very difficult to secure payment of second moiety. People who formerly paid him on demand were now asking for time. He had written to the Railway Co., several times for the substantial amount due for Rates in his area but was so far unsuccessful. He expected the cheque from Railway Co., before present meeting and so anticipated he would have had the 15% lodged.

Mr. McCarthy was instructed to have 30% lodged by date of next Finance Committee meeting.

The following was read from Collector P.J. Fitzpatrick:-

"I regret being unable to have collected to date 15% of present moiety rate.

"I have called on most ratepayers in my Collection area whom I believe would be in a position to pay and in nearly all cases they promised to pay me on the fair days which will be held on next Friday and Saturday.

"I expect to have at least 20% by Saturday"

Rate Books for Mr. Fitzpatrick's area having been examined it was decided that Collector be informed that Council are dissatisfied with the progress he has made in his collection and that he be instructed to have 30% of second moiety lodged by next Finance Committee Meeting.

A letter was received from Mr. Patrick Quirke, Ballycross, Bridgetown, that he had no objection to his brother, James Quirke, for whom he was Surety, closing Collection for No.3 District.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Minutes of meetings of Library Committee held on 19th Nov., 1927

and
7th January, Sub Executive Meeting held on 21st January
and Stock-taking meetings on the 21st and 27th January with
copy of Report for year ended 31st December, 1927, were
submitted.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Cline seconded the
following resolution which passed unanimously:-

"That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of
meeting of the 2nd February, 1928, be and are hereby confirmed".

ROADS COMMITTEE MINUTES.

Roads Committee Minutes in respect of meeting held
on 23rd January, 1928, were submitted as follows:-

The monthly meeting of the Roads' Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 23rd January, 1928.

Present:- Mr. T. McCarthy, Chairman (presided) also Colonel Gibbon (V.S); Colonel Quin, Messrs Sean O'Byrne, James Hall, P. Colfer, R. Corish and James Shannon.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following report was submitted by the County Surveyor:-

"On the 5th instant I accompanied the Mayor, Alderman Corish, to Castlebridge, and we inspected the main road there which is liable to flooding on occasions. The combination of the heavy rain fall with Spring Tides nearly always causes water to come up on the road, and on bad occasions it actually crosses the road. There is no remedy for this flooding except the raising of a length of the road, and I shall submit further details at the meeting.

"I have not been able to arrange for the Committee to visit Monglass Lane, but hope to do so next week. There is no immediate hurry for this as no money can be expended until after the 1st April next.

"On the 14th instant the Inspection Committee visited the Enniscorthy-Wexford concrete road accompanied by Mr. Quigley, Chief Roads' Engineer. You will have the report of the Committee before you. I have already directed the Assistant Surveyor to prepare a complete list of all the pipes, gulleys, etc., on the road with full details. On the 20th instant I made a full inspection of the road having in view the points that were raised at the general inspection by Mr. Quigley or the Committee, and shall deal with these when the Committee's report comes before the meeting. There is a most important point to be dealt with now in regard to the money allocated for this work. The expenditure for Clerks of Works, cement testing

and other incidental expenses have been dealt with out of the main fund up to the present, and for the side filling there has recently been allocated by the Local Government Department a sum of £2,445 from the full grant to the County. This £2,445 was originally set aside for tar macadam work in Enniscorthy Urban, and consequently this work may be left un-done unless a further Grant be made during the coming year. In December last I wrote to Mr. Quigley after I had had an interview with him in Dublin on the matter of financing this side filling work, and pointed out that for the completion of the side filling and to cover incidental expenses there would be required not less than £3,500. There will also be payable to the Contractors some extras for reinforcement and "Ferrocrete" cement work, so that the total amount that will still be required beyond what is already allocated will be not less than £1,300. At present the money set aside for the side filling is completely exhausted, and I ask for the instructions of the Council.

"I am now about re-building the bridge on Road 126W between Ferrycarrig and Ballyboggan Quarry, and it will be necessary to have the road closed. I ask the Council to obtain the authority of the Minister of Local Government to this.

"As directed by the Council I had repairs carried out to the County Council motor-car, costing £15: 19: 10d, which included time taken by the Machinery Overseer, who, himself carried out the repairs. I now have to report that on the 13th instant the car broke down at Camolin and had to be brought into Enniscorthy. I have had the car examined at the Enniscorthy Co-Operative Garage, and have a bad report on it. A patch job to keep it going would cost from £8 to £10, and it would cost up to £60 to make it any way reasonably serviceable. At the present time we have to hire a lorry to bring parts etc., to the various machines in the quarries, and in any case the Machinery Overseer would require transport for his efficient work.

On the 20th instant I inspected the Enniscorthy Courthouse

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which is now complete, and by direction of the Finance Committee I have arranged for a temporary Caretaker and Cleaner. I am also arranging for the supply of furniture and fittings in the District Justice's Room and Offices.

"I have a bill for the repairs carried out at Gorey Workhouse, and there are also items in connection with the other County Buildings. I require also allocation out of the Public Works Fund for New Ross Bridge and County Courthouses, which last really means New Ross. I submit list of these.

"The re-building work at Mountgarrett Bridge has been progressing slowly. There is now at the Bridge a number of concrete piles and 3 of these have been set up in the pile frame ready for driving as soon as the Contractor obtains the necessary pump which is expected next week.

"Mr. Michael O'Hanlon who had been engaged as Clerk of Works on the Enniscorthy-Wexford Concrete road has asked me for a reference. I consulted Mr. Elgee in regard to this, and he is of opinion that it is a matter that should be dealt with by the Council.

"Subsequent to the last Council meeting I directed the Assistant Surveyors to make inspection of the Drainage Areas in the County with reference to the sufficiency of the main channels and out falls, particulars with reference to County Roads, but up to the present I have not the particulars to hand.

"I am arranging for the erection of elevator at Ballybrennan Quarry. The timber will be oak obtained from Castleboro Saw Mills and the major portion of the iron work will be obtained from Mr. Jessop Davis, Enniscorthy, who has agreed to carry out the work to my satisfaction at a cost not exceeding quotations received from English Firms. The ordinary cement work and the smith and carpenters' work will be carried out by our own men who are entirely satisfactory.

"The work of widening Rosslare Road under Tourist Grant is

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progressing well, and I am now arranging with the adjoining land owners for the widening of the road on the other side of the Railway Bridge.

Castlebridge Roads

The County Surveyor stated there were 64 perches of the leading road from Wexford to Gorey affected by flooding. To obviate this road should be raised 18 inches or 2 feet. This would cost about £6 per perch: £384 in all. The place was only flooded when there was heavy rain and spring tides in conjunction.

Mr. O'Byrne mentioned that there was a question by the Department of Local Government as to whether they would (on account of the condition of this road) pay the maintenance grant for Main roads for the present year.

The County Surveyor mentioned that the Council were spending £105 per mile on this road, a figure which compared favourably with what they were spending on their other main roads.

It was decided that no action be taken in this matter as the funds of the County Council did not allow of any special expenditure on roads at present.

Wexford-Enniscorthy Road

The following report of Inspection Sub Committee was submitted:-

"The Sub Committee of Inspection for above road visited the work on the 14th January, 1928.

There were in attendance Mr. T. McCarthy (Chairman of the Council; Colonel Gibbon (Vice Chairman); Sean O'Byrne, with the County Surveyor, County Secretary, Messrs T. Cullen and J. F. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyors.

"Mr. Quigley, Chief Roads' Engineer of the Department of Local Government, Mr. O'Brien, member of the Pioneer Co., (Contractors) and Mr. Martin, Resident Engineer, accompanied the Sub Committee.

"Generally the work has been well carried out and the Contractors appear to have given reasonable care and attention to following out the specification in a proper manner.

"The Sub Committee are, however, very much concerned with the provision which has been made for drainage by the County Surveyor. They regret to be obliged to report that in some places this phase of the work is very defective, six inch pipes having been used where nine inch pipes (at least) are essential. In some cases pipes have been laid under the roadway without proper outlets being provided below the roadway. This, in one instance, has resulted in water bursting through the foundation of the road at a point which has not yet been treated with concrete.

"In another instance a nine inch pipe has been laid from the centre of a side road. If any stoppage occurs in this pipe (and which appears extremely likely to happen from the "lay" of the thoroughfare) considerable expense must be incurred in tearing up the side road in order to deal with the drain.

"At the junction of Blackcastle the Sub Committee found that immediate action was necessary to have 9" pipe put in owing to the fact that concrete is being laid at this particular place and they directed the County Surveyor to have the necessary work put in hands by the 16th instant.

"In view of the fact that the County Council, prior to the work of concreting, gave definite instructions to the County Surveyor to have efficient drainage laid down, the Sub Committee are of opinion that Mr. Barry should at once prepare a report for next Roads' Committee Meeting giving actual details of all drainage provided, setting out size of pipes etc., and detailing which drains are in proper order and which are not, at all points, and such other information as may be essential to enable the Council to have exact and definite details of this very important matter.

"The failure of any drain will involve the breaking up of the roadway and the relaying of concrete on the damaged portion with consequent unnecessary outlay and inconvenience. It will also cause

the road to be closed to traffic for a period of at least one week.

"The cleaning up of the sides and the side filling has been completed as far as Coolnaboy. The remainder of this work should be pushed on as rapidly as possible to prevent water remaining on the road.

"The Sub Committee noted a couple of instances in which the contractor has curved the banking in too abrupt a manner. In consequence there is a lack of surface uniformity which will made for unpleasantness with fast traffic, but, beyond this, the Sub Committee believe no serious consequence need be apprehended.

"Mr. Quigley was questioned as to laying concrete on a water logged road but he considered this was not a matter of serious ~~importance~~ importance provided all surface water and mud were properly cleared off before concrete was laid. Water lying on the road after heavy rain should be let off as soon as possible.

"As regards cracks, these are, for the greater part, of the "hair" variety and are mainly single, but, should they show any "branching" they may become serious.

"At present there is practically no sign of "pitting".

"At the moment it is not possible to express any definite opinion on the point as to how the surface of the road will hold under heavy traffic.

"The concreting of the road should be completed, if weather conditions permit, within about two weeks from the date of inspection. This would allow of the through road from Ferrycarrig to Enniscorthy being open for traffic on the commencement of the month of March".

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

"That the report of Inspection Sub Committee Wexford-Enniscorthy Road be received and considered".

Colonel Gibbon having dealt in detail with the condition of the four gullets inspected by the Sub Committee, said that it looked as if the specific directions of the County Council as to drainage had not been carried out and that a very good explanation was required. It looked as if proper supervision had not been exercised by Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor.

In reply to Colonel Quin the County Surveyor said he gave instructions to have 9" pipes inserted generally but that there might be a few places at which 6" pipes would be sufficient. The County Surveyor then produced plan showing the entire drainage system and explained what kind of gullets and bridges had been provided at particular points. As regards the pipe at Blackcastle Mr. Cullen mentioned that it was nine inches. This was a mistake on his part. This gullet had been put in some years previously by Rural District Council. At one of the places complained of the Contractor had scarified the road and then put a lorry on it which was the cause of the flooded condition in which it had been found by the Sub Committee. Generally speaking he (County Surveyor) contended there was very little wrong with the drainage. One of the gullets near Enniscorthy had been deliberately stopped by the land owner..

Mr. Cullen said that as regards the complaint which was made regarding the position in which pipe gullet had been laid at passway near Motabeg Hill, this pipe replaces an old flag gullet which was useless. He had this opened up, and found that for more than half way across road a cutting thro' rock had to be made for this old gullet. In order to save labour of making new cutting he had new pipe laid on same site.

"Regarding 9" pipe across road near Black Castle, with 6" outlet. He had a 9" pipe laid whole way across road and under fence. It was then necessary to make a cutting from 9" outlet in Mr. Harris's field. This being a tillage field Mr. Harris complained of this channel and asked to have pipes laid thro' cutting. A deep channel had also to be made from outlet of 9" inside fence at Farrell's lane,

and Mrs Ryan the owner made similar complaint to landowner referred to. The ganger had a supply of 6" pipes on hands, and laid these in position before ~~he~~ saw him as land owners were threatening proceedings and pressing to have the work done.

When he (Mr. Cullen) saw how this had been done, he discussed the matter with the Ganger, and decided that he would allow it to stand, as it would be easy to open out and clean pipes if they became choked at any time.

The six inch pipe at Black Castle was laid some years ago before he took over charge, and there never was any flooding at this point prior to present alterations of roadway. There are fifty-one gulleys, bridges and drains on his section of this road, and as it is almost a year since he dealt with this work it was an easy matter to get confused regarding size of pipe.

When Drainage work was in progress last Spring he made a thorough inspection of all gulleys etc., on the road, and put in new pipes where old gulleys were not in order, and where it was necessary to prevent water lodging on road. He made frequent inspections when work was being done, as can be seen from his Form R.1.

The outlets of a few of the pipes had been choked maliciously with stones and sods, but there was no flooding of the road at these points and consequently obstructions were not noticed.

Complaint was made regarding water ~~laying~~ on road near Motabeg Mill. There is a proper outlet here under footpath, but this became choked by road being churned up by Pioneer Company's Lorries.

The incline from Motabeg Mill was always one of the soundest sections of this road and held up under heavy lorry traffic. Side drains were always attended to and maintained in good order up to the taking over of road by Contractors. This section has been scarified and the heavy traffic bringing materials to concrete work was responsible for its condition when inspected by the County Council Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That the County Surveyor submit a certificate to County Council meeting as to the drainage of concrete road between Edermine and Enniscorthy. That to assist in the compilation of this certificate the County Surveyor, Mr. Cullen and the ganger, should walk this portion of the road after heavy rain, and while rain is still falling, and, cover the whole of this section in their inspection, particularly where the high ground comes down to the road. In the certificate to be furnished by County Surveyor the number of each drain on plan produced by the County Surveyor to this meeting is to be set out, and certificate is to state the condition of each drain and gullet in detail."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That we point out to the Local Government Department (Roads) that a definite undertaking was given that the full amount of money necessary for the reconstruction of Wexford-Enniscorthy Road would be provided by Government Grant. We are of opinion that the balance necessary to cover cost of sidefilling which, (in the opinion of the County Surveyor) would be approximately £3500, should be allocated to our Council; We hold that the diversion of the £2445 from Enniscorthy Urban Grants taken to meet part cost of the side filling of Wexford-Enniscorthy Road should be cancelled and amount restored to the credit of Enniscorthy District".

In connection with the question of obtaining material for sidefilling the County Surveyor stated the quotation he had received from the Pioneer Co., for this was 6/- per yard. The County Council were obtaining their own material for 2/- per yard from three of the quarries utilised and at 2/9d from Ballyrannell. The haulage with carts was 1/- per yard mile so that they were able to do the work cheaper than the quotation given by Pioneer Co.

It was decided that the County Surveyor again communicate with the Pioneer Co., with a view to securing a lower quotation for material for side filling.

Closing Road 126W.

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

"That the necessary steps be taken to temporarily close Road 126W in order to allow of rebuilding of road bridge thereon and to obtain consent of the Minister for Local Government to closing of said road."

Proposed Purchase of Motor Lorry - Mr. Shannon proposed:-

"That, pending purchase of motor lorry, Machinery Overseer be allowed to use his own motor car at same rate as ~~is~~ allowed Assistant Surveyors".

This proposal was not seconded.

Colonel Quin proposed and Mr. Hall, seconded the following:-

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to purchase a light ton truck and use his discretion as to the type of vehicle to be procured".

Mr. O'Byrne proposed, and the Chairman seconded, the following:-

"That this matter be referred to County Council meeting. In the meantime that the County Surveyor communicate with the Manager of the Ford Motor Co., Cork and ascertain when the Company will be in a position to supply Ford ton truck - Irish or other manufacture".

This proposition was adopted other proposals having been withdrawn.

Allocation out of Public Works' Fund.

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

"That, as recommended by the County Surveyor, the following amounts be allocated out of Public Works' Fund:-

To New Ross Bridge £70;

To Courthouses £60 and

To Co. Buildings £90.

Reference for Mr. Michael O'Hanlon.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of

of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne :- "That the matter of supplying reference to Mr. Michael O'Hanlon, late Clerk of Works, Wexford Enniscorthy road, be referred to the County Surveyor and that he consult Mr. Elgee, County Council Solicitor, relative to the terms of said reference".

Approval County Surveyor's Report

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That we approve of County Surveyor's report to this meeting subject to any amendments which have been made by this Committee".

ROAD GRANTS.

The Secretary reported that £4000 had been received for road grants from the Department of Local Government since last meeting of the County Council.

CORRAMACORRA ROAD.

Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, presented the following report under date 21st January, 1928:-

"I inspected above road on three occasions since the Sub Committee met there last. There is very little work done there since and the road looked in a poor state to-day. In order to make this part of the road passable it would still take 120 cubic yards of broken material and this quantity spread upon the road would cost about £60. With regard to drainage we have made two new gullets and taken up and repaired a third on Road No.260W. This work has completely prevented any further flooding of the new road".

MANURE HEAPS ON ROADS.

Colonel Quin mentioned that about 100 yards outside of Riverchapel village between the latter and Courtown there was a large manure heap. It had been there for some time and he wished to know why this had been allowed in view of the order of the Council.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, said he had served notice for removal of this manure on the owner. The latter had no place to

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store it but would remove it on to his land as soon as possible. It would inflict a great hardship^d on the owner if he had not been allowed to keep the manure at the place for a limited time and it was no obstruction.

Mr. Hall considered that in a case of this description the order of the County Council should be relaxed. Farmers were sufficiently hampered already without having to suffer further loss by action which was causing no harm to anyone.

m Colonel Quin said the acid from Manure would do considerable harm to the road.

No Order.

COURTOWN - GOREY ROAD.

The following attended as a deputation from Courtown Harbour Development Committee relative to the steam rolling of Gorey-Courtown Road:- Messrs Dudley Butler, J. Heeney and David Bolger.

The Chairman explained to the deputation that the County Council had applied to the Department of Local Government (Roads) for £6500 to complete the steamrolling of the road in question. If they were successful in securing the grant the work would be carried out previous to the first of June so as not to interfere with the Summer season at Courtown.

SHELBAGGIN LANE.

A memorial was read from four ratepayers in Shelbaggin, Ramsgrange, stating that the lane leading to their houses was in a very bad state of repair. If the Council gave them some material from Haggard or Burkestown quarry they would cart and spread it themselves.

Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, wrote that he would visit the place and report if directed by the Roads' Committee.

Mr. Corish proposed:- "That this Committee do not entertain the application for road material from the four ratepayers living on

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Shelbaggin Lane.

Colonel Quin seconded.

Mr. Colfer, as an amendment proposed:- "That the amount of material necessary to repair lane at Shelbaggin as decided upon by County Surveyor be supplied to the rate payers concerned".

On a show of hands the amendment was lost by 6 to 2 and the original resolution was then adopted nem.con.

BALLYBRENNAN QUARRY.
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Mrs Susan Deacon, Ballybrennan, Bree, wrote under date 16th January, 1928, that she was satisfied to accept as offered by County Council £3 per annum rent for piece of land at Ballybrennan quarry required by the County Council.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, with the County Surveyor, draw up agreement with Mrs Deacon and that the agreement contain a clause as to the willingness of Mrs Deacon to sell the fee-simple of the plot to the Council when she has been declared owner of her holding by the Land Commission, viz., £35.

GOREY OLD WORKHOUSE.
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The County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor:-

"In the kitchen at above there is a large range in good condition, also copper cylinder and pipes, besides a bit of lead piping all of which may be ruined as the whole of roof was destroyed by big storm before Christmas and above fittings are now exposed to elements. I would strongly recommend that an order be made to dismantle range and take down fittings and have same securely packed and stored.

"There are six drying horses and fittings in good order in drying house. Perhaps Health Board would find some use for these. There is also an old boiler which is deteriorating owing to exposure. I believe this could be sold locally and if so instructed I will try and have done. It is of little value - but anything is better than have it become useless".

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That we approve of the suggestions in the letter of Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, under date 10th January, 1928, relative to kitchen range, drying horses and fittings etc., at Gorey Old Workhouse".

CARNE PIER.

Under date 7th January, 1928, the following was read from Mr. W. Cullen, Lady's Island, Hon., Sec., Carne Pier Committee:-

"A letter (5/1/28) from the County Council to a member of the Carne Pier Committee has been handed me for official attention. The Pier Committee, as the outcome of initiative and investigation, not without expense, have learned that Carne Pier must be repaired. The question of ways and means is one for the County Council.

"We have not yet heard of any specification being issued or tenders invited for the work. Meanwhile those waiting to make money from the sea or from Cross Channel traffic are getting anxious and pressing my Committee to take action.

"We shall be glad to learn when the Council are going to begin the work. Suitable days for doing this work will be with us soon and the Pier Committee and all locally interested are anxious to see preparations being made."

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

"That copy of letter from Mr. W. Cullen, Hon., Secretary, Carne Pier Committee, be furnished to the Fisheries Department and that the latter be informed the condition of the finances of the Council do not allow of their undertaking the full cost of the necessary repairs at Carne Pier. This Committee desires to point out that when the deputation from Carne Pier Committee waited on the Council their spokesman stated they were promised by the Fisheries Department if the County Council undertook the work - the Fisheries Department would provide half the cost and it was on that promise the County Council consented to deal with the subject. In the circumstances the Committee request the Fisheries Department to make further

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representations to the Department of Finance with a view to securing the grant towards repairs which was promised to the deputation from Carne Pier Committee.

APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR DRAINAGE SCHEMES.
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Mr. James J. O'Connor, Solicitor, Wexford, wrote under date 10th January, 1928, applying on behalf of ratepayers concerned for a grant of £50 for the purpose of draining certain lands at Ardavan, Wexford.

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

"That Mr. O'Connor, Solicitor, be informed that the state of the finances of the County Council do not allow of any free grants for drainage purposes. "

PETROL PUMP LICENCES.
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Under date 11th January, 1928, the Town Clerk, New Ross, Urban District, wrote forwarding the following resolution which had been adopted by his Urban District:- "That the County Council be informed this Council has no objection to the petrol pumps of Mr. John Murphy in their present position.

Mr. M. Hart, Merchant, Campile, wrote under date 18th January, 1928, forwarding large scale map showing the exact location of the petrol pump and tank outside his premises at Campile, from which he said it would be seen that the entire outfit was on his own grounds and did not encroach on any part of the public roadway. Consequently he had been advised that he was not liable for the assessment of any special tax in respect of pump.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Colonel Gibbon:-

"That the County Surveyor be directed to make a personal inspection of petrol pump of Mr. Matthew Hart, Campile, and, in the event of the pump being found on the public road that Mr. Elgee

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Solicitor to the Council, proceed to compel Mr. Harte to take out licence and to recover any arrears of licence duty which may be due by Mr. Harte since pump was erected".

GOREY COURTHOUSE.

Under date 19th January, 1928, letter was read from the Secretary, Gorey Branch of Gaelic League asking for use of Gorey Courthouse for a lecture by Lord Ashbourne on 24th January, 1928.

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

"That the use of Gorey Courthouse be granted to Gorey Branch of Gaelic League on the occasion of lecture by Lord Ashbourne on 24th January, 1928, and on the understanding that the Gorey Branch of the Gaelic League will be responsible for the building and the furniture, fittings, etc., while in their custody".

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The Chairman proposed and Colonel Quin seconded the following resolution:-

"That the Minutes of Roads' Committee for meeting held on 23rd January, 1928, be received and considered".

Castlebridge Road.

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

"That an instruction be given to the County Surveyor to prepare a Scheme to put before the Local Government Department (Roads) for the purpose of obtaining a grant to be applied to the raising of the road at Castlebridge in order to obviate flooding."

Wexford-Enniscorthy Road.

With regard to side-filling on this road, the following letter, under date 27th January, 1928, was read from Mr. Quigley, Chief Roads' Engineer, Local Government Department:-

"In reply to yours of the 23rd instant containing a resolution of your Council objecting to any diversion of the grant to Enniscorthy Urban District, it will be possible to get the sidefilling carried out without interfering with this Grant to Enniscorthy. At any rate there will be further distribution to your County very soon and there is no question of abandoning the road within the Urban area".

The following quotation under date 31st January, 1928, was received by the County Surveyor from the Pioneer Road Construction Company:-

"In reply to your letter of 25th instant the price for rubble from 3" to 7" or 8" in size. Our price for this material delivered on side of road between Edermine and Enniscorthy would be 6/10 per cubic yard.

"Our price for the material in the Quarry would be 6/- per cubic yard, and our rate per yard mile for delivery would be 10d.

"You will of course understand that we could not make deliveries from the Quarry until the new road is fit for such traffic,

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a matter of probably six to seven weeks from this date."

The meeting considered the figure quoted too high and accordingly the matter dropped.

It was decided that further consideration as to the condition of this road be referred to the Roads' Committee which is to consider certificate as to drainage to be prepared by the County Surveyor.

Ford Ton Truck.

The following letter to the County Surveyor under date 31st January, 1928, was read from the Ford Motor Company, Cork:-

"Many thanks for your letter of the 1st instant, re new model Ford 30 cwt truck.

"We regret being unable to give you any definite delivery date for this model, but are at the present time exerting every effort in order to obtain a supply of the trucks direct from America so as to meet the wishes of numerous clients who desire early delivery. Immediately any information in reference to this matter is obtained notification will be sent to each of the Dealers throughout the Country, in order that they can again communicate with purchasers.

"The Ford Motor Company (England) Limited, Manchester, are in exactly the same position as ourselves, and could not give you any further information or any earlier delivery than would obtain by your purchasing from this Branch.

"The old ton truck model is obsolete and we are unaware of any Dealer in this country at the present time holding one of these models in stock.

"In the circumstances, we would ask your kind forbearance for a short period, with our assurance that everything humanly possible will be done to obtain early delivery of the New Truck in the Irish Free State"

The County Surveyor stated that he had hired a small car from the Enniscorthy Co-Operative Society pending the question of obtaining Truck being decided by the Council.

Mr. Hall proposed:-

"That the County Surveyor carry on the present arrangements for transport of machinery parts for a further month from this date".

Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded.

Colonel Quin proposed:- "That the County Surveyor use his own discretion as to purchasing motor truck in order to avoid further delay in road work".

Mr. Jordan seconded.

After consideration, this proposal was withdrawn and the resolution of Mr. Hall to allow the matter to remain over for a month was put and carried.

Manure Heaps on Roads.

Mr. Corish proposed and Colonel Quin seconded the following which was adopted:-

"That the resolution of the County Council relative to the prevention of manure heaps remaining on roads be put into effect. That the attention of the County Surveyor be called to the matter.".

It was proposed by Mr. Connors, seconded by Colonel Quin, and adopted:-

"That the attention of the County Surveyor be called to refuse and manure deposited at the recess near the Cathedral at Ferns. In our opinion, steps should be taken to have same removed".

Petrol Pump Licences.

The County Surveyor stated he had inspected Matthew Harte's petrol pump in Campile and in his opinion it is situated on a public road.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, communicate with Mr. Harte and recover amount of licence duty due by him in respect of this petrol pump.

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

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"That the Minutes of Roads' Committee in respect of meeting held on 23rd January, 1928, be and are hereby confirmed, except in so far as same have been altered or amended by resolutions at this meeting".

SALE OF MATERIAL.
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Doyle, seconded by the Chairman:-

"That the Local Government Department be requested to inform the Council if they can legally dispose of quarry material, viz., (a) waste material; (b) surplus material; (c) suitable material for roads but which the Council does not require".

CORRAMACORRA ROAD.
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The following motion and of which he had given previous notice, stood in the name of Colonel Gibbon:-

"That the Wexford County Council take over as a Public Road 215 perches (approximately) of the road known as Corramacorra road between the cross roads at Staplestown House and the County road at Gainstown Bridge"

In the absence of Colonel Gibbon, Mr. Hayes was allowed to move this motion which was seconded by Mr. Gaul.

The County Surveyor said that all the work promised by the local people as regards this road had not been carried out.

The Chairman proposed and Colonel Quin seconded the following:-

"That resolution relative to taking over Corramacorra Road as a public road be adjourned until the local people have carried out their portion of the work as pointed out by the County Surveyor."

This resolution was adopted and the proposal to take over the road as a public road was in consequence adjourned.

MONASOOTH A LANE.
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Mr. Sean O'Byrne moved the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That the Wexford County Council take over as a Public Road

485 perches (approximately) of the lane known as Monasootha Lane, between the county road over Slieveboy and the turn near Raheen through Monasootha".

Mr. Patrick Byrne seconded.

After considerable discussion the motion was altered and passed in the following terms:-

"That the Wexford County Council are prepared to take over as a public road 485 perches (approximately) of the lane known as Monasootha Lane between the county road over Slieveboy and the turn near Raheen through Monasootha on the understanding that this resolution will not be put into effect until the people concerned have carried out their undertaking to the County Surveyor and the Sub Committee who visited the lane as to the portion of the work which the local people promised to carry out".

In reply to Colonel Quin, the County Surveyor stated, that it would cost the Council £70 to put the lane into order and the maintenance amount per annum would be £12.

ROAD TENDERS COMMITTEE.

On the motion of Mr. Gaul, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne, the following were appointed as Road Tenders Committees for their respective districts, each County Councillor acting in his own County Electoral area:-

Wexford District:-

W. Boggan.
R. Corish
M. Doyle
James Gaul
Colonel Gibbon
P. Hayes
T. Rossiter.

Enniscorthy District:-

J. Clince
M. Jordan
D. Kavanagh.
T. McCarthy
A. Mernagh
James Shannon.

Corey District:-

P. Byrne
J. Connors
James Hall
Sean O'Byrne
M.M.O'Donoghue
John Pender
Colonel R.P. Wemyss Quin.

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New Ross District:-

M. Cloney
P. Colfer
T. Cooney
N. J. Murphy
J.E. Walsh
Wm. Thorpe
John Whyte.

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

"That the Minister of Local Government be asked to recognise the Tenders Committees as "authorised" Committees for the purpose of allowing members to obtain a contribution towards travelling expenses.".

It was decided that the Finance Committee, in conjunction with the County Surveyor, fix date of meetings of Tenders Committee.

MAIN ROAD UPKEEP GRANT 1928-29.
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Under date 27th January, 1928, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (RCM/201) stating that from the records supplied the Grant calculated towards the upkeep of main roads taking the trunk roads on a 50 per cent basis for the forthcoming financial year would be £2905 and for other main roads calculated on a basis of 30 per cent would be £3426.

In considering the question of continuing grant for main roads, the Minister for Local Government would have regard to what County Councils are themselves expending on all roads, and, in future, grant towards the cost of upkeep, may be calculated not on the sums allowed by the County Council but on the actual annual expenditure.

Councils should impress on their Survey Staff that payment might be withheld in whole or in part if the work of maintaining the roads, the work itself or the supervision by Surveyors was not in the opinion of the Minister reasonably efficient.

ROAD GRANTS.
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The Secretary stated that the following Road Grants had been received since last meeting of the Roads' Committee:-
Road T.8 £3943 and £1805 for maintenance grant for main roads to September 30th, 1927.

PAYMENTS TO ROAD CONTRACTORS.

On the motion of Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Clince, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the several proposals for payment to Road Contractors for quarter ended 31st December, 1927, as appearing on Forms 22, be and are hereby confirmed subject to the modifications and orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman of this meeting".

ROAD CORRAGH TO JOHNSTOWN - MOYACOMB ELECTORAL DIVISION.

Messrs Martin Kehoe, John Murphy and Patrick Redmond came before the Council as a deputation asking to have the road from the Forge at Corragh to Johnstown put under contract. Letter was received in favour of this proposal from Rev. J. Mooney, P.P., Clonegall and a Memorial from a very large number of ratepayers in the locality in favour was also submitted.

Mr. Kehoe stated that the road was under contract 70 years ago but was allowed to lapse by the Grand Jury. There were 20 families living on it and 50 other users concerned. A considerable time ago the Enniscorthy Rural District Council decided to place this road under contract and he himself actually submitted a tender for £50 to put it in repair. The then County Surveyor, Mr. Stafford Gaffney, opposed it and it was thrown out by the County Council. What they wanted the County Council to do in the first instance was to appoint a Committee consisting of two or three of the Councillors who were most opposed to raising rates in order to see the place, and in his opinion they could only form one conclusion:- that the people there had been very badly treated. The road which was one mile five furlongs in length connected two through routes.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne proposed that the following Sub-Committee visit the place as to the proposal to have the road from Corragh to Johnstown Cross placed under contract, viz.,:- Messrs Hall, Jordan, Shannon and Pender with the County Surveyor and Assistant

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Surveyor and report to the Roads Committee in the first instance. That the County Surveyor notify Mr. Martin Kehoe of the date of the Committee's visit.

Mr. P. Byrne seconded the motion which was adopted.

BARRAGLAN LANE, MONAMOLIN.
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A deputation also attended in connection with application to have Barraglan Lane made a public road.

Mr. J. Bolger, Mounthoward, who acted as spokesman, said that the lane was about one mile in length. About 45 perches of land would have to be acquired in order to be able to connect two through routes. Thirty families were affected by the lane and 110 people were using it though there were only three families living on it. He thought that the necessary land could be acquired free.

A communication signed by a number of large ratepayers in favour of the proposal pointed out that the road would furnish accommodation to a great number of people and the general public. Its reconstruction would also do much to relieve the unemployment at present prevailing in the district.

A memorial was read from forty unemployed men in the district stating that as they believed some crumbs were falling from the governing tables of the State, they earnestly requested of those who could, to help them to grasp same. As sons of the soil, neither the dole nor out-door relief appealed to them. All they asked was work at a living wage and they believed they were at least worthy of that.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne proposed And Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution: which was adopted:-

"That the following be appointed as a sub Committee to visit Barraglan Lane, Monamolin, and report to next meeting of the Roads Committee as to the proposal to have this lane placed under contract

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Messrs O'Donoghue, Hall, Sean O'Byrne, Colonel Quin and P. Byrne with the County Surveyor and the Assistant Surveyor of the district. That the County Surveyor notify Mr. J. Bolger of the date of the inspection by the Committee.

HANDBREAKING MATERIAL CHERRYORCHARD QUARRY.
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Mr. Jordan proposed that the County Surveyor be directed to employ men in handbreaking material in Cherryorchard quarry where possible.

Mr. Shannon seconded the resolution which was passed.

In reply to Mr. Corish, the County Surveyor said the men were prepared to work for 3/- per yard and at this rate their wages should average 30/- per week.

NEXT MEETING OF ROADS' COMMITTEE.
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In consequence of the Bull Sale and Show in Dublin being held on 28th and 29th February, 1928, and in which several members of the Committee were interested it was decided to hold the next meeting of the Roads' Committee on Saturday 25th February, 1928.

COUNTY REGISTRAR'S OFFICE.
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Under date 2nd February, 1928, a long letter was received from Mr. John N. Scallan, County Registrar, calling attention to the condition of his offices which, he said, had been described by some County Councillors as disgraceful. He wished to know what steps were being taken to put them in a condition to enable him to carry on his duties.

The Chairman mentioned that of course one of the reasons why nothing had been done in respect of this matter was owing to the uncertainty of the position of the Courthouse and the offices concerned. They had been for a considerable time awaiting the decision of the Minister for Finance as to whether the Courthouse was to be on the old site or at the Old Jail.

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It was decided that Messrs Corish and Jordan, T.D's should arrange to see the Minister for Finance as soon as possible in order to obtain his decision relative to site of Courthouse.

GALBALLY WATER SUPPLY.
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The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. Sean O'Byrne:-

"That the Wexford County Council consents (in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the Local Government Act 1927) to the Wexford County Board of Health and Public Assistance obtaining an advance from the Local Loans Fund amounting to £250; said advance to be repayable in 20 years with interest at the rate of 5½ 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".

Colonel Quin seconded the motion which was adopted.

CASTLEDOCKRILL BURIAL GROUND.
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The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. Shannon:-

"That the Wexford County Council consents (in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of Local Government Act, 1927) to the Wexford County Board of Health and Public Assistance obtaining an advance of £310 for the purpose of establishing a new burial ground at Castledockrill, Ferns".

Mr. Cline seconded, and the motion was adopted.

In connection with this matter the Secretary to the Wexford County Board of Health wrote under date 27th January, 1928, that the expense of this Burial Ground would be chargeable to the County Health District of Wexford in accordance with Section 14(3) of the Local Government Act 1925.

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SEWERAGE SCHEMES.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice stood in the name of Mr. Corish:-

"That the Wexford County Council consents to the borrowing of the following amounts by Co. Wexford Board of Health for the purpose of Sanitary Works, viz., :- Rosslare District £11,000; Taghmon District £1400; Clonroche District £326"

In connection with this matter correspondence was read from the Secretary, County Board of Health, who in a letter of 27th January, 1928, forwarded a resolution asking for the consent of the County Council to the borrowing of £285 to provide a sewerage system for the village of Clonroche, to be chargeable to the area of the former Rural District of Enniscorthy, and a further resolution asking for the consent of the County Council to borrow £8000 to provide a water supply and sewerage Scheme for Rosslare to be chargeable on the former Wexford Rural District.

By permission of the meeting, Mr. Corish altered his motion to read as follows:-

"That the Wexford County Council hereby consents to the borrowing of the following amounts by the Wexford Board of Health for the provision of sanitary works in accordance with the terms of letters from said Board submitted to this meeting:- Rosslare District £8,000; Clonroche £285".

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne and adopted.

Mr. Corish mentioned that he was sorry to see that the proposal for improving the Sanitary accommodation at Taghmon had been turned down by the Board of Health and stated he would raise the matter at a future meeting of the Council. Proper sanitation was even more necessary in Taghmon than in the other two districts dealt with.

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AUDITOR'S REPORT, COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.
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Under date 1st February, 1928 (A.S. 5692/28) the Department of Local Government & Public Health forwarded copy of Auditor's Report on his audit of the accounts of the above Board for the two half years ended March 31st, 1927.

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY COMPENSATION ACT, 1923.
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Under date 3rd February, 1928, the Secretary to the Minister of Finance wrote (746/16) calling attention to the non-payment ~~xxx~~ by the Wexford County Council of £19758: 17: 0d under above Act and asking that the sum should be paid without further delay.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Corish, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That as regards amount due under Damage to Property Compensation Act, 1923, to Department of Finance, the latter be informed that owing to the backward state of the Rate Collection the Council have not been in a position to discharge said amount. However, as soon as their financial position will allow they will pay off the amount due by them".

STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES.
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The County Surveyor submitted the following communication under date 21st January, 1928, which he had forwarded to the Secretary, Local Government Department:-

"I am informed by the Superintendent, Civic Guards, that owing to the Regulations governing the use of explosives that we cannot carry out blasts using more than 100 lbs of gelignite. This is owing to the withdrawal of the Military Forces from Wexford, and as the transference of a larger quantity than 100 lbs is prohibited we are now barred from carrying out large blasts.. Our quarry work in this County necessitated the

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use of quantities up to 400 lbs at one time, and if we are limited to the small quantity of 100 lbs our work will be very much hampered. I shall be glad if you will let me know what arrangements it is proposed to make in regard to large blasts which are essential in this County".

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

"That the question of providing storage for explosives to be used in County Council quarries be referred to the Roads' Committee. In the meantime that our Secretary communicate with the Department of Local Government and ask for their views on the communication which they have received from the County Surveyor under date 31st January, 1928. "

COURTOWN HARBOUR
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The following resolution was received from Courtown Harbour Branch of the Irish Fishermen's Association:-

"That we, the Courtown Harbour Branch of the Irish Fishermen's Association, are keenly disappointed that we have not heard from Mr. Hassard on his recent inspection of Courtown Harbour. That we request the Ministry of Fisheries and the Wexford County Council to forward us a copy of his report on the condition of Courtown Harbour and that his recommendations be carried out as soon as possible so that we may be able to avail ourselves of the forthcoming trawling season which opens on March 1st".

The Chairman moved:- "That the Department of Fisheries be asked to supply Wexford County Council with copy of Mr. Hassard's report on his recent inspection of Courtown Harbour for consideration at next meeting of Roads' Committee".

Colonel Quin seconded the resolution which was adopted.

On the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Patrick Byrne, it was decided that the following be procured for Courtown

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Harbour:- Two double burner hurricane lamps for quay,; protection chain on South quay from Slip to join existing chain as a fatal accident has occurred at this place recently".

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

"That Messrs Robert Doyle, Marine Hotel, Courtown and Thomas McGarry, Courtown Hotel, be appointed on Courtown Harbour Commissioners, vice Messrs John Dunne and Denis Murphy, resigned"

ANALYST'S REPORT.

Report of the County Analyst for quarter ended December 31st, 1927, showed that the following analyses had been carried out during the quarter:- Foods 96; Drugs 50;; Water 3; Total 149.

DUNCORMACK TELEPHONE OFFICE.

Mr. Jordan submitted letter which he had received from the Parliamentary Secretary to Ministry for Posts and Telegraphs under date 23rd January, 1928, stating that the provision of telephone call office at Duncormack would not be warranted unless under guarantee of £31 per annum for a period of 7 years.

It was decided to take no further action in the matter.

TAXATION OF BEER AND SPIRITS.

Resolution was received from Waterford County Council calling attention to the desperate plight of the Licensed Trade due to excessive taxation placed on licensed traders and calling on the Government to provide for substantial relief in the Beer and Spirit duties in the Budget of 1928.

Memo was received from the Beer and Spirit Dealers Relief Organisation Dublin to the same effect, while a memo was read from the Catholic Total Abstinence ^{Federation} ~~Association~~ of Ireland protesting against any lowering of this tax.

On the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall, the meeting decided to mark all these communications "read".

OLD AGE PENSIONS.

The following resolution from Roscommon County Council was submitted and adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. P. Byrne:-

"That we, the Members of the Roscommon County Council ask the Government per our esteemed Chairman- Mr. Brennan- when Parliament assembles to reduce the minimum age of Old Age Pensioners from 70 to 65 years, ^{and} that Dr. O'Dowd, Messrs Conlon and Boland give him their entire support. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Secretaries of each County Council in the Irish Free State".

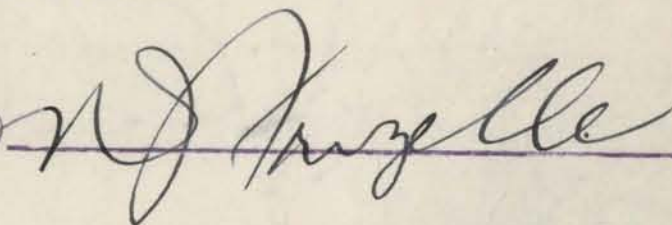
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Wm J. Barry
March 12th 1928

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 February, 1928.

(Signed)



Secretary Wexford County Council.

Fortview,
WEXFORD.

Dated this 17th day of February, 1928.

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

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MEETING HELD ON 12th MARCH, 1928.

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N. J. FRIZELLE,
SECRETARY.

FORTVIEW,
WEXFORD.

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The monthly meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 12th March, 1928.

Present:- Mr. Thomas McCarthy (Chairman) presided;
also present:- Messrs Patrick Byrne, James Clince, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, Michael Doyle, James Gaul, Patrick Hayes, Nicholas J. Murphy, John O'Byrne, John Pender, James Shannon, William Thorpe, James E. Walsh, John White, Colonel Gibbon and Colonel Quin.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

THE LATE MR. JOHN MURPHY, M.C.C.
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On the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the following letter from Mrs Murphy, 4, Main Street, Enniscorthy, widow of the late Mr. John Murphy, a member of this County Council for some years, be inserted on the Minutes of this meeting:-" " I am very grateful indeed for your very kind message of sympathy in our recent sad bereavement. Please also convey my heartfelt thanks to the Members of the County Council and the staff". "

THE LATE MR. WILLIAM O'BRIEN, EX-M.P.
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The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Nicholas Murphy:-

"That we hereby express our sorrow at the death of the late Mr. William O'Brien, ex-M.P, who laboured so steadfastly and so strenuously for the independence of his country; and that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mrs O'Brien".

Colonel Quin seconded the resolution which was passed unanimously.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEES.
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Finance

The following Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on the 16th February, 1928, were submitted:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on Thursday, the 16th February, 1928.

Present:- Mr. T. McCarthy, Chairman, presiding; also Messrs W. Thorpe, Aidan Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne and Patrick Hayes, The County Surveyor, Solicitor and Assistant Secretary were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £9392: 2: 0d was examined and signed .

RATE COLLECTION.

The Assistant Secretary submitted the state of the Rate Collection showing percentages of second moiety collected as follows:-

E. J. Murphy 34.30; Philip Furlong 33.38; J. Quirke (No.1 District) 32.90; C. McCarthy 32.43; B. Cleary 28.83; M. Deegan 27.29; T. Rowe 27.06; T. Sutton 25.28; J. Curtis 25.15; P. Fitzpatrick 21.17; S. Gannon 20.11; J. J. O'Reilly 19.82; J. Cummins 18.87; M.M. Kelly 18.51; W. Cummins 18.19; J. J. Kelly 18.16; J. J. Sinnott 17.17; P. Donohoe 17.08; J. Doyle 17.02; P. O'Byrne 15.45; J. Quirke (No. 3 District) 9.44.

The amount of first moiety outstanding, £5459: 2 : 9d.
Second moiety outstanding £51,831.

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, that Collectors be instructed to have 40% of second moiety lodged by next meeting of Committee and that Secretary communicate with each rate Collector pointing out the serious financial position of the Council owing to backward state of Collection.

A letter was read from Mr. James Pimley stating he considered the Valuation of his holding at Coolstuff, Taghmon, too high and until it was revalued he would not pay rates assessed

on present valuation.

It was decided that Mr. Pimley's holding be placed on Revision List for submission to Valuation Department in June next. That Mr. Pimley be informed that he is liable for rates assessed on his holding until same has been altered on revision or appeal.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES.

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In reference to Minutes of Meetings of Library Committee a letter was read from Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, that proposal of Library Committee to pay an increased rent for additional accommodation would require sanction of County Council.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Thorpe, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, that Library Committee be notified of Mr. Elgee's opinion in the matter.

INSURANCE OF COURTHOUSES.

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Mr. J. B. Boyd, Agent for landlord, forwarded Insurance Policy for New Ross Courthouse for £1000 and requested payment of 16/3d first premium in respect thereof.

It was decided that 16/3d amount of premium be paid Mr. Boyd.

It was further decided that County Surveyor arrange for policies with Irish Public Bodies Mutual for the Insurance of furniture on the three District Courthouses. That amount of Insurance on New Ross Courthouse be increased by £1000. That Policies for Enniscorthy and Gorey Courthouses be obtained from the Contractors who have already taken out policies for the holdings.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT.

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The following was read from Chief Superintendent McCarthy, Civic Guard:-

"Recent changes in the Police Districts in the County have left the Sub-District and Town of Bundlody in a rather awkward position as regards the administration of the Food and

and Drugs Acts, the nearest Inspector being stationed in Enniscorthy whilst Bunclody sub-District has been transferred to Gorey area. An Inspector is appointed for Gorey District, but it is considered that to proceed to Bunclody frequently for samples would be out of the question since the distance is 19 miles.

"In order to meet the situation I would suggest that Garda Maurice M. O'Carroll, 3065, Bunclody, be appointed as Inspector under the Food & Drugs Acts for that area.

"Awaiting the favour of a reply in course."

On the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Mernagh, it was decided that Garda Maurice M. O'Carroll, 3065, Bunclody, be appointed as Inspector under the Food and Drugs Acts for Bunclody

Account for £7: 9: 3d expenses of administration of Food and Drugs Act to 31st January, 1928, from Superintendent Downey, Garda Siiothchana, out of Imprest a/c of £20; was approved.

MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIM
Alexander Kinsella and
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Mr. Elgee asked for instruction as to area of charge he would recommend in the event of Decree being obtained by above who made a claim amounting to £500.

After discussion it was decided that in the event of a decree being obtained Gorey Rural District be recommended as area of charge.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Quin:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 16th February, 1928, be and are hereby confirmed".

Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 1st March, 1928, were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 1st March, 1928.

Present:- Mr. T. McCarthy, Chairman (Presiding); also Messrs P. Hayes, Wm. Thorpe, Sean O'Byrne and Aidan Mernagh.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

THE LATE MR. JOHN MURPHY.
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman:- "That we deeply regret the demise of our former colleague, Mr. John Murphy, 4, Main Street, Enniscorthy, and offer our sincere condolence to Mrs Murphy in her great loss"

PAYMENTS.
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Treasurer's Advice Note for £4315: 1: 8d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.
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The following shows the state of Collection of second moiety of current rate to 1st March, 1928:- E. J. Murphy 50%
C. McCarthy 33; J. Curtis 33;
P. Furlong 43; J. Quirke 39; B. Cleary 38; T. Rowe 32;
M. Deegan 31; S. Gannon 31; T. Sutton 28; J. Cummins 28;
J. Doyle 27; P. Fitzpatrick 25; J. Quirke (For No.3 District) 25%; J. J. Kelly 23; J. J. O'Reilly 23; P. Donohoe 21; J.J. Sinnott 20; M. Kelly 20; W. Cummins 20; P. O'Byrne 18.

It was decided to specially consider the state of the Collection at next meeting of the Committee. The meeting recognised that at the moment the collection was greatly hampered owing to outbreak of Foot and Mouth disease.

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE.
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The following resolutions were adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman:-

"That we request the Department of Agriculture, if at all possible, to issue permits to people to drive cattle from their yards on to their lands where the distance is short and this concession for the present to apply to lands outside a radius of five miles from the infected place"

"That we request the Department of Agriculture to allow live stock fair to be held at New Ross on 13th ~~instanx~~ March."

"That the Department of Agriculture be requested to warn the Press of the danger of publishing rumours of outbreaks of foot and mouth disease. Such publication inflicts a national loss on the country and should be discouraged in every possible way. No one can object to the publication of confirmed cases"

APPLICATION EXTENSION OF OVERDRAFT.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That, as outbreak of Foot and Mouth disease has seriously interfered with the collection of rates, we request the Minister for Local Government & Public Health to sanction the continuance of present overdraft with the Treasurer of the Council amounting to £28,000 from 31st March, 1928, to 31st May, 1928, and an additional overdraft of £12,000 also to the 31st May, 1928. The Council will not be able to carry on essential services unless they obtain this accommodation.

FIRE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES OFFICES.

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Under date 24th February, 1928, Sergt. Keenan, Inspector Weights and Measures Acts, wrote asking that a fire should be provided in Weights and Measures Offices in Bunclody, Gorey, New Ross and Enniscorthy, during the period while he was working at these places.

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

"That the County Surveyor direct the caretakers at Enniscorthy, Gorey and New Ross Court-houses to provide a fire in

in Court during the period in which the Inspector of Weights and Measures is working in these buildings. That Sergt Keenan procure the necessary fire for Bunclody Courthouse and furnish account for same to County Council for recoupment.

NEW BUILDINGS LIST.

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It was decided that the name of Michael Kelly be added to New Buildings List in respect of detached shop etc., at Rosslare.

HEALTH BOARD DEMAND.

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Under date 29th February, 1928, application was read from County Board of Health for instalment on foot of demands.

It was decided that instalment be paid as soon as the state of the finances of the Council permit.

LOCAL ELECTIONS (POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES) RULES 1928.

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Letters were read from Town Clerks of New Ross and Enniscorthy stating that resolutions approving of the provisional scheme of polling places and polling districts for local elections had been approved by their Urban Councils.

In connection with Wexford Urban District the following, under date 28th February, 1928, was read from the Clerk, Wexford Urban District:-

"I submitted the Provisional Scheme of Polling Districts and Polling Places in connection with the forthcoming County and Municipal Elections to be held on 26th June next, to a meeting of Wexford Corporation on last night.

"The meeting only concerned themselves with the Scheme so far as it related to Wexford town, and having examined this portion of it, desired me to inform you that the Polling Places set out for the voters in Saint Iberius Ward were satisfactory and could not be improved upon.

"With regard to arrangements for St. Mary's Ward, voters, however, the meeting considered that the following/Polling Places instead of those set out in the draft Scheme would prove more convenient for the electors in that Ward:-

District Electoral Division.	Polling Place.
Wexford Urban No.2 (St.Mary's Ward).	
Barrack Street, Batt, Street, Castlehill	
Street, Emmett Place, Fisher's Row,	
Maudlintown, Michael Street, Parnell	
Street & Trinity Street (495 voters)	Faythe School No.1
Back Lane, Lambert Place, The Faythe,	
The Folly, & William Street (491 voters)	Faythe School No.2
Bride Street, Carrigeen Street, Clifford	
Street, Crescent Quay, Distillery Road,	
Duncannon Road, Gibson Street and Green	
Street (474 voters) 	St. Brigid's National School No.1.
Goggan's Road, King Street Lower, King	
Street Upper, Main Street South, Mary's	
Lane, Old Pound, Oyster Lane, Paul Quay,	
Stonebridge Lane, Summerhill Road, Talbot	
Street and Thomas Street (448 voters)	St. Brigid's National School No.2

As to Saint Selskar Ward the meeting, from experience on previous occasions, knew that the Town Hall would be more acceptable to the voters in that Ward than would be the George Street Schools, and recommended that "The Town Hall No.1" should be substituted for "Convent of Mercy School No.1" and "The Town Hall No.2" for Convent of Mercy School No.2" as Polling Places for the Ward, but that the grouping of the streets, as set out in the Scheme should stand".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne: "That the County Council be recommended to embody in provisional scheme under Polling District and Polling Places Rules governing Local Elections the suggestions made by Wexford Corporation as set out in letter of Town Clerk under date 28th February, 1928".

COUNTY LIBRARY MINUTES.

The Minutes of County Library Committee in respect of meeting of 28th January, 1928, were submitted to the meeting.

Extension of Overdraft.

In connection with the resolution of Finance Committee under this heading the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman:-

"That we request the National Bank Ltd., to sanction the additional overdraft of £12,000 required by this Council as from the 15th of March instead of "as from 31st March to 31st May, 1928"; requested by the Finance Committee, as we find it will be necessary in order to carry on the work of the Council to secure the additional accommodation at an earlier date than was estimated for by the Finance Committee. That the Local Government Department be requested to sanction this proposal."

Local Elections (Polling Districts and Polling Places) Rules, 1928.

In connection with above, Mr. Sean O'Byrne mentioned that the Gorey Town Commissioners had approved of the Scheme but suggested that polling should be held at the Courthouse instead of at the Convent National School.

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

"That we approve of the suggestions of the Wexford Corporation and Gorey Town Commissioners altering ~~certain~~ polling districts in the provisional Scheme for polling places, etc., for local Elections.

"That in view of the fact that it has not been found possible to secure the use of the forge at Rathdowney as a polling place for Rosslare District Electoral Division, unless at a prohibitive cost, we hereby fix the polling place for this District Electoral Division at Rosslare National School.

"That Electors in District Electoral Division of Kilpatrick poll in Crossabeg School instead of in Kyle School as formerly.

"That Scheme be submitted to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health embodying the various suggestions of the Public Authorities concerned as soon as possible.

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to two copies of the Scheme for submission to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health."

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Clince and carried:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 1st March, 1928, be and are hereby confirmed with amendments or alterations made at this meeting by way of resolution."

Roads' Committee

The following Minutes of Roads' Committee in respect of meeting held on 25th February, 1928, were submitted :-

The monthly meeting of the Roads' Committee of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 25th February, 1928.

Present:- Mr. Thomas McCarthy (Chairman Co. Council presiding); also:- Messrs W. Boggan, M. Cloney, P. Colfer, Colonel Gibbon, James Hall, Sean O'Byrne, Colonel Quin and James Shannon.

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

Mr. P. J. Raftery of the Engineering Staff of Local Government Department(Roads) was also present.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

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The following report of County Surveyor was read:-

"I am furnishing a separate report in connection with the Wexford-Enniscorthy Road.

"On 22nd instant I arranged with the Special Committee to inspect Monglass Lane. Mr. Jordan was unable to be present, but wrote recommending the work. Mr. Shannon attended separately on the same day, and I understand, is also in favour of the work. With Mr. Clince and Mr. Cullen (Assistant Surveyor), I walked over the road, and am satisfied that the through part of the road is used by a large number of important Ratepayers, and the land appears to be heavily tillaged. One section of the Lane is a dead end, and I believe, cannot be undertaken. I estimate that cost of the work will be £40, but I consider that if such new roads are to be put on the County they should be covered by special proposals and the money not taken from allocation for ordinary maintenance.

"The erection of the Elevator and Hopper at Ballybreman Quarry is now in progress, and good work is being done.

"I have recently had the compressor plant working at Tara Hill Quarry, and found that it was impossible to work the new drill there. The cutting edge of the drills became rounded off almost at once, and I reported the matter to the Firm supplying the Drill. Pending visit from the Firm's representative I had

the old steam drill set up, but worked it by the Compressor and got satisfactory results; in fact a good deal better than with steam pressure, but, of course not up to the standard of the regular compressor drill in quarries with a softer rock. The firm's representative has recently been at the quarry, and can offer no explanation other than the peculiar hardness of the rock.

"I have arranged for the laying of the pipe across Mr. Davis's land near Verona Bridge as Mr. McCarthy has signed agreement. I have also set out the work in regard to removing corner on Mr. Gallagher's land, but this job is held up pending agreement for compensation. Mr. Gallagher is to write me regarding his claim in time for the meeting.

"On the 22nd instant I inspected with Mr. Cline and Mr. Cullen the place at Grange No. 342E, where Mrs Forrestal complains of damage by flood waters. In my opinion the Council cannot mitigate the nuisance without heavy expense, but by agreement between the various local people interested the nuisance can be stopped at a very small cost.

"I have notification from the Local Government Department consenting to a further expenditure out of the Tourist Grant of the sum of £213, to widen road between Rosslare Railway Station and Grange Cross. This sum is balanced out of the £1,000 not formerly allocated, and I am putting the work in hands now.

"As directed by the Council I have communicated with the Insurance Company in regard to covering the furniture in the three Courthouses against Fire Risk, and I have also asked to have New Ross Courthouse existing Policy increased by £1,000 as ordered.

"A number of hedges have been cut during the season, and most of the owners attended to the notices or requests. In a few cases, however, the owners have not cut, and I ask for authority to take proceedings against them.

"In order that machinery overseer may carry on work I arranged for hire of motor car from the Enniscorthy Co-Operative Society, and

in connection with this I have to report that Mr. Murphy was held up and has been summoned on account of the car being un-licenced. The licence duty has now been paid by the Co-Operative Society, but any costs we may be put to should be met out of the hireage account. Mr. Murphy reported to me that the present system is most unsatisfactory as he is unable to carry about parts and tools etc., as required. In connection with the work at Ballybrennan Quarry he has had on several occasions to hire a lorry and I have asked him to put in details of the expenditure entailed by our not having a lorry of our own. I consider the Council should come to some decision at once on the matter of purchase.

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

"That the report of County Surveyor for month of February be received and considered:"

Monglass Lane.

Mr. Hall proposed and Colonel Gibbon seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the question of County Council taking over Monglass Lane as a contract road be adjourned to next meeting of Roads' Committee"

Removal of Corner.

It was decided that the question as to removal of corner at Mr. Gallagher's Land be allowed to stand over pending claim from Mr. Gallagher.

Flooding at 342E

The County Surveyor submitted letter under date 3rd February, 1928 from Mrs Forrestal, Grange, Killanne, complaining of the flooding.

The County Surveyor stated that the flooding had not been caused by the action of the County Council but by that of a private individual who, a considerable time ago, diverted the water to provide a private water supply

It was decided to refer the matter to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council.

Cutting of Hedges. Mr. Sean O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Boggan seconded the following resolution:- "That proceedings be instituted against the following for neglect to trim hedges after notice, thereby allowing public roads to be injured:-

Messrs Patrick O'Neill, Shelbaggin: Road 193R: James Power, Ballycallane, 193R: Nicholas Chapman, Ralph, 44R; Henry P. Gahan, Littlegrague, 44R: Moses Furlong, Foulksmills, 145R: Michael Hickey, Garryrichard, 145R: Michael Dunne, Newcastle, 145R: Miss Bridget Comerford, Newcastle 145R."

Purchase of Lorry

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by the Chairman:- "That at the end of a month from date of last meeting of the County Council, the County Surveyor exercise his discretion as to purchase of suitable motor lorry for the work of the Council".

WEXFORD-ENNISCORTHY ROAD

The following report was submitted by the County Surveyor:-

"On the 14th and 15th instant in company with Messrs O'Brien and Martin, representatives of the Pioneer Road Construction Co., I chained the whole length of the concrete road between Ferrycarrig and Enniscorthy and took notes of the work as we proceeded. The concrete work is now completed and totals eleven miles, one hundred-and two-and three-quarter lineal yards. Of this length five-hundred-and twelve lineal yards has been reinforced where the foundations showed signs of weakness, and a length at Edermine in all one-hundred-and-eighty-one and one-third yards has been laid with "Ferrocrite" as directed by the Inspection Committee. We marked and noted twenty-five cracks distributed as follows:-

Seven between Ferrycarrig and Arran Cottage Cross.

Twelve between Arran Cottage and Kyle Cross.

Four between Kyle and Oylegate, and

Two between Oylegate and Edermine.

Up to the present no cracks have shown between Edermine and Enniscorthy, and I should point out that on this section we reduced the length of the bays between the expansion joints, which possibly may be the reason. At only two places do I notice any surface defect in the concrete, and this defect was owing to a small piece of wood or cork having become embedded in the surface at the time of laying, and when these holes are filled up (as they will be) the matter will be of no consequence. At three places, two at Edermine and one near Whiteford Bridge, there are unpleasant humps: the one at Whiteford Bridge is not serious, but the others at Edermine are of consequence. I have arranged with the Contractor to cut them off and remove the nuisance. At one place (127 chains from Errycarrig end) there are two cracks close together, and I arranged with the Contractor to cut out the piece and re-set with Aluminous cement, doing half the road at a time. One half has been done, and for the present the other side has been left as it does not appear to be advisable to cut out the section. I have a sample of the concrete cut out for inspection by the Committee.

"The work is now almost completed of filling in of the joints and making good defective ones with bitumen, and shortly the whole road will be ready for throwing open to traffic. So far as I can judge at the present time work has been well done, but, of course, the Contractor's period of maintenance has still to run, and any defects that show up in that time will have to be made good, I am satisfied, however, that the job is generally a good one.

"I am now continuing the work of making up the sides adjoining the concrete, and have had to do some heavy work at Edermine where the retaining wall had slipped. This slip is of old standing and not caused by any recent work, and on several occasions there were proposals for its re-building before the

the District Council, but the liability of the Council was questioned. The finishing off of the channels and tail drains to the gullets is in progress, and so far as I can judge at the present time, the drainage work when complete will be entirely satisfactory. There has been no continuous heavy rain-fall recently, but our foreman on the job has noted the effect of any rain-fall there has been, and reports to me that the drainage will be all right.

"In connection with the complete finishing off of the road I believe an entirely satisfactory job will not be possible without a great deal of further filling of the deep channels on certain sections of the road, and this must be done under special grant or proposal, or carried out from time to time by depositing waste stuff from quarries and margins elsewhere

"In my opinion it will be necessary to lay a concrete surface between Ferrycarrig and Wexford town in order that this important line should be properly finished off, and I would recommend the Council to make application to the Local Government Department for a special grant for the work"

Colonel Gibbon stated he was not surprised to ascertain that no change had occurred in the cracks. That could not be expected until there was an important alteration in temperature. The road at present was all right but *if it* became waterlogged, it would not, in the opinion of experts, last. He did not agree with that opinion. Something should be done to concrete the strip between the railway bridge and the river bridge. It was greatly injured by the rise and fall of tide. There was also a bit at the Wexford side of Alma, which stood on a marshy bottom, and a small section at Farnogue, both of which required to be concreted. 400 perches would cover all these patches.

The County Surveyor stated he was in favour of having the whole length from Wexford to Ferrycarrig concreted in the same

same manner as the road from Ferrycarrig to Edermine. He estimated the cost would be about £3500 per mile or £7000 in all. He expected the road would be open in three weeks from that date.

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

"That the Department of Local Government be asked to supply the necessary funds to provide for the concreting of the Wexford-Enniscorthy road from Wexford to Ferrycarrig Bridge".

Colonel Gibbon suggested that, at next meeting of the Roads' Committee, the County Surveyor should submit exact figures as to what would be the cost of concreting the full length, and also the cost of concreting the three small patches which had been referred to.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT AND MANNER OF ROAD MAINTENANCE.
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Under date 2nd February, 1928, the following letter (R/RCM/32) was read from the Department of Local Government & Public Health:-

"With further reference to your letter of the 9th December, last, enclosing a Requisition for an instalment under the Maintenance Grant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government & Public Health to state that according to a report furnished by an Engineering Inspector of this Department following an inspection on the 7th ultimo, it appears that the maintenance of the roads is being carried out in anything but a satisfactory manner. The report states that the standard of maintenance is low compared with neighbouring counties and that this is principally due to injudicious administration, inadequate provision of road materials for the more important roads and in some cases to very crude methods of repair. In view of the foregoing it is with reluctance the Minister sanctions the payment in respect of the quarter ending 30th September. The matter will again be reviewed in conjunction with the next claim for recoupment and in this

this connection I am to draw your special attention to paragraph 8 of Circular RGM/201 of 2nd February, 1927. In the meantime an explanation should be furnished ~~as~~ regards the poor results obtained so far!

This communication had been referred from the Finance Committee to the Roads Committee for consideration.

Mr. Raftery stated that, in connection with the grant towards the cost of maintenance of main and trunk roads, the Minister fully expected that the standard should be fairly high. Certain complaints had been made about the Wexford roads in the Press and elsewhere for some years past. This particularly applied to the road from Wexford to Castlebridge and on to Gorey. Payment of the maintenance grant for the September quarter had been held up by the Department pending report from him (Mr. Raftery). His impression was that the standard of maintenance was low compared to neighbouring Counties, principally because no patch rolling had been done. Trunk roads were all re-constructed with, practically, Government grants but no rolling of sections out of revenue had been carried out. Although the Council were spending a very large amount on roads generally, the standard of maintenance, in his opinion, was not what it ought to be. The Gorey to Courtown Road was poor. Practically no hedges had been cut.

The Chairman, Colonel Gibbon and Mr. Sean O'Byrne denied this and said that a great many hedges all through the County had been dealt with to their knowledge..

Mr. Treanor pointed out that he had applied for a Court Order to have the hedges cut on the Gorey-Courtown road but had not been successful.

Mr. Raftery said that the Roaslare road and the New Ross-Enniscorthy road were greatly improved but large patches of loose stones were to be found on them and these would not bond. Where the stones would not bond, an undue amount of flay had been used for the purpose. It was waste of money to put stones on roads

of this class and not to have them rolled in as was customary in other Counties. As regards New Ross-Wexford road, several sections had been done under grant, and the Council should have made an effort to fill in the gaps. The defective methods, which he referred to, were in brief - want of patch rolling, spreading loose patches of stones here and there, taking away margins all through the county.

Colonel Quin pointed out that these margins had been removed because they interfered with the drainages of the roads.

Mr. Raftery said that, in connection with the Enniscorthy road, the Council were buying clay at sixpence per tone to fill up the sides from which material had been taken. The margins for miles had been taken away on the Castlebridge to Gorey road.

The Chairman said he considered it a great improvement in the main to have margins removed.

The County Surveyor said he did not approve of the removal of margins in all cases but it was an order of the Council.

Mr. Boggan said, where margins had been taken away, they could calculate on having a nice smooth road.

Colonel Quin - and the road would last twice as long.

~~The~~ Mr. Shannon said the life of the road was the removal of the margins so that the drainage could work in the most effective manner and the water tables could be kept clear. The road from Kiltalea to Wexford took very little for maintenance owing to the fact that the margins had been removed.

The County Surveyor said that, when the proposal for the removal of the margins on the roads was under consideration, he objected to it on a wholesale basis and asked for discretionary powers. However, the Order was made and he had to follow it. On the Gorey road the margins were removed in order to allow of the road being widened.

Mr. Raftery said there were a great many cases in which the men could be more usefully employed than in removing margins.

Kilkenny allowed \$6000 or \$7000 in their estimate for steam rolling

in patches every year, and the rates were not any higher than in Wexford but their standard of maintenance of main roads was better. Wexford seemed to spend more on their County roads and he thought they might adjust their expenditure, allowing more for their important main roads than in the present Road Work Scheme.

Colonel Gibbon mentioned that Mr. Quigley, Chief Engineer Local Government Department, stated at a Roads' Committee meeting that the cost of direct labour in Wexford was higher than in other Counties.

The County Surveyor contended that, if the roads had been worked by contract for the last five years, they would not now have a road fit for travel.

Mr. Raftery mentioned that the chopping and changing of amounts of expenditure from one road to another resulted in their not knowing where they stood as regards expenditure on particular roads without necessary calculations. Once a figure was fixed for a road, it should not be changed but, if it were found necessary to proceed with further expenditure, this, according to the Public Bodies Order, should be done by resolution. As regards the administration of quarries, although production cost varied in practically all of them, an average rate of 8/- per ton was charged. The cost for each quarry should be fixed as per its own expenditure. It was not right that entire quarry expenditure should be bulked and an average taken.

The County Surveyor said it was all very well to compare the working of their quarries with the procedure in other Counties, where there were small convenient quarries at the side of the roads. In other Counties, they can get what is sufficient for each road and then leave the quarry idle until the following year.

Mr. Raftery said that, from comparative costs, it would appear as if quarries in Wexford were eating up money which should go into the roads.

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quarrying was from 1/- to 3/- per cubic yard, and for hand-broken material, 9d to 2/8d.

The County Surveyor said they would be glad to employ men at 2/8d per yard for hand-breaking.

After a long discussion, relative to average prices in Wexford as compared with other Counties in the matter of the working of stonebreakers and steamrollers, labour etc., the Chairman suggested that Mr. Raftery should put his figures and his general recommendations into a written report. The Council were anxious to get the best value possible for their money and any feasible recommendations, which Mr. Raftery would make, would have their most careful consideration.

TOURIST GRANT.

Under date 18th February, 1928 (R/RG/32B), the Department of Local Government wrote that the Minister had approved of the further scheme for the expenditure of £213 out of the £2000 Tourist Grant on the improvement of Rosslare station Road.

MAIN ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT.

Letter under date 22nd February, 1928 (SGE/201) was read from Department of Local Government & Public Health (Roads), pointing out that a sum of £6720 had been provisionally allocated to the Wexford County Council for main road improvement especially tarring. In connection with supplies of tar the Minister would endeavour to enter into a Contract with one or two suppliers and supplies must be obtained through accepted firms.

The County Surveyor should notify Local Government office as soon as possible of his requirements the previous approval of the County Council being obtained to the works proposed to be carried out.

SITE OF COURTHOUSE.

In connection with site for Wexford Courthouse the following letter from the Minister for Finance to the Chairman, under date

17th February, 1928 was read:-

"I have been looking into the proposal put forward by the Wexford County Council in connection with the award made by the Compensation (Ireland) Commission, in respect of the partial destruction of the Wexford Courthouse.

"I find that the plans which have been lodged by the Council for the Scheme for the conversion of the old Jail are not so complete as those which were furnished to show the cost of carrying out a scheme for the restoration of the former Courthouse building and before I can come to a definite decision on the Council's proposal I should like to have before me for examination more detailed plans in connection with Jail Scheme prepared in conjunction with an Architect.

"As I have already explained to you, however, I cannot sanction the variation in the reinstatement condition which the Commission attached to their award unless the consent of the owners of the Courthouse site is obtained.

"I desire to mention that personally I am disposed to comply with the Council's application and provided that arrangements are made to overcome the objections of the Redmond and Hungerford Estate, and subject to the lodgment of satisfactory plans for the provision of Courthouse accommodation in the old Jail, I will be prepared to give my consent to the application.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed:-

"That our Solicitor be instructed to purchase the interest of the Trustees of the Hungerford and Redmond Estate in the Wexford Courthouse at a figure which would put them in as good a financial position as they are at present provided they can show title to the property"

The Chairman seconded - Passed.

As regards plans, the County Surveyor submitted those which had been forwarded to the Board of Works and which, he sta'

were as good preliminary plans as were ordinarily procurable.

It was decided he should forward these to the Minister for Finance, and if the latter requires anything further in the shape of plans of the premises that these be submitted by the County Surveyor.

SUGGESTED ESTABLISHMENT OF CIRCUIT COURTS.
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Under date 21st February, 1928, the Secretary, Department of Justice, wrote (216/67) that the Minister would be prepared to receive a small deputation from Wexford County Council in connection with the suggested establishment of Circuit Courts in Enniscorthy Gorey and New Ross.

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

"That Colonel Quin and Messrs Walsh and Hall, with the Secretary, be appointed a deputation to wait upon the Minister for Justice in connection with proposed re-establishment of Circuit Courts in Enniscorthy, Gorey and New Ross".

FLOODING OF CASTLEBRIDGE ROAD.
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The County Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 17th February, 1928, which he had forwarded to Mr. Conish, M.C.C., for his information:-

"Referring to our joint inspection of this road and recent discussion at the Roads' Committee and County Council meetings, I, herewith submit you particulars.

"Just beyond the Village of Castlebridge on the way to Garrylough there is a section of road some 64 perches in length which is liable to flooding on all occasions when Spring Tides are accompanied by heavy rain-fall. The Sow River flows into the Slaney just below Castlebridge, and joining it also is the Mill-Race passing through Castlebridge. There is at this place an enlargement of the Slaney which is tidal. In consequence of this there is always difficulty with flood water passing away freely

and when Spring Tides are accompanied by heavy rain-fall the ponding back of the water is such as to completely flood this important Main Road. With ordinary high tides in the Winter time water rises in the channels of the road with consequent injury to the road and causes great inconvenience to footpassenger traffic. During the heavier floods the road is completely blocked for foot passengers traffic, and other traffic is very much interfered with. The road is of great importance being the direct line from Dublin to Wexford, and, of course takes all the local traffic up to Gorey, and the intermediate places between it and Wexford.

"I consider it extremely important that something should be done at this place, and you are aware that the local people have constantly drawn the attention of the Council to the danger and inconvenience. I estimate that the cost of the improvement work would be in or about £400, as the road should be raised from 18" to 2 feet, or so, and, of course, should be re-bottomed and re-surfaced, for the length of 64 perches. This is a work on which I think the Government might very well advance money out of the funds available for meeting unemployment as there is a great deal of such in the Castlebridge area. "

It was decided that, as Mr. Corish was not present, to refer the matter to the next County Council meeting.

COURTOWN HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS.
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The following letter, under date 24th February, 1928 (D/5/2) was read from the Department of Fisheries:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Fisheries to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th instant, and to state that as Mr. Hassard visited Courtown last December at the request of the Council to inspect the harbour works, in consultation with the County Surveyor, the Department has not called for a detailed engineering report, and it is presumed that such report would be furnished by the County Surveyor.

"In a general account of what he observed on his visit Mr. Hassard states as follows:-

"There was a very heavy flood in the river, and I have little doubt but that it will scour away all or nearly all deposit in the channel between the piers,

"I think there is a bar some little distance off the pier heads but the sea was far too rough for any boat to put out.

1. One or more stones have recently fallen out of the North face wall of the South pier, about abreast of the end of the North pier, and it is reported that daylight is visible through this (South) pier. Repairs should be put in hands as soon as weather permits, possibly about May.

2. One of the sluices of the gates had gone --- In my opinion, and the County and Assistant County Surveyor agree with me, it is waste of money tinkering at these gates. They are worn out. The path is all torn up. New gates and a new sill are required. They should be designed by an expert conversant with recent practice and design. Two coffer dams will be necessary and also power pumping. There was a considerable sum spent last year in repairing the gates -- and very considerable difficulty was experienced in trying to put down and staunch the dams. The result, as far as I was informed, was far from satisfactory. It would seem advisable to consider the question of a contract for the entire work with some firm of experience.

3. The Basin is seriously silted up. From a few rough soundings it appears that 6 feet of dredging is required over the entire basin. This is probably a case for "spoon and bag dredging" and I gave the County Surveyor the name of a local firm who have had experience of in this work. If this dredging is carried out the quantity of water available for scouring the channel will be increased by about 2½ million gallons.

4. It is asked that a crane and grab be provided to run on rails on one of the piers. There is liable to be a deposit of gravel in the channel near the end of the North Pier. The "flush" has lost its power by the time the water reaches this point, and the crane is required to deal with the deposit that is not removed. This apparatus

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was offered to the County Council some years ago if they would arrange to work it. This, however, they refused to do and the proposal fell through".

It was decided that a copy of this communication be sent to the Hon. Secretary of the Courtown Harbour Branch of the Fishermen's Association.

MANURE HEAP AT RIVERCHAPEL ETC.
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Colonel Quin mentioned that the heap of manure at Riverchapel, of which he complained at the last County Council meeting, had not yet been removed.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, said that the owner of the manure pointed out that it was on his land and not on the public road. Up to the present, it would have been a great hardship to have forced its removal.

It was decided that the Secretary communicate with Rev. J. O'Grady, C.C., Riverchapel, and inform him that the County Council would not allow him to deposit manure on this road in future owing to the injury which it would cause to the road.

Colonel Quin also complained that manure had been deposited on the road near Tinnock Bridge.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, said that he had served notice on the owner to remove it and it would be taken away immediately. The man in question had promised not to deposit manure there in future.

OVERHEAD TELEGRAPHIC LINE.
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Application was received from the Post Office, asking the consent of the Council to the placing of an overhead telegraphic line from Union Workhouse, New Ross to Knockmullen House.

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

"That, on behalf of the County Council, we hereby consent

to the erection of an overhead telegraphic line between Union Buildings near New Ross and Knockmullen House provided the poles for said line are erected to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

TENDERS COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

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

"That the following fixtures of Tenders' Committee be agreed to:-

Enniscorthy - Wednesday 21st March, 1928 at 11 o'clock a.m., in Enniscorthy Courthouse.

Gorey: Thursday 22nd March, 1928, at 11.30 a.m., in Gorey Courthouse.

New Ross: Friday 23rd March, 1928 at 11.30 a.m., in New Ross Courthouse.

Wexford: Saturday, 24th March, 1928, at 11 o'clock a.m., in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford.

CINEMATOGRAPH ACT 1909.

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

"That the following be appointed Inspectors of Wexford County Council under Cinematograph Act 1909:-

Sergt Jos. Nevin (2913) Castlebridge Sub District; Sergt.

Eugene Tangney (3979) Clonevan Sub District; Sergt Edward

Walsh (2948) Courtown Harbour Sub District and Sergt. J. Riordan (4405) Ferns Sub District.

ELECTRIC WIRES ACROSS ROAD.

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Canon Sheil, D.P., Bree, applied for permission to erect wires for electric light installation to his house across the road leading from main road to Bree Hill. The wires would not interfere with traffic in any way as they would be 30 feet above the ground.

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

"That permission be given to Canon Sheil, P.P., Bree to erect electric standards over the public road at Bree Church provided the poles are placed in positions approved of by the County Surveyor and that Canon Sheil furnishes an indemnity that the County Council are not to be responsible for any accident which may arise in connection with said poles".

POULMARLE QUARRY.

Under date 15th February, 1928, Fannie Murphy, Taghmon, wrote asking for compensation for work carried out at Poulmarle Quarry which she said had been left in a very dangerous condition when abandoned by the County Council. The two gardens at the place were totally wrecked. She had to get dangerous holes filled and had to pay a man to make up the ditches.

Under date 24th February, 1928, the County Surveyor presented report from Mr. John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, that Miss Murphy was entitled to some compensation. At the time the quarry was being worked the Co. Council levelled part of the road fence and put up a wooden gate. The posts and gate were afterwards stolen and the place was left a commons. Miss Murphy had made up the gap with stones and clay and had also erected a paling about fifteen yards long where the fence was broken when the Co. Council were working the quarry. He. (Mr. Kehoe) thought if the Council gave Miss Murphy £1 or 25/- ~~she~~ she would be quite satisfied.

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

"That Miss Fanny Murphy be offered 25/- compensation for work at fencing of Poulmarle Quarry."

ROAD AT BALLYMACAR BRIDGE.

A memorial was received from 12 Ratepayers complaining that the road between Ballymacar Bridge, Rochestown Cross and Ballylane

road, now in the hands of the County Council, was in a scandalous condition and asking that it should be put into at least some sort of passable repair. Being ratepayers they considered they would be justified in withholding rates until this road was put into proper repair.

The County Surveyor pointed out that all the money available for his road had been expended and that he had found it necessary to carry out a good deal of drainage in connection with it. He would, however, proceed to put it into as good repair as possible immediately after 1st April.

It was decided that the Secretary explain to Mr. Jeffares the position with regard to this road and point out that repairs would be effected as from 1st April next. Also that the Council would not countenance any threat on the part of ratepayers to withhold payment of their rates in the circumstances.

PROPOSED GARAGE AT COOLGREANEY.

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The County Surveyor submitted application from Patrick S. Treacy, for vacant plot of ground on the lower side of the ball alley at Coolgreaney on which to build a garage.

A communication under date 7th February, 1928, was submitted from Miss Anastasia Somers, Coolgreaney, objecting to the granting of Mr. Tracey's application on the ground that the title to the piece of ground was in dispute. This site she believed was in former years attached to her house and the erection of proposed garage would considerably reduce the value of her premises and would obscure the view at this particular place.

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

"That the application of Patrick Treacy, Coolgreaney, for plot of ground at ball alley be refused".

COMPLAINT OF ROAD CONTRACTOR.

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James Kenny, Effernogue, Ferns, wrote complaining that on

contract for road 152E he was paid only £5: 7: 6d instead of £11: 5: 0d according to his claim.

Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, dealt with the figures of the contract, after which the meeting arrived at the conclusion that Mr. Kenny had been paid the amount legally due to him.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Cline and carried:-

"That the Minutes of Roads' Committee in respect of meeting of February 25th, 1928, be received and considered"
Purchase of Motor Lorry.

In connection with this matter the County Surveyor submitted copy of letter received by the Enniscorthy Motor Co., from Messrs Henry Ford and Co., Cork, under date 9th March, 1928.

In this communication it was pointed out that while unable to give any definite delivery date for lorries they had no doubt that in a fortnight or three weeks time, some further evidence would be forthcoming which would allow them to give more definite details as to delivery.

In reply to Colonel Quin, the County Surveyor stated that the present arrangement of hiring of a motor car from the Enniscorthy Co-Operative Society meant that it would cost the Council £10 more per month than would be the case if they had their own lorry in use.

After considerable discussion, the following resolution was proposed by Colonel Quin and seconded by Mr. Thorpe:-

"That the question of purchase of a motor lorry be left to the discretion of the County Surveyor".

As an amendment, Mr. Sean O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hayes seconded the following:-

"That the question of purchasing new motor lorry be deferred until a more definite reply has been received from Messrs Ford relative to date of delivery of lorries".

On a show of hands, seven members were found to be in favour of the amendment and six against.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

On being put as a substantive motion it passed nem.con., and the question of purchasing lorry was therefore adjourned.

Manner of Road Maintenance.

Colonel Gibbon suggested that a small Committee of three or four should be appointed to consider the report which would be submitted by Mr. Raftery to the Roads' Committee.

The Chairman proposed that the matter be adjourned without discussion to the Roads' Committee meeting at which Mr. Raftery's report will be produced.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded the motion which was adopted.

Main Roads Improvement

In connection with letter from the Local Government Department under date 22nd February, 1928 (SGE/201), the County Surveyor submitted for the approval of the Committee the following roads for tarring:-

- T.7 Arklow Boundary to Gorey 1433 perches.
- T.7 Gorey to Camolin 771 perches.
- T.7 Camolin to Scarawalsh 1815 perches.
- T.16 Scarawalsh to Bunclody 560 perches.
- T.7 Clonroche to Palace 864 perches.
- T.7 Palace to New Ross 2232 perches.
- T.12 Poulpeasty to Raheenvarren 1151 perches.
- T.12 Ferrycarrig to Knockeen 864 perches.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne proposed and Mr. P. Byrne seconded:-

"That we approve of the recommendations of the County Surveyor submitted to this meeting for tarring work in connection with main roads"

Colonel Gibbon, Mr. Corish and other Wexford representatives called attention to the fact that only a very small amount of work of this description was being carried out in Wexford district.

The road between Wexford Urban boundary and Kerlogue quarry was in a very bad condition owing to the amount of haulage from Kerlogue quarry in order to reconstruct cement road between Ferrycarrig and Enniscorthy.

When proposals for this work were under consideration, a promise was definitely given that any damage done to the Wexford

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Kerlogue road on account of extra haulage would be made good. Several proposals as to the tarring of the portion of this road which had suffered excessive injury through haulage were made but withdrawn.

Finally the following resolution was submitted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Gaul:- "That special representation be made to the Minister for Local Government with reference to the great necessity existing for a Tourist Grant to put the road from Wexford to Rosslare in decent condition. As it stands no tourist could be expected to travel over it and unless something be done to prepare it for the Tourist Season, its condition must militate very considerably against this desirable form of traffic. We consider the Tourist Association and also the local branch at Rosslare should press the Ministry relative to obtaining such a grant. Further that a sum of £250 be allocated from the Grant mentioned in letter of Local Government Department of 22nd February, 1928 (SGE/201) for the purpose of tarring the portion of this road between Wexford and Kerlogue".

This resolution was adopted.

The resolution of Mr. Sean O'Byrne as to the approval of the recommendations of the County Surveyor was also adopted.

Site of Courthouse.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, submitted the following letter from Messrs O'Keeffe and Lynch, Solicitors, 30, Molesworth Street, Dublin, acting on behalf of Capt. Redmond:-

"We have your letter of the 3rd instant, but we do not think Capt. Redmond would be prepared to sell on the terms mentioned in your letter. Apart from this, however, it would not be possible to convey the premises to the County Council free of rent, as this would involve our client having to buy up superior interests which would involve him in considerable costs".

In forwarding this letter, Mr. Elgee pointed out that he had suggested sixteen or eighteen years' purchase as the correct

figure for the purchase money. In view of Messrs O'Keeffe and Lynch's reply he did not see what was to be gained by the County Council purchasing out Capt. Redmond's interest if they were to be subject to further rent in connection with the premises

Colonel Quin proposed and Mr. Murphy seconded the following:-

"That the resolution of the Roads' Committee offering to purchase the interest of the Trustees of the Hungerford and Redmond Estates in Wexford Courthouse together with copy of correspondence of Messrs Elgee and O'Keeffe & Lynch be forwarded to the Minister for Finance for his information".

Passed.

Mr. Thorpe proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following:-

"That the County Council are prepared to ear-mark £3600 from the Compensation Award in respect of Wexford Courthouse and which represents 20 years' purchase of the ground rent of the Redmond and Hungerford Estates in respect of this Courthouse, in order to buy out the interests of said Estates, this offer to be subject to the owners being able to prove title".

After discussion, a show of hands was taken and nine members were found in favour of the proposal and seven against.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

Suggested Establishment of Circuit Courts.

In connection with this matter, the following report of the Deputation to the Minister of Justice was read and approved:-

"On the 29th February, 1928, the following deputation waited on the Minister for Justice at Government Buildings in connection with the proposed re-establishment of Circuit Courts in the four town of the County:- Colonel Quin Messrs J. E. Walsh and N. J. Frizelle, Secretary.

"The proceedings were private but the matter was discussed in all its phases for close on an hour.

The Minister pointed out there was a mistaken idea in many people's minds as to Circuit Courts corresponding in jurisdiction etc., with the old County Courts.

As a matter of fact the Circuit Court was more a successor to the High Court while a good deal of work which was formerly done at Quarter Sessions was now carried out by the District Court.

The selection of one Circuit Court for County Wexford had been adopted by the Rule Making Committee for these Courts.

The Deputation pointed out they had carefully considered the letter which the Minister had forwarded to Alderman Corish T.D., dealing with request of New Ross Urban Council for the re-establishment of Circuit Courts in the four towns. The Deputation held that, notwithstanding the various points put forward, it was not possible to get over the real fact of the great public inconvenience to Jurors and litigants by having Circuit Courts in one town only.

They did not believe that the question of transferring the books of County Registrar from Wexford to other towns should present any insuperable difficulty.

As regards the question of accommodation the four towns now had first class accommodation - superior to that which obtained in the days of the old quarter sessions.

After further discussion with the Minister it was suggested, as an experiment, that every alternate Circuit Court be held in Wexford the other Courts to be held in each of the other towns in rotation, this arrangement to be operative say for two years which would furnish a test as to accommodation and suitability of the three smaller towns for the holding of Circuit Courts.

The Minister said he would give the suggestion his close consideration.

Before withdrawing the Deputation expressed their thanks to the Minister for the very full and frank discussion which had taken place in the matter."

The following resolution was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Clince and adopted:-

"That the report of the Deputation to the Minister for

Justice as to the re-establishment of Circuit Courts in this County be received and approved".

Castlebridge Road.

It was proposed by Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Hayes and adopted:-

"That the statement of the County Surveyor as to the wretched condition of portion of the road adjoining the village of Castlebridge be forwarded to the Department of Local Government with a special request that the Minister furnish the necessary grant for the purpose of improving this road in order to obviate flooding".

Mr. Sean O'Byrne proposed, and Colonel Quin seconded, the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the Minutes of the Roads' Committee in respect of meeting of the 25th February, 1928, be and are hereby confirmed subject to any resolution or proposal adopted at this meeting altering or amending same".

ENNISCORTHY POUND.
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Mr. Shannon mentioned that he had received a communication from the Pound Keeper at Enniscorthy relative to money which he found was due to him by the Council.

Mr. Shannon proposed that the Secretary write to Enniscorthy Pound Keeper that in the opinion of Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, the Council were not liable for any payment to him in connection with his work.

Mr. Clince seconded.

Colonel Gibbon opposed the adoption of the motion on the ground that the meeting should have an application from the Pound keeper before dealing with the matter.

Mr. Elgee mentioned that the Council had ruled on this question some years ago and decided on his advice that they were not liable to any payment to the pound keeper.

After some further discussion it was decided that copy of

Council's decision be forwarded to the Pound keeper for his information.

BLASTING WORK AT QUARRIES.

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Under date 8th March, 1928, the County Surveyor wrote:-

"Under the present arrangements we cannot properly carry out large blasts in our quarries. The Military having been withdrawn from Wexford we are now permitted only to transport, in charge of the Civic Guards, a quantity of gelignite not exceeding 100 lbs. Now in our large quarries we require for blasting anything from 300 to 500 lbs, and consequently, these large blasts are now impossible. Even if we fire off a 100 lb blast on say four consecutive days we would find the work most unsatisfactory as the smaller shots would undoubtedly so shake the rock as to make the later blasts inefficient, and in some cases useless. I think that representations should be made to the Authorities so that we may be enabled to carry our large blasts. ".

It was decided that copy of this letter be furnished to Messrs Jordan and Corish, T.D.'s who are members of this Council, and that they be requested to make some arrangements by which blasting operations can be so managed that work in quarries can be economically carried out.

CORRAMACORRA ROAD.

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Colonel Gibbon moved the resolution set out in Minutes of the County Council of 13th February, 1928, relative to taking over Corramacorra Road as a public road.

Mr. Hayes seconded.

The County Surveyor stated that the full amount of work agreed to by the local people had not been carried out.

Mr. Hayes contended that this had been done.

It was decided that the matter be adjourned to next meeting and in the meantime that the County Surveyor inspect the work which had been done and report to the Roads' Committee.

MONASOOTH LANE.

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In connection with the proposal of Mr. Sean O'Byrne to take over this lane as a public road and which was set out in Minutes of County Council meeting of February, 13th, 1928, the County Surveyor stated he was not in a position to give a certificate that all the work arranged for by the local people had been carried out and after discussion it was decided that the matter be adjourned to next meeting of the Council.

TENDERS FOR ROADS.

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

"That the Roads' Committee, on behalf of this Council, be empowered to confirm or reject contracts for roads accepted by the various Tenders Committees".

ROAD GRANTS.

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The Secretary reported that since last meeting of the Council £200 had been received from the Department of Local Government, being portion of the £2,000 grant for the improvement of Tourist roads.

TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROAD 126W.

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Under date 23rd February, 1928, Sealed Order from the Minister for Local Government was received relative to the temporary closing of Road 126W, between the railway bridge at Ferrycarrig and the turn at Ballyboggan quarry, for the purpose of the reconstruction of the bridge thereon, the Order to operate up to and including 31st March, 1928.

HIRE OF MACHINES.

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Under date 24th February, 1928, the following letter to the County Surveyor was read from Mr. J. Quigley, Chief Engineer, Roads' Branch of the Local Government Department:-

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"A very great diversity exists in the charges made for the use of plant such as steam rollers, crushers etc.

For all such plant which is the property of the County Council an annual account should be rendered showing the number of days worked and the money earned by each unit. This is done in several Counties at present but in others it is nearly impossible to arrive at the cost of each individual plant. Instructions on these points have been issued in our circular of 17th June, 1927, and Articles 59 and 60 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, are fairly explicit.

Please note that from the 17th proximo I will not certify for any higher rates than the following on any works being carried out under grants, viz:-

45/- per day for steam roller
60/- per day for stone crusher and engine.

These charges must cover all cost of maintenance, coal, oil, wages of driver and attendant (if any) etc., The Day shall average not less than 8 hours working time.

The charge being made in several Counties at the moment is less than the maximum charges now fixed, therefore, no change need be made in these cases. My object is to create some uniformity and to prevent quite excessive charges being made in some cases.

The hire charges for spraying, boring and other plants must also be kept within reasonable limits."

The meeting considered the advisability of adjourning this communication without discussion until a written report had been received from Mr. Raftery as to the condition of roads etc., referred to by him at the meeting of the Roads' Committee of the 25th February, 1928, but after some consideration the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by the Chairman:-

"That it be pointed out to Mr. Quigley, Chief Engineer, Roads' Branch, Department of Local Government, by the County Surveyor that the charges for steam-rollers, stonebreakers and

engines are divided up amongst a number of headings and in view of this we would request Mr. Quigley to supply the Council with the headings under which his charges for employment of these machines have been arrived at in order that some comparison could be instituted when the matter is again before the Council"

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE.
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Order No.65 from the Department setting out areas for restriction for movement of animals etc., in connection with the outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease was read for the meeting.

GREAT SOUTHERN RAILWAYS (MISCELLANEOUS PROPOSALS) BILL 1928.
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The County Surveyor submitted circular letter from Mr. Quigley, Chief Engineer Roads' Branch, Department of Local Government, as to clause 9 of the above Bill dealing with level crossings.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, be requested to examine this Bill and report to the Council how it may affect their interests if passed in its present form.

PROPOSED SALE OF LABOURERS' COTTAGES.
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Under date 2nd March,1928, the Secretary, County Board of Health forwarded extracts from Minutes of meeting of his body held on the 16th February,1928, sanctioning a scheme of proposed sale of labourers' cottages to occupants.

It was decided that the matter be adjourned to next meeting of the Council and that a copy of the extract from Minutes of the County Board of Health be circulated to each member of the Council with the agenda paper for next meeting.

MEETING OF GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS.
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Under date 22nd February,1928, the Secretary to the County Councils' General Council wrote that the meeting originally fixed for February had been deferred and due notice of the new date would be furnished as soon as possible.

COUNTY WEXFORD REPUBLICAN MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.
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Under date 25th February, 1928, letter was read from Mr. Patrick Connick, Secretary of above Committee, inviting the Council "to select representatives to take part in procession to Crosstown Cometry on Easter Sunday, April 8th, for the unveiling of a Memorial to be erected in memory of all County Wexford men who fell in the fight for Irish independence from 1916".

NO Order.

DERELICT FARMS.
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Under date 20th February, 1928, letter (9261/1928) was read from the Irish Land Commission acknowledging the resolution of the Council on the subject of arrears of annuities and rates on derelict farms.

ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH
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Invitations were received from the city of Dublin local Committee as to the appointment of delegates to Conference of above to be held in Dublin in August.

No action was taken.
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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

MEETING APRIL 10TH 1928.

MINUTES.

N. J. FRIZELLE

FORTVIEW

SECRETARY

WEXFORD.

The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 10th April 1928.

Present; - Mr Thomas McCarthy (Chairman) presiding, Also; - Messrs Wm Boggan, James Cline, P. Colfer, J. Connors, Thos Cooney, R. Corish, M. Doyle, James Gaul, Col Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, D. Kavanagh, Sean O'Byrne, M. M. O'Donoghue, John Pender, Col Quin, Thomas Rossiter, Jas Shannon, William Thorpe, James E. Walsh and John Whyte.

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.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEES.

Finance

The following Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 15th March 1928 were submitted; -

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on Thursday, 15th March, 1928.

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

The County Surveyor and Assistant Secretary were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £6127: 15: 7d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

The state of Rate Collection was considered. The outstanding amount on first moiety of 1928 rate was £4938: 15: 8d and on second moiety £4371: 16: 6d: Total £48650: 12: 2d.

The percentage of second moiety lodged by each Collector was as follows:- E. J. Murphy 59.12; P. Furlong 47.55; B. Cleary 44.72 J. Curtis 42.39; Thomas Rowe 41.86; J. Quirke (No.1) 41.07; C. McCarthy 37.80; M. Deegan 36.96; S. Gammon 35.60; J.J.O'Reilly 34.42; J. Doyle 33.61; P. Fitzpatrick 33.15; T. Sutton 30.83; J. J. Kelly 30.73; J. Cummins 30.23; J. Quirke (No.3) 29.65; M. M. Kelly 27.31; J. J. Sinnott 25.90; P. O'Byrne 24.67; W. Cummins 23.63; P. Donohoe 20.95.

The Chairman stated that area of restrictions on the movement of cattle was being reduced in a few days and in consequence Enniscorthy fair would be held on Tuesday 20th March. It was decided that Collectors in Enniscorthy area be urged to expedite the Collections now that fairs in their area are being resumed.

APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR KILMALLOCK DRAINAGE RATE.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Patrick Hayes, that Mr. J. J. Kelly, Rate Collector, be

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appointed to collect Kilmallock Drainage Rate and arrears.

COMMITTALS TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.
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The following notifications regarding proposals to have children committed to Industrial Schools were submitted:-
Sergt. Denis Cahill, Blackwater:- Committal of James Hall child of Mrs Ellen Hall, Monarrig, Blackwater.

P. J. Gregory, District Court Clerk^{Wexford}:- Committal of Jane and Catherine Wickham, Rosslare.

Denis Corish, District Court Clerk, New Ross:- (1) Committal of two children named Connick residing in New Ross, aged $2\frac{3}{4}$ years and $4\frac{5}{12}$; (2) Committal of Catherine Kinsella, daughter of Thomas Kinsella of Cushinstown; (3) Committal of four children of John Hanlon, Old Ross: childrens ages $12\frac{1}{2}$ years; $10\frac{1}{2}$ years; 9 years and 8 years.

It was decided that Superintendent of Civic Guard Enniscorthy be notified that County Council should receive seven days notice of application for committal of children to Industrial School. In the case of child James Hall, Monarrig, the Council received only one day's notice.

It was further decided that Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, be instructed to oppose application for committal to Industrial School of children of John Hanlon, Old Ross, unless it is proved that the father is not in a position to arrange for their upbringing. That in the event of their committal being decided upon application be made to have a weekly sum of 2/- per week for each ~~head~~ child towards their maintenance paid by the father while in employment.

That in view of the great increase in the sum payable by the County Council to Industrial Schools owing to the number of children sent to these Institutions increasing every we instruct our Solicitor, Mr. Elgee, to consult nearest County Councillor and County Superintendent of Home Help regarding each application for committal and to oppose all cases in which the parent or parents could arrange for the childrens upbringing.

That application be made to the Court for an Order directing the father of children comitted to make a contribution towards their maintenance when he is in a position to do so.

DUPLICATE PAYING ORDER.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Thorpe, that duplicate Paying Order be issued to Mr. M. J. Whelan, Enniscorthy, for Paying Order No.3994 (Subsidiary Account): amount £6: 8: 4d, which had been lest by Mr. Whelan..

MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIM THOMAS AND VINCENT O'HANLON.

Report from Superintendent Robert Downey regarding malicious Injury application of Thomas and Vincent O'Hanlon for £100 for injury to lorry was read.

It was decided that report be furnished to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, and that he be instructed to oppose claim and to arrange for a mechanic to give evidence on behalf of the Council as to value etc.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP.

Mr. Thomas F. White, holder of University Scholarship, forwarded certificate from Dr. L. Masterson that he wa's suffering from Laryngitis and Catarrh and would be unable to attend his studies for six months.

COUNTY COUNCIL INSURANCES.

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, that existing arrangements for Workmens Compensation and Public Liability Policies which fall due for renewal on 31st March, continue for next financial year.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Col Quin;-

" That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 15th March 1928 be and are hereby confirmed."

The following Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 29th March 1928 were submitted;-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held on 29th March, 1928, in County Council Chamber.

Present:- Mr. Thomas McCarthy (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs Wm. Thorpe, Sean O'Byrne and P. Hayes.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £9536: 7: 11d was examined and signed .

RATE COLLECTION.

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The state of Rate Collection was submitted. The following shows percentage of warrant for second moiety collected up to 29th March, 1928:-

E. J. Murphy 74 per cent; J. Curtis 54; P. Furlong 53;
T. Rowe 53; J. Quirke 50; B. Cleary 50; M. Deegan 45; S. Gannon
44; J. Cummins 40; P. Fitzpatrick 39; ^{C. McCarthy 39;} M. Kelly 39; P. O'Byrne
39; J. Doyle 37; T. Sutton 37; ^{J. Quirke (No. 3) 36;} J. J. O'Reilly 36; J. J. Kelly 35;
J. J. Sinnott 34; W. Cummins 31; P. Donohoe 25.

Amount of arrears was also considered in the case of each Collector.

A resolution was adopted that the Finance Committee are of opinion that the following Collectors should have made greater progress with their Collections:- Messrs P. Donohoe; Sutton; O'Byrne; W. Cummins; J. J. O'Reilly; J. J. Kelly and J. J. Sinnott. The Collections in these districts when compared with those in much poorer districts leave a great deal to be desired. We expect very substantial lodgments to be made by these Collectors before next meeting of the Finance Committee.

That as regards arrears of Rates the Finance Committee direct Collectors who have over £100 outstanding on any of the rates made for years 1923; 1924; 1925; 1926 or 1927 to furnish a complete list of all items in respect of rates for said years which

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have not been collected and attend the next meeting of the Finance Committee in order that these items may be examined and considered.

In connection with letter of 6th July, 1925, from Local Government Department (G.31304-1925) sanctioning the appointment of Mr. Sean Gannon as temporary Rate Collector the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman:-

"That we recommend the County Council to appoint Mr. Sean Gannon as permanent Collector for No.10 Collection District and request Local Government Department to sanction permanent appointment in this case"

In connection with letter of 27th March, 1926 (G.12771-1926) from Local Government Department sanctioning the temporary appointment of Mr. John Doyle as Rate Collector the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman:-

"That we recommend the County Council to appoint Mr. John Doyle as permanent Rate Collector for No.19 Collection District and request Local Government Department to sanction permanent appointment in this case"

COUNTY PRINTING FOR YEAR.
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The following Tenders for printing for Co. Offices for 1928-29 were received:-

"Free Press"	£122 : 5 : 0d
"The Echo"	£111 : 18 : 0d
"The People"	£103 : 9 : 6d.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hayes:- "That the tender of "The People" newspaper for printing for County Offices for 1928-29 at £103: 9: 6d be and is hereby accepted"

PRINTING RATE COLLECTORS' RECEIPT AND DEMAND NOTE BOOKS.
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Tenders for the above were received from the "Free Press" at £29 ©WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL ARCHIVES

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Thorpe:- "That the tender of "The Free Press" newspaper at £29 for printing Rate Collectors' Receipt and Demand Note Books be and is hereby accepted"

KILLENAGH DISPENSARY.
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Under date 23rd March, 1928, letter was read from the Secretary, County Board of Health, applying for the consent of the County Council, under Local Government Act 1927, to the borrowing of £190 for the purpose of building new dispensary; at Killenagh the repayment of loan to be charged on the County.

Mr. O'Byrne gave the necessary notice of motion to allow of the matter being considered at the May meeting of the County Council.

INSURANCE POLICIES.
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Under date 26th March, 1928, the following letter (7537) was read from Messrs McDonagh & Boland, Insurance Brokers, 51, Dame Street, Dublin:-

"We enclose herewith Renewal Notice in respect of the Employer's Liability Policy due on the 31st instant. The premium, you will observe, shows a slight reduction on last years.

"Regarding the Public Liability Policy we regret that owing to the Claims Experience over a number of years past the Hibernian Company are not prepared to invite renewal at the existing premium and suggest the issuing of a new policy at a premium of £65. The existing premium is £36: 9: 0d and last year the claims paid and estimated came to £48: 9: 9d. In previous years also the claims were higher than the premiums, so that an increase in the rate is justified"

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

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Hibernian Insurance Co can arrange to have Employers Liability and Public Liability Insurance Policies renewed on the same terms as last year our Secretary be instructed to have these insurances arranged for in another Company and through the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

COPYING DEMAND NOTES
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A quotation for printing and preparation of Collectors' Receipt and Demand Notes at £231 from Mr. R. A. Foley, Manager, Underwood Typewriter Co., was received.

The Secretary stated that existing method of preparing Receipt and Demand Notes worked out cheaper than the quotation of Underwood Company and in consequence no action was taken.

SANCTION TO ADDITIONAL OVERDRAFT.
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Under date 12th March, 1928, the Department of Local Government & Public Health wrote (G.16379-1928 Loch Garman Fa.) sanctioning additional overdraft with Treasurer of £12,000 as from 15th March, 1928.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CHILDREN.
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Under date 23rd March, 1928, the Department of Education Industrial Schools Branch wrote (R & I.37) enclosing lists giving particulars as regards ex-pupils placed out in recent years from the Industrial Schools to which the great majority of Co. Wexford children are committed.

The Schools dealt with were;- St. Michael's Wexford; St. Aidan's New Ross; Artane; Clonmel; and Waterford.

The reports were in all cases satisfactory.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Col Quin;-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 29th March 1928 be and are hereby confirmed."

Roads Committee.

The following Minutes of Roads Committee in respect of meeting held on 29th March 1928 were submitted;-

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The monthly meeting of the Roads' Committee of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 26th March, 1928.

Mr. Thomas McCarthy, Chairman (presiding) also:- Messrs W. Boggan, P. Colfer, Colonel Gibbon, James Hall, Sean O'Byrne, Colonel Quin and James Shannon.

The Secretary, the Assistant 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.
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The following report for month was submitted by the County Surveyor:-

"As directed by the Council I made inspection of the Borramacorra road on the 20th instant, and met Mr. Hayes, M.C.C., on the ground. There has been a good deal of work done: sides have been cleaned off for almost the entire length, and proper drainage channels and out-lets prepared. The bad slump holes and depressions in surface of the road have, to a large extent, been made up with rubble stone. It would take a comparatively small amount of work to complete job to be done by the local people. There is a short length at the lower end of which has not yet been touched, and there are three short lengths of side cleaning and channels not done. Moreover, some of the rubble stone will require breaking as it is too large, and probably a little extra will be required in a few places.

"On the 21st instant the Committee appointed by the Council visited Corragh Lane above Bunclody, and made thorough inspection. If any work be undertaken there it must be thorough, as otherwise the money will be wasted. I estimate that the very least figure at which work can be done will be £500, and special provision must be made for this if the work is to be undertaken, as it will not be reasonable to curtail the expenditure on existing roads to cover this new work.

"On the 22nd instant the Committee appointed by the Council

made inspection of Barraglan Lane. Only about half the length of this road is in existence, and to complete - from County Road to County Road - will entail making a new road. At the very lowest estimate the entire work will cost about £1100 to £1200 and the remarks in regard to the Corragh Lane apply also to this in regard to the financing.

"I have directed Mr. Treanor to furnish report on the work done to date by the local people on the Monasootha Lane, and this I shall have for the meeting.

"On the 22nd instant in company with Messrs Hall and J. O'Byrne I inspected Gorey Hill Quarry and the adjoining premises belonging to Miss Palmer which were reported to have been damaged by recent blast. The damage, if any, is trifling, and I submit report from Mr. Treanor covering the matter.

"I recently wrote to Mr. Quigley, Chief Engineer, Roads' Department, inquiring about distribution of money on Grants for the coming year. I made particular reference to the completion of the side filling on the Enniscorthy-Wexford Concrete road and also the replacement to the current year's Grant of the amount taken from the Enniscorthy Urban. Mr. Quigley informs me that there will be no further distribution of money during the year, and some steps must be taken to deal with both these jobs.

"On the 19th instant, after heavy rain, and during rain fall, I made an inspection of the drainage of the concrete road. In a few places, that have not yet been reached with the side filling and channel work, there was some lodgment of water. Near Edermine at two gateways water came out of the fields and the owner has been notified to abate this nuisance. At the Mill near Brownswood and the adjoining slope, and, also, at Blackcastle Lane the drainage was in perfect order. These were the places that were formerly complained of. I gave instructions to the Ganger in charge regarding such further work that may be necessary along length of the road, and am quite satisfied that when we have completed our work that the drainage will be in perfect working order. On the 21st instant after the

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extremely heavy rain, and during the flooded period, I was again over the road. Inside, and adjoining Enniscorthy Urban area the river completely drowned the road, but in no place where we had completed our work was there any flooding.

"It will be necessary for the Committee to consider the question of charge, and hire rate for the machinery and quarry material, and I shall submit figure at the meeting. In Mr. Quigley's letter of the 24th ultimo, he stated he will not certify beyond certain figures for hire of machinery on Grant work, and these do not appear to cover the charges set out in the Public Bodies Order. I have written to Mr. Quigley asking for further information.

"As directed by the Council I wrote to the Ford Company with reference to the supply of lorry and submit copy of their reply. I think the Council must now decide in regard to the purchase of the lorry, as the present system is most unsatisfactory.

"I have received, from the Minister of Local Government, letter regarding large blasts. As far as it goes it is satisfactory, but the question of the erection of magazine must be now decided.

"I have to report a split on the road No. 11W, between Ardcanrisk and Larkin's Cross. In this case the side of the road has fallen away, and I estimate that large expenditure will be necessary to make good. At Rosslare the Sea-bank beyond Coast Guard Station has partly slipped, and I am warning off heavy traffic, and having the place lighted at night. The proposals recently passed by the Council provide a sum of £300 for work at this place, but nothing at present can be done. In the event of the road being actually damaged I shall close it to all traffic. At Ferrycarrig there is also a fall of the rock partially blocking the road. At this place I have warning notice up and lights at night. I am keeping road open.

"I ask for authority to purchase a number of first aid cabinets to be with the machinery when working in quarries. This is

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necessary under the Quarries Act.

"The recent extremely bad rain fall during the fortnight has caused damage to a number of roads. In fact, in many cases, they are so softened that they are cut up with the traffic, and little can be done at the present.

"During the week Tendering Committees met in the four towns and dealt with the fourth class road Contracts."

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

"That the report of the County Surveyor be received and considered:-

Corramacorra Road.

Colonel Gibbon proposed that in reference in County Surveyor's Report relative to Corramacorra Road be furnished Mr. P. Hayes, M.C.C., for his information and that the County Surveyor and Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, visit the place a day or so before next meeting of the County Council in order to ascertain exactly the amount of work carried out by the local people.

Colonel Quin seconded the resolution which was adopted.

The County Surveyor said the amount of work not dealt with did not amount to much.

Mr. Boggan - The local people have done an enormous amount of work.

County Surveyor - The drainage - except for two short lengths - has been excellently done.

Corragh Lane.

The County Surveyor stated that Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, had gone into this matter in more detail than was possible on the day when the Sub Committee inspected the place and he had made out an estimate for £700, after carefully measuring up the amount of work.

Colonel Quin proposed:- "That the question of taking over the Corragh (Bunclody) road referred to in report of County

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Surveyor to this meeting be adjourned until November next when all applications of this nature will be considered by the Council".

Mr. Hall seconded the resolution which was adopted.

Barraglan Lane.

Mr. O'Byrne was afraid that the benefit to be derived by the local people concerned in this case would not be commensurate with the amount which the County Surveyor had estimated for the reconstruction of the road.

Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. O'Byrne, seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the question of taking over Barraglan Lane as a public road be adjourned to November meeting of the County Council!"

Monasootha Lane.

The following report was submitted from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor:-

"The work undertaken by residents on above has not yet been completed. I will make inspection at an early date when if work as promised found to be satisfactorily carried out, I will arrange for delivery of broken stone from Clologue Quarry. I intend to use only a small quantity at present for repairs to places where badly tracked and reserve the major portion for Winter work."

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

"That the question of taking over Monasootha Lane as a Contract road be adjourned to next meeting of the County Council."
Gorey Hill Quarry.

The County Surveyor stated that Messrs Hall and O'Byrne had seen the place with himself and Mr. Treanor as Miss Palmer had complained to Mr. Hall. The damage they saw was trifling.

The following was submitted from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor:-

"Yours of 14th instant re above. The blast referred to was

the sending off of a charge which misfired when large blast carried out. The Ganger sent a man (P. Allen) to road to warn and would have sent a special warning to Miss Palmer but for the fact that her brother who was ploughing in field at quarry left work to go to house and believing that he was aware that blast was about to be done and that he would so inform Miss Palmer, no special warning was given her.

"I made inspection of house same evening and except for about six slates slightly chipped at corners, I could not see that any damage was done. I sent Mr. Willoughby, Contractor, Gorey, to look at roof that evening to let me have estimate. She (Miss Palmer) would not allow him to examine it. I also instructed Messrs Doyle and Byrne, Contractors, to visit place but up to present have not heard from them.

"I will further report sending you estimate when I get same from Doyle and Byrne"

The following was submitted from Patrick Ryan, Road Ganger:-

"I was working in Gorey-Hill quarry on March 7th and came on a charge that had missed fire. I reported it to Mr. Treanor on the morning of March 8th. He instructed me to get what loose stones I could from around the hole, and that he, who was going to carry on blasting operations in Clologue Quarry on that day, would get back to Gorey Hill Quarry if possible between 12 and 1 p.m., when a man (Mr. Palmer) who was ploughing in a field adjacent had gone to his dinner.

I got all the loose and shaken rock from about the hole, and withdrew the most of the original charge.

Mr. Treanor had not turned up at the appointed time so I decided to let it go as everything seemed safe.

I cleared all men out of the quarry and posted them all round the quarry. I also sent two men down to the road to warn all traffic, or anybody within sight. I then lit the fuse and let it go and it did not do anybody any harm as far as I could see. After

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the explosion I sent men to pick up all loose stones in the adjoining fields."

The following statement was read from Patrick Allen:-

"I was engaged in Gorey Hill Quarry on 8th March, date when blast was carried out and was sent by ganger, Patrick Ryan, to warn people coming from Craanford direction towards quarry. I was on road about five minutes before blast took place and during that time only one man with white horse and cart passed and I told him blast was about to take place. He passed on and was well away in direction of Craanford when explosion occurred. I did not see Robert Palmer from the time I arrived on road and he could not have crossed road without being seen by me.

"I was standing on road about sixty yards from Miss Palmer's premises and did not hear any stones striking slates or iron roofs".

The following under date 26th March, 1928, was read from Messrs Huggard Brennan and Godfrey, Solicitors:-

"Miss Palmer of Gorey Hill was with us to-day and we rang up and asked if we could have an interview with the County Council with reference to her case, and we were informed that no appointment had been made.

"The position of affairs, so far as Miss Palmer is concerned, has become intolerable owing to the quarrying operations of the County Council on Gorey Hill.

"There is not a blast made in the quarry that some of the material is not thrown into Miss Palmer's land, and some of the County Council's men have to go in to take it off, and recently some of the stones thrown by the blast landed on her house and did considerable damage to the roof and also ^{to} the roofs of the outoffices.

"This was, we understand, seen by some of the County Council's staff.

"The position of affairs is that our client's life and property are in considerable danger, and we are now about instituting proceedings against the County Council for the damage they have done

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and also for an injunction to restrain/^{them}from further operations in this particular quarry.

Will You please let us hear if your Solicitor will accept service".

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:-

"That Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, be instructed to accept service of writ to be served by Messrs Huggard Brennan and Godfrey, on behalf of Miss Palmer, Gorey Hill, and to defend any proceedings taken by her against the County Council!"

Side Filling Wexford-Enniscorthy Road.

The County Surveyor stated that he had received the following letter from Mr. Quigley, Chief Engineer, (Roads), under date 15th March, 1928.:-

"In reply to yours of the 3rd March re above I am quite certain there will be no further distribution of money to Co. Wexford, or, in fact, to any other County.

"We must, therefore, adjust our programme to the money available but I will go into this with you later on."

Colonel Gibbon said it was always understood by the County Council that sufficient amount of grant would be forthcoming to complete the work of side filling on Wexford-Enniscorthy road.

Mr. O'Byrne said that Mr. Quigley, Chief Engineer Roads' Section of Department of Local Government, made a definite statement that the entire work on this road would not cost the Council anything. This should be pointed out to the Department and also the statement made at meetings that the cost of side filling would be met by Government Grant. The County Council had not provided any money to cover the cost of side filling as they were fully certain that it would be provided from State funds.

Mr. Hall proposed and Colonel Quin seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem. con.:- "That the Minister for Local Government be requested to receive a deputation from the Wexford County Council in reference to provision of State grant to

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cover the cost of side filling of Wexford-Enniscorthy Concrete road.

It was decided that the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Mr. M. Doyle, with the County Surveyor, be appointed on the deputation; Also that the five T.D's of the County be asked to introduce and help the deputation.

Hire of Machinery.

The following is copy of letter from Mr. Quigley:-

"A very great diversity exists in the charges made for the use of plant such as steam rollers, crushers, etc.

"For all such plant which is the property of the County Council an annual account should be rendered showing the number of days worked and the money earned by each unit. This is done in several Counties at present but in others it is nearly impossible to arrive at the cost of each individual plant. Instructions on these points have been issued in our circular of 17th June, 1927, and Articles 59 and 60 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, are fairly explicit.

"Please note that from the 17th proximo I will not certify for any higher rates than the following on any works being carried out under grants, viz:-

45/- per day for steam roller
60/- per day for stone crusher and engine.

"These charges must cover all cost of maintenance, coal, oil, wages of driver and attendant (if any) etc.; The Day shall average not less than 8 hours working time.

"The charge being made in several Counties at the moment is less than the maximum charges now fixed, therefore, no change need ^{made} be/in these cases. My object is to create some uniformity and to prevent quite excessive charges being made in some cases.

"The hire charges for spraying, boring and other plants must also be kept within reasonable limits"

It was decided that the County Surveyor discuss this matter on 28th instant with Mr. Quigley, Chief Engineer (Roads Section), Local Government Department, and point out that the manner in which the amounts were arrived at by the County Surveyor was in accordance

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with the provisions of the Public Bodies Order.

Lorry for Road Work.

The following under date 20th March, 1928, was read from Wholesale Manager, Messrs Henry Ford and Son, Ltd.,
Cork:-

"In reply to your letter of the 14th instant, we regret that we cannot at the present time give you any definite date when deliveries in any volume can be made. We would like to point out that the first trucks delivered will be of American manufacture, it being a considerable time before we are in a position to supply the Cork manufactured unit."

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

"That we recommend the County Council to allow the County Surveyor to exercise his discretion as to kind of light ton lorry to be purchased for road work, seeing that it is impossible to ascertain any definite date at which Ford truck will be available"

Blasting Operations

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter from Department of Local Government (Roads) under date 20th March, 1928 (R/IR/45):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of 31st January last relative to availability of explosives, and to state it is understood that the local Superintendent, Garda Síochána, has been instructed to facilitate you in the matter of large blasts.

"The Minister would be glad to be informed of the frequency of blasts necessitating the use of 200 to 400 lbs of gelignite and, also, what progress has been made towards providing a magazine for your Council's explosives".

The County Surveyor stated that the large blasts would be as follows for a year in Assistant Surveyor's Districts:-
Cullen 9; Ennis 6; Kehoe 4; Treanor 7; Birthistle 20; O'Neill 6, or a total of 52. The real difficulty was as to location and

and construction of magazine. According to regulations they could only store about 1000 lbs of gelignite in any magazine they could erect. He submitted quotation from Messrs John Sinnott & Co., Contractors, Wexford, for erection of magazine under specification No. of Explosives Acts 1875 and 1923.

This quotation was accepted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall, the amount being £38: 17: 6d.

Road 11W.

The County Surveyor stated that nothing could be done at present as regards this road. He had notices up and lights on it at night. It would be a serious item of expenditure later.

Rosslare Sea Bank Road.

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Shannon, that the County Surveyor be authorised to have road beyond Rosslare Coastguard Station closed should he consider this step necessary.

Ferrycarrig Road.

It was decided on the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. Shannon, that the County Surveyor, should he apprehend any danger to the public, take steps to have this road closed.

First Aid Cabinets.

The County Surveyor mentioned that he was bound to provide these cabinets by the Quarries Act. He would require about eight of them and he had a quotation at £1: 7: 6d each.

It was decided that the County Surveyor communicate with David Greene, Lytham, and ask for quotation for first aid cabinets: same to be submitted to next meeting of Roads' Committee.

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

"That the report of County Surveyor, presented to this meeting, be approved subject to any amendments or resolutions adopted in regard to matters dealt with in same".

ROAD CONTRACTS.

The Secretary submitted Form 20 (Roads) in respect of meetings

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of Tenders Committees held at Enniscorthy on March 21st, at Gorey on March 22nd, at New Ross on 23rd March and at Wexford on 24th March, 1928.

The following were in attendance at the various meetings:-

Enniscorthy:- Messrs T. McCarthy (Chairman); James Clince and James Shannon.

GOREY:- Messrs J. O'Byrne (Chairman) and J. Hall.

NEW ROSS:- Messrs Wm. Thorpe (Chairman); M. Cloney; J.E. Walsh; Nicholas Murphy; P. Colfer and Thomas Cooney.

WEXFORD:- Colonel Gibbon (Chairman) and J. Gaul.

The Secretary reported that subsequent to the meetings of the Tenders' Committee in New Ross, Michael Doyle, Ballyclemock, who had been accepted as contractor for 295 (New Ross) stated that one of his sureties (Patrick Quigley, Faree) whom he expected to have been in attendance was unable to travel owing to illness. He asked to have Patrick Hanville, who signed the Bond instead of Patrick Quigley, accepted as surety.

It was decided, on the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne that Patrick Hanville be accepted as surety for Michael Doyle instead of Patrick Quigley, Faree, whose name was submitted to the Tenders' Committee.

The Secretary also reported that Patrick Barron, Battlestown, one of the sureties of Clement Molloy, Battlestown, who had been accepted for Road No. 270 (New Ross), was unable to attend owing to illness.

Molloy asked permission to substitute the name of Patrick Murphy, Dungulph, as surety instead of Patrick Barron.

Mr. Colfer stated that he approved of the change of sureties and it was decided that Patrick Murphy be accepted as surety instead of Patrick Barron.

There were no other Tenders received for either of the above contracts.

The Secretary further reported that Martin Wickham, Forestwood, Palace, who had been accepted for a contract on Road No. 76 (New Ross)

at £26 applied, subsequent to the meeting of the Tenders' Committee, to have Denis Delaney, Ballough, Raheen, accepted as one of his sureties instead of D. McKeon, South Street, New Ross, who was unable to attend owing to illness.

Another tender for this road had been received from Patrick Nolan, Templenacraha, at £28 per annum.

It was proposed by Colonel Quin, seconded by Sean O'Byrne, and carried:- "That Denis Delaney, Ballough, Raheen, be accepted as one of the sureties for Martin Wickham, vice D. McKeon, who was unable to attend to sign bond through illness".

ROAD 237 Enniscorthy.
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Joseph Cullen, Ballyrannell, Glenbrien, who tendered for Road 237 Enniscorthy at £15 per annum (the full amount allowed by the County Surveyor) objected to the acceptance of tender of Stephen Dempsey, Currane, on the ground that his brother, Daniel Dempsey, who was security, was not good for the amount mentioned in the bond.

Mr. Cullen forwarded letter from Messrs Sinnott & Co., Solicitors that Daniel Dempsey owed John Donohoe, Myaugh, £108: 2: 6d and the threshing set which D. Dempsey had was security for this amount.

Cullen came before the meeting and said that the second surety for S. Dempsey - E. Doyle - was security for other roads to the extend of £138 per annum. He had only 4 statute acres of land.

E. Doyle said he held 46 acres odd in one; take the valuation being £28: 5: 0d and held nine or ten acres in a second, take valuation £7.

On examining Rate Book Doyle's statement was found to be correct.

Colonel Quin proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution ~~which~~ ^{was} which adopted:-

"That the decision of Enniscorthy Tenders' Committee accepting Stephen Dempsey as Contractor for Road 237 E be confirmed".

Passed.

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

"That the several proposals for Road Contracts, submitted to this meeting, on Forms 20, be and are hereby approved with the alterations and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman at this meeting".

CASTLEBRIDGE-GOREY ROAD
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Colonel Gibbon asked if this road had been inspected by the County Surveyor as suggested.

The County Surveyor said he had been over it on the previous Thursday.

It was getting frightfully cut up and in order to prevent its complete deterioration, he had arranged that Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, should anticipate the expenditure of some of next year's money.

Colonel Gibbon mentioned that it was necessary that they should have a definite report and plans as to what was going to be done. In this case it would merely be a waste of money to level the pot-holes. If the Department of Local Government had given them the power they asked for to close any road during frost or snow which was being injured by lorry traffic, the very heavy expenditure which would now be necessary to put this road into repair could have been avoided. They might say that it was the traffic of one particular lorry owner, who was putting a lorry of practically 14 tons over the road, which had caused it to be in its present condition.

The foundations for long stretches had been bulged up at the sides and the road was practically cut to pieces.

The County Surveyor should formulate at next meeting some

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general plan as to what was to be done as ordinary maintenance would be no use.

The suggestion of Colonel Gibbon was agreed to.

BALLYMONEY ROAD.
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The following report under date 24th March, 1928, was received from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor:-

"A big slide in land has occurred on that part of sea road between Ballymoney Coast Guard Station and North Strand, causing road to split leaving it very dangerous. I made inspection of place to-day and estimate that a sum of £35 will be required to do work necessary to restore road. I have danger notice put up".

It was decided to adjourn consideration of this matter to next meeting of the Roads Committee.

ANARE BRIDGE.
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The following report under date 24th March, 1928, ^{was read} from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor:-

"If opportunity offers it will be necessary to carry out large repair works at above Bridge this Summer. A year ago a sum of £20 was allowed for repairs to Bridge and walls. Owing to the weather conditions it was not possible to do anything to Bridge and could only repair walls. I have still a balance of £9: 12: 0d, but this would be totally inadequate as defects in Bridge have increased during past year, and I estimate now for repairs that an extra £50 will be required".

The County Surveyor said he would bring up this matter at the next meeting of the County Council.

BALLINAKILL BRIDGE 149G.
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The following report from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, under date 4th February, 1928, was read:-

"Further to my letter of 14th ultimo I beg to report that

I made inspection of above on 30th ultimo, when I found one side wall badly undermined and arch bad. I do not consider there is any immediate danger but recommend that bridge be re-constructed in Summer. I estimate that a sum of £90 will be required to do this."

It was decided that consideration of the report be adjourned for the present.

VERANDA AT COOLGREANY.
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Under date 28th February, 1928, Mr. Patrick Lennon, Coolgreany, applied for permission to close in a veranda at Coolgreany and to extend his premises facing the street.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Colfer, and adopted:-

"That in connection with application of Patrick Lennon, Coolgreany, the Council have no objection to the closing of veranda since this does not in any way interfere with the public convenience or the rights of the public, but they will not agree to the extension of his premises".

WEXFORD-FERRYCARRIG ROAD.
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The County Surveyor stated that he had been asked to submit exact particulars as to what it would cost to concrete the full length of road from Wexford to Ferrycarrig and also the three sections (1) from Town Boundary to Park; (2) from Alma to Jones' at Park; (3) from flooded Hollow to Ferrycarrig.

The length of these three sections was 2090 lineal yards while the total length between the concrete road in the Urban area and Ferrycarrig Bridge was 3690 lineal yards. The concreting of this would cost £2 per lineal yard and there would be 10/- per yard required for the side filling. The total cost for the whole road, therefore, would be £9275.

It was proposed by Colonel Quin, seconded by the Chairman and carried:- "That the question of concreting road from Wexford

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Town Boundary to Ferrycarrig Bridge be adjourned till Government Grant be available to carry out the work".

DANGEROUS CORNER AT VERONA.
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A report was received from Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, under date 8th March, 1928, stating that he had seen Mr. John Gallagher in connection with improvement work at Verona corner and he required £10 for compensation.

After some discussion, the Chairman proposed, Mr. O'Byrne seconded and it was carried:- "That John Gallagher, Verona, be offered a sum of £8 for the necessary land to improve corner at Verona Bridge, work to cover removal of beech tree at said corner.

FLOODING AT FAIRFIELD.
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The following letter under date 23rd March, 1928 was read from Messrs O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, Enniscorthy:-

"We are instructed by Mr. Thomas McCarthy, Fairfield, that the road at Fairfield was flooded to the great inconvenience and damage of himself and the general public, and also that the effect of the road being flooded was to flood his premises and caused the greatest possible damage and inconvenience. The serious defects which give rise to this were pointed out to you by Mr. McCarthy on several occasions. It was not merely due to abnormal flooding because it has occurred several times within recent years and he understood that, when you and the Committee visited same it was to be made right. His farm yard and house were flooded and he had great difficulty in attending to his cattle and there was also some straw damaged. We must require the Council to have the matter attended to effectually without delay and would be glad to hear from you as to this".

It was decided that the County Surveyor inspect and report as to the flooding on the road in question to next meeting of the Roads' Committee.

PILING OF STONES ON ROADS.

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Under date 3rd March, 1928, the following letter (RM/201) was read from the Department of Local Government (Roads):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to a recent press report of an action brought by a cyclist against a road contractor and a County Council for damages for injuries sustained arising out of the manner of piling stones along a roadside.

"The judge in awarding a decree for £100 both against the County Council and Contractor is reported as saying that the duty of seeing that the roads are kept clear is a duty cast upon a County Council by statute. He was satisfied that the stones in this instance were piled in "a very slovenly manner".

"This Department's Inspectors report that there is great laxity in some counties as compared with others in the matter of obstruction of the free passage of traffic when stones are piled along the roadside waiting for breaking and also when plant is engaged on the work of breaking.

"The Minister thinks it well, therefore, to bring the above-mentioned case to the special notice of County Councils".

The County Surveyor stated he would call the attention of his Assistant Surveyors and also of Road Contractors to this matter.

Colonel Quin asked was it not possible to roll in patches of stones on Saturday evenings. When they remained over till Monday they caused a great deal of injury and expense to motorists in the meantime.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, said if they did not allow patches of stone to remain out on Saturday, they would have very little work done on the following Monday.

ELECTRIC LIGHT POLES AT BREE.

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Rev. Canon Sheil, P.P., Bree, wrote thanking the Council for permission granted him to carry electric wires across the lane

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leading from the main road to Bree Hill. He would be responsible for any accident that might arise in connection with these wires.

TOURIST ROADS. =====

Letter was read from the Secretary, Irish Tourist Association, stating that he was taking up with Local Government Department the matter of State Grants to Tourists Roads immediately and his Association would use every effort to secure Grants for this purpose for the coming year.

ASSISTANT SURVEYORS' SALARIES. =====

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That Assistant Surveyors be paid a salary to cover travelling expenses and that figure for same be agreed to at this meeting for recommendation to the County Council".

Colonel Gibbon and Colonel ^{Quin} opposed ~~it~~ and after some discussion a vote was taken with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Shannon, O'Byrne, Colfer and the Chairman ... 4

Against:- Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs Hall and Boggan 4.

The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the motion which was declared carried.

NEW TELEGRAPH LINE. =====

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

"That the Council consents to the erection of an overground telegraphic line along the Union Road from corner of Spawell Road to a point near gate at County Hospital, Wexford, on the understanding that the poles are placed in positions approved by the County Surveyor".

ROAD GRANTS. =====

The Secretary reported that Road Grants for £3089 and Tourist Grant for £170 for Rosslare had been received since last meeting of the Council.

CINEMATOGRAPH ACT 1909.
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On the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Shannon, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Sergt. P. Clancy (816) Garda Siothchana, be appointed Inspector for the County Council under the Cinematograph Act for the Sub District of Camolin".

COUNTY COUNCIL'S MACHINERY AND MOTOR TAXATION.
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The following resolution was received from Waterford County Council:-

"That we are of opinion that all mechanically propelled vehicles used in connection with the steam rolling and maintenance of roads, the property of County Councils, should be exempted from duty, and we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to take the necessary steps to have Section 20(4) of the Finance Act 1926, amended so as to include all vehicles as well as road rollers, the property of County Councils, which are used in connection with the maintenance of Roads". Copies to be forwarded to County Councils, Corporations in the Free State and County T.D's".

After some discussion it was decided to make no order on this resolution.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Col Quin;-

"That the Minutes of Roads Committee in respect of meeting held on March 29th 1928 be received and considered."

Lorry for Road Work.

Under date 7th April 1928, letter was submitted by County Surveyor from Enniscorthy Motor Co. stating that if the Council decided on purchasing a "Morris" vehicle for road work, delivery could be made immediately, and if the Council decided on a Ford, delivery would be given as soon as could be expected from any Ford agent. They were not in a position to give any definite date for the latter.

Col Quin proposed the following, which was seconded by Mr Hall and adopted;-

"That the Co. Surveyor exercise his discretion as to purchase of motor vehicle for road work, and that should he consider a van more suitable than a lorry that he be empowered to purchase same. That the Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction be requested to inform the Council if they consider chassis of old Chevrolet car as suitable for their Engineering Classes, and if so, that the Co. Committee be offered old vehicle at £15, amount offered by Enniscorthy Motor Co."

First Aid Cabinets.

The Co. Surveyor submitted quotations for eight first-aid cabinets for quarries. David Greene of Leytham, Lincs. tendered at 11/6 each and Messrs Fannin & Comp, Grafton Street, Dublin at 22/6.

The Co. Surveyor pointed out that the cabinet offered by Fannin's was much better equipped.

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

"That the tender of David Greene, Leytham, Lincs. for supply of eight first-aid cabinets at 11/6 each be and is hereby accepted."

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Assistant Surveyors' Salaries.

Mr Shannon moved the following which had been ~~considered~~ considered by the Roads Committee;-

"That Assistant Surveyors be paid a salary to cover travelling expenses and that figure for same be agreed to at this meeting."

Mr Gaul seconded.

After considerable discussion, Mr Shannon, by permission of the meeting altered his motion to read as follows;-

"That Assistant Surveyors Birthistle, Cullen, Ennis, Kehoe and O'Neill be paid a salary of £230 which is to be reckoned for pensionable purposes; that these Surveyors be also granted travelling allowance of £170 per annum which is not to be reckoned for pensionable purposes.

That Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, be paid his present salary of £400 per annum to be reckoned for pensionable purposes and that he also receive a travelling allowance of £170 per annum which is not to be reckoned for pension.

That unaccrued increments of salary to all Assistant Surveyors cease. That approximately the same mileage as obtained for last financial year be maintained. That the usual returns of travelling done each week be furnished to the Co. Surveyor as in the past. That these proposals are contingent on their acceptance by the Assistant Surveyors concerned and are subject to sanction by the Local Government Department."

The Chairman said the proposals meant an increase of only £12 over and above amount allowed for salary and travelling allowances in the Estimate of Rates for current financial year and it would really be a saving as the Council would be saved any further payments of increments.

Mr Gaul seconded the resolution.

Col Gibbon said this motion should not be brought on now but when the Council were preparing Estimates and fixing rate of travelling expenses. If an inclusive salary were paid, it would be an inducement to Asst Surveyors not to travel but to stay at home if times were bad and money scarce and so save the cost as well as the wear and tear of their motors.

Messrs Raftis, O'Byrne and Henderson, on behalf of the Local Government Officials' Union, came before the meeting and spoke strongly in support of the acceptance of Mr Shannon's proposal which they said would be the means of giving the Council a contented surveying staff. This was all-important in view of the large amount of money administered by these men whose present salaries were very low.

Col Gibbon said he would like to mention what he considered was the annual cost of running a small light car such as the Assistant Surveyors used.

The initial cost would not be more than £220. He believed it was now possible to buy a car for £150 to £180, but even taking the figure of £220 and assuming the car would last four years, the total cost per annum would be £55. Supposing this money had to be borrowed at 5%, this would mean an additional sum of £11 per annum. Insurance would work out at £12; repairs £20; Petrol (say 16,000 miles per annum at ~~XX~~ 1/4 per gallon, averaging 30 miles to the gallon) £22-4-0; Oil £3 and five tyres £17-10-0, making a total of £140-14-0 which for 16,000 miles would work out at 3.37d per mile. As a matter of fact the Surveyors were at present being allowed 4½d per mile which left them a margin of profit.

As an amendment Mr Jordan proposed and Col Guin ~~xx~~ seconded the following:-

"That in view of the fact that the Local Government Officials' Union are about to put before the Minister for Local Government recommendations as to graded scales of salaries for Assistant Surveyors, the proposals made by Mr Shannon at this meeting be adjourned for three months, at the end of which time the Council will have information as to the result of the negotiations between the Local Government Officials' Union and the Minister for Local Government."

After discussion, a vote was taken on the amendment with the following result:-

For:-

For;- Messrs Boggan, Doyle, Col Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Kavanagh, O'Donoghue, Col Quin, Thorpe, Walsh and Whyte ----11.

Against;- Messrs Clinee, Colfer, Connors, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, O'Byrne, Pender, Shannon, Rossiter and the Chairman--12

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

A vote was then taken on the original resolution of Mr Shannon with the following result;-

For;- Messrs Clinee, Colfer, Connors, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, O'Byrne, Pender, Shannon, Rossiter and the Chairman---12

Against;- Messrs Boggan, Doyle, Hall, Col Quin, Col Gibbon, Jordan, Kavanagh, O'Donoghue, Thorpe, Walsh and Whyte-----11.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

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

"That the Minutes of Roads Committee of 26th March be and are hereby confirmed subject to any modifications or amendments made at this meeting."

WEXFORD-ROSSLARE ROAD.

Col Gibbon said that great complaint was being made as to the condition of this road. He had heard of tourists coming from England who had turned back when they saw the state of this road and had sent their motor cars back to England.

The Chairman said he was over this road on the previous Sunday and he was surprised to find it so good.

The Co. Surveyor stated that he would level the bad pot-holes with tar and chips and this was about all he could do at the present time with the money at his disposal.

NEW ROSS-CAMBLIN ROAD.

Mr Cooney complained of the condition of this road which he said was almost impassable. Duncannon was the seaside resort of the people of New Ross and the road in question was the direct route to Duncannon. ~~THE NEW ROSS~~ The New Ross

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people expected that the County Council would give them a road which would be at least passable.

The Co. Surveyor said he would get the bad parts and the pot-holes filled immediately, but this was all he could do at present.

KNOCKDUFF LANE.

Messrs E. Kennedy, James Lacy, Garrett Byrne (Bree) and John Tyrrell came before the meeting of the Council in support of a proposal to have the Knockduff Lane taken over as a contract road. They presented a Memorial from eighteen ratepayers who were using the lane and also letters from Very Rev. Canon Sheill P.P. Rev. J. Quigley C.C. Dr Delaney, Bree and Mr Philip J. Hayes V.S. Enniscorthy supporting the petition.

Mr Kennedy who acted as spokesman explained that the lane was $1\frac{3}{4}$ English miles in length. There were eight families living on it and it was also used by a very large number of people. Its present condition was bad; the greater portion of the lane was 13 feet wide from ditch to ditch. The local people would be prepared to level the lane and round off the corners. Any land necessary to be taken in would be given gratuitously for this purpose.

Mr Jordan said the people using this lane were living under a very great disadvantage, whereas if it was put into contract it would give a certain amount of convenience to the general public.

The people concerned were prepared to meet their share of the cost in every way and as this was a very intensive tillage district, he thought they were entitled to every consideration. The maintenance cost of the lane would be very small.

On the motion of MR O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall, the following resolution was adopted; -

"That the following be appointed a Committee in conjunction with the County Surveyor to visit the lane and report to next meeting of the Roads Committee; - the Chairman, Messrs Clince, S Shannon, Jordan and Mernagh.

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ROAD AT CHURCH GATE FERNS.

Mr Connors moved and Mr O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted;-

"That the Co. Surveyor take steps to prevent any further dumping of refuse or road scrapings at the Church Gate in Ferns and opposite the Civic Guard Barracks, and that in future only tar and stone for road metalling be allowed at this place.

MONGLASS LANE.

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

"That the Co. Surveyor and Mr Shannon furnish a report to the next meeting of the Roads Committee regarding their recent inspection of Monglass Lane."

CORRAMACOPRA ROAD.

The following resolution was proposed by Col Gibbon ~~XXXX~~ seconded by Mr O'Byrne and adopted;-

"That the Wexford County Council take over as a public road, 215 perches approximately of the road known as Corramacorra Road between the cross-roads at Staplestown House and the county road at Gainstown Bridge when the Co. Surveyor has furnished his ^{certi} certificate that all the work agreed to be carried out by the local people has been done."

Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, reported that he had inspected this road on the 9th April and found the drainage finished and well done. Some stones which had been put on the centre of the road to level up holes required to be broken smaller. Three or four men could carry out this work in a day.

MONASOOTH LANE.

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

"That the Wexford County Council take over as a public road 485 perches approximately of the lane known as Monasooths Lane between the county road over Slieveboy and the turn near Raheen

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through Monasootha when a certificate has been obtained from the County Surveyor that the work agreed to by the local people has been carried out. In the meantime, we approve of the suggestion of Mr Treanor Assistant Surveyor, to have supplied 60 cubic yards of broken stone from Clologue Quarry for this road."

ROAD AT ROSSLARE HARBOUR.

Letter was received from Rosslare Harbour Branch of the National Union of Railwaymen asking to have the road from Rosslare Harbour to Kilrane Church and School repaired as its present condition was disgraceful. The children of the district were unable to attend school after a shower of rain owing to the flooding; in fact they had been absent 20 days last year through this cause.

The Co. Surveyor said that flooding at one point of this road had been caused owing to the water pipe having been deliberately blocked. He was informed that children who wanted to remain at home from school deliberately blocked up this pipe with sods and stones and so flooded the road and he was present when this pipe was cleared ^{of} ~~off~~ all kinds of debris, stones, sods, etc. which could not have got into the pipe unless put there deliberately, ~~were in it~~. Near the School there was some flooding which he would take steps to mitigate as far as possible by raising the road. The road surface was in very good order.

Mr Doyle said that the School Inspector recommended the erection of a second wire paling on top of the bank by this road so that the children could not fall down or be injured.

It was decided that the Co. Surveyor, who said that the flooding of the Ford of Lyng was responsible for the flooding in this case, should make a report to next meeting of the Roads Committee.

FORD OF LYNG.

Mr Doyle proposed and Mr Cline seconded the following which was adopted;:-

"That our Secretary communicate with the Board of Works

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and enquire if it would be possible to obtain copy of report made by the Engineer of the Board who had recently examined the area " at the Ford of Lyng in connection with the proposed drainage scheme.

KILMORE HARBOUR.

Mr Corish mentioned that in connection with the proposed dredging of Kilmore Harbour, according to local opinion, the mouth of the harbour was in the wrong position and unless steps were taken to alter this, the money spent in dredging would be wasted.

He had asked the five T. D.'s for Co. Wexford to make representations to the Minister for Fisheries with a view to getting a Grant from the Ministry of Finance to have the alteration in mouth of Kilmore Harbour, as indicated by the local people carried out. The Minister for Fisheries had agreed to send Mr Hassard, Engineering Inspector, to Kilmore within the next fortnight to inspect and report.

He proposed the following resolution;-

"That in the opinion of this Council, the entrance to the harbour at Kilmore should be altered, in view of the opinion held by the local people and fishermen.

That the Department of Fisheries be requested to send down their Engineering Inspector immediately to examine and report on this matter.

That this Department be requested to ask Mr Hassard to notify the Co. Surveyor of the date of his visit who is to notify the members of the County Council representing this district to allow of their attendance at the inspection."

SIDE FILLING WEXFORD-ENNISCORTHY ROAD.

The following resolution was proposed by Col Quin seconded by Mr Gaul and adopted;-

"That the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Mr Doyle be constituted a sub-committee to draft the considered opinion of the Council in reference to the request of the Council that the money necessary to carry out the work of side-filling of the concrete road

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concrete road between Wexford and Enniscorthy should be provide d from State funds.

POSITION OF ACCOUNTANT.

Under date 24th March 1928, the Local Government Department wrote (G55591/1927 Ilghn.) that the office of Accountant including the position of Treasurer (other than a Banking Company) had been declared to be an office to which the Local Authorities (Officers & Employees) Act 1926 applied.

ROAD GRANTS.

Under date 31st March 1928, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (R/SGE/32) that the Ministry had approved of the Scheme for the improvement of Main Roads under the terms of the Minister's circular letter (R/SGE/201) of 22nd February 1928. The total amount of the Grant was ~~£6720~~ £6720 and the conditions with regard to men to be employed, attached to previous Grants, would apply to this Grant.

The Secretary reported that since last meeting of the Council £2087 had been received for Road Grants, being for TS £393, Trunk Road Maintenance £730, and Link Roads £964.

CARETAKER NEW ROSS BRIDGE.

Thomas Lee, Quay, New Ross, tendered at £35 to carry out the duties of caretaker at New Ross Bridge to March 31st 1929.

Messrs E. Lawlor & Sons, Bridge Quay, New Ross, tendered at £37-10-0.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Hall seconded by Mr Clince; -

"That the tender of Thomas Lee at £35 for the care-taking of New Ross Bridge for one year be accepted.

WEXFORD BRIDGE.

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

"That, in consequence of reports of heavy lorry traffic using Wexford Bridge contrary to by-law, we direct the Co. Surveyor

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to place a special watchman on the structure for such time as he considers necessary."

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE.

Under date 26th March 1928, the Department of Agriculture wrote (1056/28) that they had communicated with editors of newspapers pointing out the harmful effect to the country of the publication of unsubstantiated reports of Foot and Mouth Disease

The various Orders as to restrictions, etc. issued by the Department in connection with the two outbreaks of Foot and Mouth Disease were read for the meeting.

DRAFT DOCK REGULATIONS.

With reference to the circular letter of the Department of Industry and Commerce of the 3rd April 1928, as to draft regulations to be made under Section 79 of the Factory & Workshops Act 1901 in lieu of existing regulations, the following letter was read from Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Co. Council;-

"I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday with the Draft Dock Regulations proposed to be made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce under Section 79 of the Factory & Workshop Act 1901, in respect of the loading, unloading or handling of goods in any dock or harbour.

I have gone through the proposed Regulations and I find that Part I of same will affect the County Council in respect of the harbours in the County under their control.

Clause 1 of Part I provides that every dock, quay or wharf shall, so far as practicable, having regard to traffic and working, be securely fenced at (a) all breaks, dangerous corners and other dangerous parts of edges of dock, wharf or quay. (b) Both sides of footways over bridges or dock gates.

This last provision does not, I think, affect the Co. Council as they have not such footways.

Claus 2 - Provision for the rescue of drowning shall be made, and shall include, (a) A supply of life saving apparatus, (b) Means at or near the surface of the water to enable persons to support themselves.

Clause 3.- All places in which persons employed and any dangerous parts of road or way over wharf or quay shall be efficiently lighted.

Clauses 4,5 and 6- Provision of First-Aid Boxes or Cupboards.

Clause 7- Provision of Ambulance in all places where over 50 persons are employed.

Clause 8 - Notices to be exhibited, (a) Position of First-Aid Box, (b) Position of Stretchers, (c) Position of Ambulance.

Of the above Regulations, Clauses 1(a), (2)(a) and (b) 3,4(a) and (b) 6 and 8 apply to the Co. Council's Harbours.

The only new provision amongst these are No 2(b) as to the provision of means at or near the surface of the water to enable a person immersed to support himself. (a) and (b) 4 as to the provision of First Aid Box and No 8 as to the Notices, and these, once the Regulations are passed, would have to be complied with by the Council.

All the other Regulations are, as I understand, already complied with by the County Council."

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

"That this Council approves of the letter of Mr Elgee, Solicitor, under date 5th April 1928, relative to amendment of Docks Regulations under Section 79 of the Factory and Workshops Act, 1901."

ANALYST'S REPORT.

Report from the County Analyst for the quarter ended March 31st 1928 was submitted, from which it appeared that the following samples had been analysed:- Foods 121; Drugs 53; Water 3; Total 177.

Of these, the following were found to be adulterated^r
New Milk 8; Butter 1; Drugs 3; Whiskey 1; Buttermilk 1; Total 14.

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DEPUTATION LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS' UNION
RE SALARIES OF CLERICAL WORKERS.

Under date 5th April 1928, letter was read from the Local Government Officials' Union asking the Council to consider applications from the Central Council of the Union for a revision of the present remuneration of certain officials on the Council's staff, and for the permanent appointment of two temporary officials. The following are the cases referred to;-

Stephen Hayes-permanent clerical officer in the Secretary's office, appointed September 1920 at £3 per week, without increments: he had given seven and a half years' service and had received no increase of salary.

Timothy Moore-permanent clerical officer in Co. Surveyor's office. Appointed September 1923. Salary £3 per week. His duties had been greatly increased owing to administration of Road Grants.

Denis Radford- permanent clerical officer in Co. Surveyor's office. Appointed September 1920 at £1-10-6 per week. Since then his remuneration has been increased by 15/- per week.

John Moloney-temporary clerical officer appointed since September 1922. Salary £2-15-0.

Patrick Hawkins-Appointed temporary clerical officer March 1923. Salary £2-10-0.

The Local Government Officials' Union requested that Messrs Hawkins and Moloney be appointed to the permanent staff and that the five officers should be given annual increments of £10 with a maximum of at least £250 per annum.

Messrs Liam Raftis, Borough Treasurer, Waterford, E. J. O'Byrne, Dublin Corporation, and Leo J. Henderson, General Secretary, attended as a deputation and dealt with each case in detail.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor, gave it as his opinion that any changes in conditions of appointment or increases in salaries

could only be made by notice of motion.

Mr Corish stated he would give the following
Notice of Motion;-

"That Messrs Moloney and Hawking, temporary clerical
officers of the Council, be appointed to the permanent staff."

He also gave as a second Notice of Motion the
following;-

"That the question of allowing increments of salary
to clerical officers in accordance with letter of the Local
Government Officials' Union of the 5th April 1928 be considered
at next meeting of the County Council."

PROPOSED SCHEME FOR PURCHASE
OF LABOURERS' COTTAGES.

With reference to Scheme outlined by the County
Board of Health as to the purchase of Labourers' Cottages by
occupiers, the following resolution was adopted (after discussion)
on the motion of Mr Hall seconded by the Chairman;-

"That consideration of the proposed Scheme for
sale of Labourers' Cottages to occupiers be adjourned to next
meeting of the Council, or until further information has been
received from the County Board of Health with reference to the
views of the cottagers as to the feasibility of the Scheme.

We understand that the County Board of Health
are communicating with each of the present occupiers of
Labourers' Cottages in the county in order to ascertain if
they are prepared to accept the proposals."

SHEEP DIPPING.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion
of Mr James Hall seconded by Mr Boggan;-

"That James Murphy, Coolbawn, Ferns, be appointed
Sheep Dipping Inspector for the following Electoral Divisions;-

Ballycarney, Ballymore, Castledockrill, Ferns, Kilbora,
Kilcormack, Kilrush, Marshallstown, Moyacomb, Newtownbarry, St. Marys
The Harrow, Tinnacross, Tombrack and Rossard.

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That Myles Roban, The Moyne, Enniscorthy, be appointed Sheep Dipping Inspector for the Electoral Divisions of Ballindaggin Ballyhogue, Ballyhuskard, Ballyvaldon, Bolaboy, Bree, Castleboro, Castle Ellis, Castle Talbot, Glonroche, Edermine, Enniscorthy Rural, Killanne, *Kilboughram, Kilmallark, Kettleby, The Leap.*

That Morgan Flaherty, Ballyellis, Carnew be appointed Sheep Dipping Inspector for the following Electoral Divisions; - Ballylarkin, Ballynestragh, Coolgreany, Courtown, Gorey Rural, Gorey Urban, Kilnahue, Kilgorman, Limerick, Monaseed, Wingfield.

That Thomas Prendergast, Knockskemolin, Gularth be appointed Sheep Dipping Inspector for the following Electoral Divisions; - Ardamine, Ballybeg, Ballycanew, Ballyellis, Ballygarrett Balloughter, Cahore, Ford, Huntingtown, Kilcomb, Killenagh, Killincooley, Monamolin, Rossminogue, Wells.

That M.J. Hennessy, Monamolin, Rathnure, Enniscorthy, be appointed Sheep Dipping Inspector for the New Ross Rural District.

That Mr James Hayden, Corlican, Killurin, be appointed Sheep Dipping Inspector for the Wexford Rural District.
Remuneration to be £1 per week while employed.

Actual cost of postage incurred by the Inspectors to be allowed.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT

On the motion of Mr Shannon seconded by Mr Thorpe the following resolution was adopted; -

"That licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act be issued to Mr John B. Roche of Ballyanne, New Ross."

APPLICATION FOR USE OF GOREY COURTHOUSE.

Letter was read from Mr Con O'Donovan, Irish Teacher, Gorey, asking for the use of room in Gorey Courthouse for the purpose of holding Gasra Classes to be held fortnightly on Sunday nights from 8 to 10 p.m.

Circular letter under date 28th March 1928 (U.S.O.R 4/28) from the Ministry of Justice as to the use of Courthouses for

dances or entertainments was read. It was pointed out that this Circular was not concerned with Courthouses which were not used for Circuit Court business.

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

"That the Council regret they are not in a position to comply with Mr O'Donovan's request for use of room in Gorey Courthouse as there is a probability that any available accommodation may be required later for permanent Technical classes."

ARTERIAL DRAINAGE.

Resolution was received from Cavan County Council relative to the Arterial Drainage Bill.

No action was taken as the measure has now been passed by the Oireachtas.

Wm. Castley
May 14th 1928

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

MINUTES

MEETING HELD ON 14th MAY, 1928.

N. J. FRIZELLE,
SECRETARY.

FORTVIEW,
WEXFORD.

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The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 14th May, 1928.

Present:- Mr. Thomas McCarthy (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs W. Boggan, Patrick Byrne, James Clince, M. Cloney, P. Colfer, John Connors, Thomas Cooney, R. Corish, M. Doyle, James Gaul, Colonel Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, M. Jordan, A. Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, M. M. O'Donoghue, John Pender, Colonel Quin, Thomas Rossiter, James Shannon, W. Thorpe, James E. Walsh and John Whyte.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

THE LATE MR. R.W. ELGEE, SOLICITOR TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL.
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Quin:- "That the following letter of Mrs R.W. Elgee, in reply to resolution of condolence on the death of her husband, the late Mr. R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to this Council, be inserted on the Minutes of this day's meeting:-

"Will you kindly convey my sincere thanks to the Committee of the County Council for their kind expressions of sympathy to me in my recent bereavement; also I wish to thank you personally—also the staff of the Council for their sympathy in my great loss."

STRIKING RATE FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1928-29.
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr. P. Byrne:-

"That as set out on Forms 42 and 43, and as appearing on Minutes of County Council in respect of meeting held on 13th Feb., 1928, and also as appearing in advertising columns of "The People" "The Free Press" and "Echo" Newspapers of 28th April, 1928, we hereby strike the Rate for General and Separate Charges for financial year 1928-29 the General Rate being fixed at 7/11d

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in the £, and amounts of Rates for each separate charge being as set out on said Minutes of County Council in respect of meeting of 13th February, 1928, and in said newspapers. We allow and make the same as assessed in Rate Books said Rates being in conformity with the Valuation in force for the time being as set out in the Valuation Lists furnished this Council by Valuation Department.

That the allowance of said Rates as entered on 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 we hereby strike Drainage Rate for financial year 1928-29 for Kilmannock District for the sum of £83: 7: 10d in accordance with schedule to Charging Order issued by the Commissioners for Public Works under date 19th January, 1927, and which is set out on Minutes of meeting of Wexford County Council of 9th May, 1927.

That warrants for Rate Collectors for collection of all Rates included in this resolution be sealed and signed.

That the Demands of Wexford County Council on the Urban District Councils of Enniscorthy, New Ross and Wexford, as appearing on Form 48 be duly signed and sealed, the amounts demanded from said Urban Councils being as follows:-

Enniscorthy	£2467:	19:	10d
New Ross	£2301:	5:	8d
Wexford	£5661:	7:	10d.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEES.

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The following Minutes of Finance Committee for meeting of 12th April, 1928, were submitted:-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 12th April, 1928.

Present:- Mr. T. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding;
also present:- Messrs Patrick Hayes and William Thorpe.

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

RATE COLLECTION.

The Assistant Secretary submitted the state of current Rate Collection showing the following percentages lodged:-
E. J. Murphy 81.72; T. Rowe 74.92; J. Curtis 68.70; B. Cleary 65.49;
J. J. O'Reilly 64.34; M. Deegan 62.06; Joseph Cummins 60.76;
J. J. Kelly 57.73; P. Furlong 56.52; J. Doyle 55.85; P. O'Byrne 55.55;
P. Fitzpatrick 54.39; J. Quirke (No.1) 53.61; S. Gannon 51.35;
M. M. Kelly 51.20; John J. Sinnott 50.21; J. Quirke (No.3) 43.84;
C. McCarthy 43.18; T. Sutton 40.48; W. Cummins 37.49; P. Donohoe 29.49.
Average 55.29.

The first moiety of current rate outstanding amounted to £4486: 17: 7d and the second moiety £30126: 9: 2d: Total £34613: 6: 9.

The following sums represent the arrears outstanding:-

1923 Rate	£103: 0 : 6d
1924 "	£112: 1 : 4
1925 "	£67: 19 : 6
1926 "	£493: 16: 2
1927 "	£2890: 11: 5.

The Committee spent considerable time considering the various items of arrears outstanding.

The following Collectors appeared before the meeting:-

Messrs T. Sutton, Philip J. Furlong, C. McCarthy;
M. M. Kelly, M. Deegan; Joseph Cummins; P. O'Byrne, S. Gannon,
W. Cummins, P. Donohoe, J. J. Kelly and Bernard Cleary.

Collectors were instructed to have all collectable arrears lodged by 30th April, and individual Collectors were

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were given information as to how to secure prompt payment in certain cases.

The Chairman instructed Collector Donohoe to have 58% of current rate lodged by next Finance Committee meeting.

CLOSING RATE COLLECTION

The following resolution passed by Gorey Executive of Farmers' Union forwarded by Mr P. Higgins, Secretary was submitted;- "That we, the members of this Executive, respectfully ask the Wexford County Council to extend the closing of the Rate Collection for this half-year to the 1st May 1928 in consequence of the Foot and Mouth Disease outbreak in the county and general depression among farmers."

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Thorpe that the request of the Executive of the Farmers' Union (Gorey) be acceded to.

PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE FEES.

Letters were received from Messrs J.J. O'Reilly and James Quirke regarding payment of poundage fees to Collectors. The latter stated it was not the fault of Collectors that the collection was so backward, and he applied on their behalf for payment of full poundage fees on lodgments made to 31st March.

Mr J. Cummins stated it was very hard for collectors to carry on without at least a payment on account. No poundage fees had been paid on lodgments since September 30th last.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Thorpe that 50% of poundage fees be paid to Collectors on their lodgments to 31st March 1928.

BOAT DUES COURTTOWN HARBOUR.

The following was read from Mr Denis Murphy, Harbour Master, Courtown Harbour under date 3rd April 1928;-

"Would you please put the following before the next meeting of your Finance Committee. There are a couple of small fishing boats here at present whose owners claim exemption from harbour dues on the grounds that they have registered ~~xxx~~

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registered their boats with the Board of Fisheries and as they have not yet got back their registration papers or name, they are not liable to pay harbour dues."

It was decided to notify the Harbour Master that County Council's Solicitor instructs that owners of all boats using the harbour are liable for Harbour Dues and must pay same.

COMMITTAL OF CHILDREN TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

The following letter from Mr J. Lacey, Inspector N.S. P.C.C. under date 3rd April 1928 was submitted:-

"I beg to inform you that it is my intention to apply at Wexford District Court for the committal of John Michael Clifford born 8/11/19; William Dominic Clifford, born 14/10/23; and Michael Kevin Clifford born 1/7/21, children of Michael and Marcella Clifford 45 William Street, Wexford to St. Michael's Industrial School, Cappoquin, Co. Waterford under Section 58(b) of Children Act 1908.

The father of the children is a seaman and is at present in New York. I believe he is willing to contribute towards their support in the School, but in this connection I might mention that the mother, Marcella Clifford, is in receipt of a Naval pension of £6 per quarter in respect of her husband's services in the Great War.

I understand that 6/- per week of the pension is or will be deducted by the Board of Health for the maintenance in Hospital of Mrs Clifford who is in poor health and slightly mental. The remainder of the pension will be available for the maintenance of the children if committed."

The Secretary stated that Mr Elgee, Solicitor, had received a report from Mr Shortall, Superintendent of Home Help regarding the case.

It was decided to leave the application in the hands of Mr Elgee to be dealt with by him as he considers advisable on the information furnished to him by Superintendent of Home Help.

MINUTES OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Library Committee meeting of 25th February 1928 were submitted.

The following letter under date 10th April 1928 was read from Miss Nora Connolly, County Librarian, forwarding account which included £28-13-4 as increased remuneration due to Miss Doyle for the period for which she acted as temporary Librarian.

" It was decided at last meeting on 31st March 1928 that Miss Doyle should be paid at Librarian's rate for the period for which she acted as Librarian. This would leave a balance of £14-6-8 (difference between her own salary and Librarian's) due for February and the full rate for March, viz £20-16-8. "

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman ~~seconded~~ seconded by Mr Thorpe that payment of additional remuneration amounting to £28-13-4 in respect of the period for which Miss Doyle acted as temporary County Librarian be approved.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACT.

The Chairman stated Mr Fintan O'Connor had been speaking to him about the adoption of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act in order to assist the occupiers of the row of houses in Cylegate village to purchase their holdings from Mr Power, owner.

The Secretary stated Mr O'Connor was to have been in attendance on behalf of the tenants in reference to this matter.

It was decided to place the item on the Agenda for next Finance Committee meeting, when Mr O'Connor, Solicitor, could be heard.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 12th April, 1928, be and are hereby adopted."

The Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 26th April, 1928, were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 26th April 1928.

Present; -Mr T. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding, also Messrs Patrick Hayes, A. McNagh, Sean O'Byrne and Wm. Thorpe.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

ABSENCE FROM MEETING.

Letter of apology for non-attendance was read from Col Gibbon who was absent in Dublin.

TREASURER'S ADVICE NOTE.

Treasurer's Advice Note for 27773-8-0 was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

The state of the Rate Collection up to 26th April 1928 was submitted.

The following is amount of percentage of second moiety 1928 Warrant collected in each case; -

E. J. Murphy 92; T. Rowe 81; J. J. O'Reilly 78;
J. Curtis 75; B. Cleary 73; J. Cummins 72; M. Deegan 71;
P O'Byrne 66; P. Furlong 64; J. J. Kelly 62; J. Doyle 61; Patrick
J. J. Sinnott 61;
J. Fitzpatrick 61; J. Quirke (No 1 District) 59; S. Gannon 59;
M. Kelly 53; J. Quirke (No 3 District) 51; T. Sutton 46; Charles
McCarthy 46; W. Cummins 45; P. Donohoe 35.

After considerable discussion, an order was made directing the Secretary to communicate with Mr O'Donohoe, Rate Collector, and inform him that unless he has at least 65 per cent of his collection for second moiety current rate lodged by May 10th 1928, he will be automatically suspended.

COLLECTOR P. J. FITZPATRICK.

The following was submitted from the official Rate Checker for Gorey District; -

"COLLECTOR P. J. FITZPATRICK - When checking the books of Collector Fitzpatrick (No 15 District) in Gorey on the 20th April 1928, I found that the lodgments for the second moiety were less by £23-19-4 than the total sum he had entered in his abstract as having been received by him.

The following note was left for me with his books;-

"I have entered Nos 111 and 119 Ardamine £23-4-4 and £11-17-5 in abstract book. Mr H. Warren, Ballyminane, told me he would pay me to-day but he hasn't turned up yet. If he pays me to-day or in the morning, I will lodge to-morrow and post receipt to-morrow, Wise, P. J. Fitzpatrick, Rate Collector."

There were other items amounting to £18-7-4 in respect of which receipts were missing and amounts not entered by him in his abstract.

I asked the other Collectors to tell Mr Fitzpatrick I wanted to see him at the Courthouse. They informed me he was not in his office and they were unable to find him in the town.

I subsequently interviewed Mr Warren who told me he had paid Mr Fitzpatrick about a week previously. Later in the evening, I saw Mr Fitzpatrick standing in a doorway in Gorey and I told him to come to Wexford the following morning to explain certain items in his books and he said he would do so.

He did not turn up. His father, however, attended on 24th inst. and on 26th inst., lodged the following amounts;- £23-19-4 and £18-17-4, both second moiety rates, 1928.

I queried items of £38-15-10 and 19/5, first moiety 1928 rate, shown as due by Lady Errington. The receipts for these are at present in collecting books, although I believe the amounts were paid to Rate Collector. Mr Fitzpatrick, senior, lodged £12-3-4 in respect of said items which exceeds the difference ~~xx~~ between the amount due for them and an overlodgment amounting to £28-13-6, made recently by Rate Collector for 1927 Rate.

There are rate receipts in collecting books for all outstanding items.

The poundage at present unpaid to Mr Fitzpatrick on his lodgments to date amount to £163-9-3.

(Signed) Thos.A.Frizelle, Assistant Secretary."

Mr Fitzpatrick, senior, father of the Rate Collector, came before the meeting and stated his son was ill and he had attended on his behalf.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr Fitzpatrick, senior, stated he was prepared to close collection himself and have all collectable rate lodged by 31st May 1928. He further stated he could let the Council have a medical certificate as to his son's illness by the following day.

It was proposed by Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Thorpe and passed;-

"That Rate Collector Fitzpatrick be granted leave of absence on medical certificate being produced.

That we approve of Mr John Fitzpatrick, Father of the Collector, closing ~~the~~ the collection by May 31st next. For this purpose, this meeting hereby appoints Mr John Fitzpatrick as temporary Rate Collector for No 15 District; this arrangement to be subject to the sanction of Local Government Department and the approval of Collector's sureties."

RATE COLLECTOR PATRICK WALSH.

In connection with the closing of the collection in No. 3 Collection District, Mr James Quirke, temporary Collector furnished the following report under date 16th April 1928;-

"The following have made part payments of rates to Mr P.Walsh and he admits same to be correct;-

James Pierce, Newtown, Bannow E.D.

Rate No 307, second moiety 1927 rate £9-5-5

Michael Dake, Coolishal, Bannow E.D.

Rate No 149 1st moiety 1927 rate £ 1-10-0

Joseph Cullen, Ballyfrory, Bannow E.D.

Rate No 3 1st moiety 1928 rate £6-0-0.

Martin Culleton, Graigue, Harristown, do £4-17-0

Total £21- 12-5.

(signed) James Quirke,
Rate Collector

Under date 23rd April 1928, the New Ireland Insurance Company wrote, acknowledging receipt of copy of Mr Quirke's report and stating that they would be glad to hear that Mr Walsh was disposed to settle the matter and asked for any further remarks from the Council before taking action.

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

"That we call upon Mr Patrick Walsh, ex-Rate Collector for No.3 District to lodge before next meeting of Finance Committee on 10th May next, the sum of £21-12-5, Poor Rate which he admits having received on behalf of the County Council.

That copy of Mr Quirke's report be furnished to the sureties of Mr Walsh."

NEW RATE COLLECTOR FOR NO 3 DISTRICT.

The Secretary mentioned that at the meeting of 12th December 1927, the Council had passed the following resolution;-

"That new Rate Collector vice Mr P. Walsh for NO. 3 Collection District be paid at the rate of Sixpence in the Pound with pension rights."

Under date 24th April 1928, the Department of Local Government wrote (G/27675/28/Fa/Loch Garraí) stating that the Minister raised no objection to the proposal of the Council to fix the remuneration of the Collector for No 3 District at the rate of Sixpence in the Pound on amounts of rate collected and lodged. In the view of the Department, the advertisement should indicate that the position would be on a part-time basis.

The Chairman mentioned that as the resolution of the Council of December 12th last regarded the position on a whole time basis, it would be necessary that the resolution then agreed to should be ~~suspended~~ rescinded.

He gave the following Notice of Motion;-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at the meeting of the Wexford County Council to be held on the 14th May 1928, that the resolution adopted on 12th December 1927, as to

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appointment of
~~an~~ new Rate Collector for No 3 District be rescinded and that the Council proceed to fix new terms and conditions of employment for the Collector for this District."

POUNDAGE.

Under date 21st April 1928, the following letter (G/26084/1928/LochGarra (n Pa) was read from the Local Government Department:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th inst. and to state that it is with considerable hesitation he consents to the payment of 50% poundage as proposed to Collectors in respect of their collections from the 1st October to the 31st ultimo.

The Minister is obliged to again animadvert upon the serious position of the Rate Collection as disclosed by the latest returns. The Council should give careful consideration ~~to~~ to the possibility of an early realisation of the £40,000 outstanding in respect of the 1927-28 collection together with the arrears on previous years' collections which show little progress since the representations conveyed in this Department's letter of the 11th August last.

Pressure should be brought to bear upon dilatory Collectors and a warning should be issued that the Minister will only give consideration to any further proposals to pay them poundage in the light of the expeditious collection of the outstanding balances."

It was decided that copy of this letter be sent to the Rate Collectors for their information.

APPLICATION FOR REMISSION OF RATE.

Mr Thomas Byrne, 60 Upper Main Street, Gorey applied for refund of rates on his premises for half-year ended March 31st 1928, which he stated were undergoing repairs and would not be fit for occupation for some time.

It was decided to point out to Mr Byrne that if the

premises in question were occupied when the rate was made, the Council had no power to make remission to him in connection therewith.

PRIMARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

Applications were received from the following candidates under Primary Scholarship Scheme 1928:-

John Byrne, The Hollow, Camblin, New Ross; Owen Noel Connaughton 3 Charlotte Row, Gorey; Johanna Cooney, Ballykelly, New Ross; James Kevin Cullen, Ballytarsna, Ballycullane; James Donnelly, Hilltown, Ballymitt; Katie Doyle, Stokestown, New Ross; William Fox, Macmine Junction; Ellen Harte, Tinnock, Campile; Margaret Kehoe, Boolabawn, Glynn; Patrick J. Kenny, Irish Street, Bunclody; Mary Morris, Tomadilly, Marshalstown; Ellen Catherine O'Brien, Bush, Rosslare; Margaret Eleanor O'Connor, Knockea, Campile; Ellen Redmond, Tomadilly, Marshalstown; Patrick Sheehan, Clonattin Road, Gorey; and Thomas Walsh, Piercestown, Drinagh.

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

"That we approve of the eligibility of the following to allow of their competing for Primary Scholarships:-

John Byrne, Johanna Cooney, James Kevin Cullen; James Donnelly, Katie Doyle, William Fox, Margaret Kehoe, Patrick Kenny, Ellen Catherine O'Brien, Margaret Eleanor O'Connor, Ellen Redmond and Patrick Sheehan.

That we consider John Connaughton, Gorey is in a position to afford secondary education for his son.

That as regards the application of Ellen Harte, she is ineligible to compete as the valuation of her father's holding is £ 92 -8 -0.

Mary Morris, Tomadilly, is also ineligible as she was born on the 1st April 1914, while in addition to this, the valuation of her father's holding is £69.

Thomas Walsh, Piercestown, Drinagh, we consider to be

also ineligible to compete as he was born on the 18th July 1914.

Candidates Ellen Harte, Mary Morris and Thomas Walsh do not comply with the conditions of Primary Scholarship Scheme.

It would be well to write them immediately so that any representations they may make could be considered before County Council meeting."

ESTATE DUTY GRANT.

The Secretary reported that a sum of £1544-14-8 had been deducted from the Estate Duty Grant owing to arrears of Land Purchase Annuities between February 1927 and February 1928.

SOLICITOR'S OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor submitted account for £57-16-9, being actual out-of-pocket expenses for the financial year, March 1927-March 1928.

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

"That Solicitor's out-of-pocket expenses amounting to £57-16-9 as submitted to this meeting be paid to Mr John Elgee, Solicitor."

PREPARATION OF VOTERS' AND JURORS' LISTS.

Mr John W. Scallan, Registration Officer, applied for advance of £150 towards the expense of preparation of Voters and Jurors for sixth Register.

It was decided that this amount be paid subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department.

INSURANCES.

Under date 18th April 1928, letter was read from Messrs McDonagh & Boland, Insurance Brokers, Dame Street, Dublin calling attention to the recent decision of the Courts regarding the Irish Public Bodies' Mutual Assurances Ltd and its power to transact Insurance business. In case the Council intended changing from that Company, Messrs McDonagh & Boland stated they would be glad to arrange the new policies.

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It was proposed by Mr O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman and adopted;-

"That the Co. Surveyor be empowered to effect Insurance on recently purchased "Morris"lorry. That he submit particulars as to Third Party Insurances for hired engines, etc. to next meeting of the County Council."

CENTRAL MIDWIVES' BOARD.

It was decided on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Thorpe that £12-6-2, the proportion payable by the Wexford County Council to the above Board under Section 13 of the Midwives(Ireland) Act 1918 be paid.

INCOME TAX.

It was decided that 12/5 amount of demand for Courtown Harbour for year 1927-28 be paid.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACT 1899.

Letter was read from Messrs M.J. O'Connor & Co. Solicitors, asking the Council to put into force the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act 1899 as regards the purchase of twelve houses in the village of Cylegate.

The Chairman gave the following Notice of Motion;-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move that at the meeting of the Wexford County Council to be held on the 14th May 1928, the Council consider the advisability of adopting the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act 1899 in respect of the proposed acquisition of houses in Cylegate village."

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Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. Boggan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 26th April, 1928, be and are hereby confirmed"

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 10th May, 1928, were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 10th May, 1928.

Present:- Mr. Thomas McCarthy, Chairman (presiding; also Messrs Sean O'Byrne, P. Hayes and Aidan Mernagh.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

ABSENCE FROM MEETING.

Colonel Gibbon wrote apologising for non-attendance at meeting owing to his absence at the Dublin Show.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4602: 17 : 2d was examined and signed.

GOREY HILL QUARRY - CLAIM MISS PALMER.

Messrs McDonagh & Boland, Insurance Brokers, 51, Dame Street, Dublin, wrote that, in connection with above claim, as the Insurance Company had ~~authorised~~ the repairs of any damage done and the County Council had instructed a builder to carry out the work, it appeared that any liability attaching either to the Insurance Co., or the County Council had been discharged. The claim appeared to be a particularly frivolous one and should be properly defended.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, mentioned that he had all information necessary for the defence in hands.

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES.

Primary. In connection with the resolution of the Finance Committee declaring that Ellen Mary Harte, Tinnock, Campile, was debarred from competing for primary scholarship owing to the fact that the valuation of her father's holding was £92: 8: 0d, while the maximum amount of valuation set out in

Scheme was £50, Miss Rita Sutton, National Teacher, Killesk, wrote that the case of this child/^{who}was attending her school was really exceptional. She was the second eldest of a family of fourteen (eleven living) and was the child of industrious parents. Tho' the valuation might seem high in the eyes of the Finance Committee the position of her parents was not any better than that of a farmer with a holding valued at £50. The applicant was an exceedingly bright child possessing above average ability but would, without the Scholarship, be unable to further herself in life owing to the position of her parents. Miss Sutton made an earnest appeal to the Committee to re-consider their decision.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That Miss Sutton be informed that the Finance Committee regret it is not within their power to make any change in the terms and conditions of the Primary Scholarship Scheme once it has been approved by the Department of Education."

Rev. T. O'Byrne, P.P., Piercestown, Wexford, wrote under date 3rd May, 1928, that he was very disappointed that Thomas Walsh has been rejected as a candidate for Primary Scholarship on the seemingly trivial objection of being twelve days over age. He was a really talented boy and most studious. He had attracted the attention of several Inspectors by his brilliant answering at his school examinations. His one ambition was to secure a Scholarship. His parents - though poor- had brought up their children splendidly. His case deserved to be re-considered as under the circumstances it seemed drastic to exclude him.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That Rev. T. O'Byrne, P.P., be informed that as regards the application of Thomas Walsh to compete for Primary Scholarship the County Council have no power to interfere with the terms and conditions of the Scheme for Primary Scholarships once it has received the approval of the Department of Education. "

University. A letter was read from Mrs McAuliffe, Johnstown, Clonegal, that her son, Donald, holder of County Council University Scholarship, had been ill since 21st March last. He contracted pneumonia and was at present in St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin. In consequence he would not be able to sit for his degree examination in June but would, if he obtained permission, sit in the Autumn.

The Committee decided to approve of Mr. McAuliffe sitting for his degree examination in the Autumn in the circumstances mentioned in his mother's letter.

COUNTY COURTHOUSE CARETAKER'S REMUNERATION.
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The following a/c ~~was~~ for salary etc., was received from Mrs McNally, County Courthouse caretaker, for year ended 31st March, 1928:-

Salary	...	...	£10
Contingent expenses			£9
Rent	...	...	£26
Coal	...	...	£6: 16: 6
Gas	£5: 15: 1
Total	<u>£57: 11: 7</u>

It was decided that the amount be paid.

RATE COLLECTION.
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The following represents the percentages of amount of second moiety rate for 1927-28 lodged to 10th May:-

E. J. Murphy 96; J. J. O'Reilly 93; T. Rowe 86; J. Curtis 83; P. O'Byrne 83; B. Cleary 82; J. Cummins 81; M. Deegan 79; J. Doyle 73; J. J. Sinnott 73; P. Furlong 71; J. Quirke (No.1) 70; J. J. Kelly 68; Sean Gannon 67; P. J. Fitzpatrick 66; J. Quirke (No.3) 65; T. Sutton 64; P. Donohoe 61; M. M. Kelly 58; W. Cummins 54; C. McCarthy 46.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Mernagh:- "That Rate Collectors W. Cummins and M. Kelly be instructed to have at least 85 per cent of their collections lodged by 24th May and they be informed

that they must close their collections by 31st May."

EX-RATE COLLECTOR P. WALSH - NO.3 DISTRICT.
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Mr. James Quirke, temporary Rate Collector for No.3 District, reported as follows under date 9th May, 1928:-

"Miss E. Daly, Waddingtown, made a payment to Mr. P. Walsh, Rate Collector, amounting to £18: 6: 2d for half year ended 31st March, 1926 for which she has not got credit - (Harpurstown E. D. Rate No.19).

"I have now visited every ratepayer in No.3 district and I believe this is the last mistake so far as Mr. Walsh is concerned."

Mr. Walsh attended the meeting and said as he had so many decrees against Miss Daly he could not remember having received the £18: 6: 2d. After some discussion, however, he admitted that he must have received the amount in question.

The Chairman explained to Mr. Walsh that the question of payment of poundage to him could not be entertained until he had lodged every penny found due by him. Unless Mr. Walsh made arrangements to lodge the £39: 18: 7d the County Council would not be in a position to do anything for him as regards poundage.

COLLECTOR C. MCCARTHY NO. 5 DISTRICT.
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Under date 4th May, 1928, Mr. C. McCarthy, Rate Collector for No.5 district, wrote forwarding medical certificate from Dr. Doyle, Bridgetown, that he was suffering from bronchitis for some weeks past and for which he had been under medical treatment. Dr. Doyle had recommended Mr. McCarthy to go away for a complete change of air which in his opinion was necessary to clear up the bronchial attack. Mr. McCarthy stated he was appointing his brother, Michael, to take charge of his books and to collect rates until his health improved.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of

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the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That Mr McCarthy, Rate Collector for No.5 District, be given leave of absence on certificate of Dr. P. A. Doyle. That we approve of the nomination by Mr. McCarthy of his brother, Michael, to act as his deputy for existing Rate Collection during collector's absence; this recommendation to be subject to the sanction of his sureties and the Department of Local Government.

The Secretary stated that Mr. McCarthy's books had been carefully examined on the 4th May and receipts for all outstanding items found unissued.

COLLECTOR P. J. FITZPATRICK No.15 Collection District.
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The following under date 4th May, 1928 (G.29809/1928 Loch Garman Fa) was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo transmitting an extract from the Minutes of the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council on the 23rd idem containing a report from the Rate Checker disclosing certain facts regarding the conduct of Mr. P. J. Fitzpatrick as Collector. It is noted that in June 1927 this Collector was reprimanded by the Council for his then negligence and unsatisfactory discharge of duty and that he was warned of the consequences of further negligence. It is obvious that the present circumstances call for further investigation and the Minister has accordingly suspended Mr. Fitzpatrick from duty under Section II of the Local Authorities (Officers & Employees) Act 1926.

"The Books should forthwith be taken up, carefully examined, and Form 60 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, issued to a number of selected ratepayers whose rates appear to be outstanding. The sureties should be notified of the position.

"The Minister has directed his Inspector, Mrs Crofts, to hold an Inquiry on oath into the conduct of this Collector. The

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Inspector will arrange a suitable date for the Inquiry and will notify the necessary witnessess.

"I am to add that the experience of the Department shows that it has seldom proved satisfactory, when existing Collectors have failed to discharge their duties adequately, for Local Authorities to replace them by near relatives and pending the outcome of the Inquiry the Minister will defer considering the suggestion that Mr. Fitzpatrick, Senior, should be engaged as temporary Collector."

The following (undated) had been received from Mr. Fitzpatrick on 5th May, 1928:- "I beg to tender my resignation as poor rate collector of No. 15 District. Thanking you for past favours".

Letter under date 7th May, 1928, was read from Mrs Crofts, Local Government Inspector, stating that she would open Inquiry on 16th May at 11 o'clock a.m.,

It was decided that the Chairman should attend the Inquiry on behalf of the Council.

Under date 8th May, 1928, the following was read from Mr. Sean Gannon, Rate Collector for No. 10 District:-

"I beg to apply for transfer from No. 10 District to No. 15 District rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. P. Fitzpatrick.

"As you know, I am already conversant with the work in this District, having collected ^{in it} ~~it is~~ during the periods 1922-24, while acting as deputy for Mr. Fitzpatrick.

"I may add that both his bailiffs, Mr. Joseph Hendrick, Main Street, Enniscorthy and Mr. Fitzpatrick, Senior, Kiltale, are anxious that I be appointed to finish the present Collection. In my own area the collection is in a fairly forward position considering that the restrictions were never removed from the time of the first outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease until the final removal.

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"After the fair in Enniscorthy next Tuesday - the first I may say that effected the collection of second moiety in my area - I hope to have at least 90% collected. So that if appointed to finish the collection in No.15 District I will be able to devote sufficient time to collect the outstanding rates.

"Trusting your Council will consider my application favourably."

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

"That we recommend the appointment of Mr. J. J. O'Reilly, Collector for No.13 district (which adjoins district No.15) to close the collection in last named district, this proposal to be subject to the approval of the sureties of Mr. Fitzpatrick and Mr. O'Reilly and to the sanction of the Department for Local Government".

"That we are also in favour of the transfer of Collector Gannon from District No.10 to No.15 as permanent Collector this proposal to be also subject to the approval of Mr. Gannon's sureties and to sanction by the Local Government Department."

COLLECTOR J. J. SINNOTT DISTRICT No.16.

Mr. John J. Sinnott applied for permission to transfer his fidelity guarantee bond from the Irish National Insurance Co., to the New Ireland Assurance Co., Ltd.

Permission for transfer was agreed to on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Mernagh.

Under date 8th May, 1928, Mr. Sinnott, wrote that there was a sum of £23: 14: 5d for Rates due on the holding of Mr. Patrick Murphy, Knockadaw. There was nothing to distain on the lands and they could not be let. Mr. Murphy had received a letter from the Land Commission stating they would undertake

not to have a seizure made on him for twelve months provided that one half year's annuity and costs were paid within 14 days from 24th April. Mr. Murphy's offer of another payment of instalment in six months' time would then be accepted. Mr. Sinnott pointed out that Mr. Murphy would now try and let the lands provided the County Council would agree to accept part of the rates and give him time to pay the remainder. If the lands were let Mr. Murphy would give the whole proceeds towards payment of rent and rates.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That Rate Collector Sinnott exercise his discretion as to payment of poor rate and arrears on the holding of Mr. Patrick Murphy, Knockadawh!"

RATE COLLECTION GENERALLY.

Under date 9th May, 1928, the following letter (G.31565/1928 Loch Garman Fa) was read from the Local Government Department:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of Form 61 showing the position of the collection up to the 30th ultimo and to state that he notes with disapproval the large amount of rates outstanding.

"The Collectors should be warned that the Minister will not be prepared to consent to any proposals in regard to the payment of further poundage to them unless the balances at present outstanding be lodged with expedition."

The Secretary stated that copy of this communication had, upon receipt, been furnished the Rate Collectors.

DRAINAGE RATE KILMANNOCK DISTRICT

In connection with appointment of Mr. Thomas Rowe (Collection District No.18) to collect special drainage rate for Kilmannock district, letter under date 8th May, 1928

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(F.31545/1928 Fa Loch Garman) was read from the Local Government Department stating that it was necessary for Mr. Rowe to subscribe the form of Declaration under section 70 of the Local Government Act, 1925.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Mernagh:- "That we confirm our resolution appointing Mr. Thomas Rowe, Collector for No.18 District, as Collector for special drainage rate for Kilmannock District; this resolution to become operative when Mr. Rowe has subscribed Declaration provided by Section 70 of the Local Government Act, 1925".

MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIMS.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, asked for the directions of the Committee in respect of area of charge for application for compensation for malicious burning of fence and furze knock made by Elizabeth Kehoe, Tincurry, for £100 and Ralph Swayne of same place for £50.

The meeting recommended that in the event of compensation being awarded the Circuit Court Judge should be asked to fix the area of charge on the old County Council district of Ferns, comprising the district Electoral Divisions of Ballyoughter, Ballycanew, Ballycarney, Ballymore, Ferns, Huntingtown, Kilbora, Kilcomb, Rossminogue, The Harrow, Tinnacross.

WATERFORD AND NEW ROSS PORT SANITARY AUTHORITY.

A demand was received from the Waterford and New Ross Port Sanitary Authority for payment of £26: 12: 0d, being 10 per cent of the estimate of expenditure of the Authority for financial year ending 31st March, 1929.

It was decided that the amount be paid but that the new County Council be recommended to take ^{steps} ~~steps~~ to determine as soon as possible the agreement which guaranteed a contribution from Wexford County towards the expenses of Waterford and New Ross

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Port Sanitary Authority.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE MINUTES.
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Copy of Minutes of Library Committee in respect of meeting held on 31st March, 1928, were submitted.
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The Chairman proposed, Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded, and the following resolution was adopted nem.con.:-

That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 10th May, 1928, be received and considered.
Defaulting Officers.

Colonel Quin proposed the following:- "That in all cases of embezzlement or misappropriation of funds by Rate Collectors or other officials of this Council criminal proceedings be taken in the event of the Solicitor to the County Council considering the circumstances warrant such proceedings."

Colonel Gibbon seconded.

Mr. Hall moved:- "That all cases of default by officials of this Council be considered on the merits of each before criminal proceedings are taken against the officer concerned!"

Mr. P. Byrne seconded.

Mr. Thorpe moved:- "That in future criminal proceedings be taken against all defaulting officers of this Council on the advice of our Solicitor."

This he subsequently withdrew.

After discussion, Colonel Quin altered his motion to read as follows:- "That in all future cases of embezzlement or misappropriation of funds by Rate Collectors or other officials of this Council criminal proceedings be taken in the event of the Solicitor to the County Council considering the circumstances warrant such proceedings".

Mr. Hall then withdrew his motion and the resolution proposed by Colonel Quin, seconded by Colonel Gibbon, was adopted nem.con.

Rate Collector Gannon.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne gave the following notice of motion:- "I hereby give notice of motion to move at next meeting of Wexford County Council that Rate Collector Gannon (No.10 District) be transferred to No.15 Collection *District* said transfer to become effective when the sanction of the Department has been received and when the Rate Collection in No.10 district has been closed to the satisfaction of the Finance Committee".

Waterford & New Ross Port Sanitary Authority.

Mr. Cloney said he was a member of the Committee of this authority and he knew from experience so gained that some of the importers of old clothes were having them disinfected at their own expense, otherwise they had difficulty in getting refunds from the carrying companies for damage. Some of them had put in claims for £20 for parcels of imported clothing going thro' the disinfecting chamber but the Authority protested against it.

Mr. Walsh proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following:-

"That importers of old clothing to Waterford and New Ross ports be compelled to bear the cost of disinfection and that in the case of refusal steps be taken to have the importation of such clothing into these ports stopped"

Mr. Hall seconded the resolution which was passed unanimously..

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. P. Byrne and adopted:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 10th May, 1928, except in so far as same have been altered by resolutions adopted at this meeting be and are hereby confirmed"
Roads Committee.

The following Minutes of Roads' Committee in respect of meeting of 23rd April, 1928, 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 23rd April 1928.

Present; -Mr Thomas McCarthy (Chairman) presided; Also, Messrs W. Boggan, M. Cloney, P. Colfer, Col Gibbon, James Hall, Sean O'Byrne, Col Quin, and James Shannon.

The Secretary, the Co. Surveyor and the following Assistant Surveyors were in attendance; -Messrs T. Treanor, Thomas Cullen, John Kehoe, P. O'Neill, and J.F. Birthistle.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

THE LATE MR R.W. ELGEE SOLICITOR.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Hall; -

"That we deeply regret the demise of Mr R.W. Elgee, Solicitor to Wexford County Council for the past 13 years, and offer our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs Elgee and family in their great loss. Mr Elgee was a valued official of this Council and greatly respected by its members."

TEMPORARY SOLICITOR.

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

"We recommend the County Council to appoint Mr John Elgee, temporary Solicitor to the County Council in the room of his brother, Mr R.W. Elgee, deceased - remuneration to be at the same rate as in the case of Mr R.W. Elgee"

CHANGE OF DATE OF WEXFORD TOWN FAIR.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Gibbon seconded by Mr Hall; -

"That in the absence of a stated meeting of the County Council, this Committee makes application to the Local Government Department and the Department of Agriculture to allow Wexford Town Fair to be held on 7th May instead of usual date."

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community that this change should be effected."

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following report was submitted by the County Surveyor;-

"During the past week I met the Town Surveyors by appointment in Enniscorthy, Wexford and New Ross, and made full inspection of all the Main Roads in the three areas.

I have also gone into the question of the amount of material supplied and the work done during the year, and am satisfied that the maintenance work has been reasonably carried out, and accordingly I shall certify final payment at the next Finance meeting. Up to the present, only New Ross Urban Council has notified acceptance of the maintenance contract for the present year, but I have no doubt the two other Councils will undertake the work. This is provided for in the "Road Works Scheme", and I take it that I may agree with the Urban Councils for the work.

Arising out of letter from Mr Thomas McCarthy, Fairfield and by direction of the Council, I met MR McCarthy on the 19th inst. His complaint does not touch the recent work carried out at Verona Bridge and approach walls. Immediately opposite Mr McCarthy's premises there is a mill dam which retains the water considerably above the level of the road. This dam is very defective and allows the water to pass over and flood the road. Moreover, the sluices of the pond are not properly regulated, with the result that recently Mr McCarthy complained that the water flowed over the bank across County Road and on to his premises. Independently of any damage to Mr McCarthy's premises the percolation of water from the dam and the non-regulation of the sluices/ causing overflow is a nuisance to the public using the road, and Mr McCarthy contends that it is the County Council who should take action to compel the owner of the mill-dam to abate the nuisance. I agree that the matter should be referred to the owner and steps taken as he may advise.

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I have had complaint from Mr Henry Williams, Mount Elliott, New Ross, in regard to a County gullet, and submit copy of his letter and of Mr O'Neill's report. On the 18th inst I inspected the place with Mr O'Neill and am satisfied that the work done by us was necessary. In no way has Mr Williams been inconvenienced by the work, as there is ample width for access to his premises; in fact the width to his entrance is greater than the width to the main road at the spot.

I have a full report from Mr Treanor as to the recent blasts complained of by Miss Palmer in Gorey Hill Quarry, and submit copy of same.

The Estimate sanctioned for the current year provides for the purchase of a diving suit, and I shall be thankful for authority to place order for same at once. Complaint in regard to the sluices at Coumstown has recently been received and if I had the diving suit I could have a full inspection made and would probably be able to improve the sluices at a small cost.

Recently the Spandrill wall and the adjoining retaining wall at Ballyhogue Bridge (330E) collapsed. The old masonry was very defective, and the wall not by any means of sufficient thickness; in fact I am surprised that it stood up so long. The place is absolutely dangerous and almost impassable and I have completely closed the roadway over the bridge. It will probably be necessary to obtain the sanction of the Minister of Local Government pending rebuilding, and I estimate the cost of the work will not be less than £400.

I have not yet been able to inspect Ahare Bridge (81G), or the wall at Ballymoney (104G). I have to report that the bridge at Ballinakill (149G) and wall at Ballyvaldon (190E) are badly damaged. The total of these five works I estimate will cost £605 to have them properly repaired, and I ask for authority to put the works in hand as soon as I can make arrangements. They are all on County roads.

The Grant work at Camolin, Scarawalsh and Clonroche is now in progress, and I find that for the proper expedition of the work which is very much dependent on fine weather, we have insufficient machinery. I ask for authority to hire a couple of rollers if I can obtain them at a reasonable price. We have only six rollers, and it would be advisable to have three on each of these jobs; moreover, we shall require rollers on the spraying work that is about to be put in hands. I have not been able to start the spraying work yet, as the Local Government Department has not agreed with the contractor for supplying the bitumen, but I am at present getting out screenings for the job.

During the past week I made special inspection of the Wexford-Gorey road in company with the Assistant Surveyors. There is no doubt that sections of this road are very weak and will not stand present day traffic. Portions that up to the past few months were in fairly good condition are now showing signs of breaking up, and unless immediate steps are taken to strengthen the crust, I believe the road will become seriously damaged. It is unlikely that the County Council will obtain any Grant for this road for some years to come as the Local Government Department will ^{require} the Trunk Roads to be completed before giving Grants on the link Main Roads. I have carefully gone into the cost of making good this road, which between the Urban Boundary and Gorey is $25\frac{1}{2}$ miles, and I estimate that its strengthening and surfacing will cost £33,000. I have examined into the financing of this work and report as follows; - ~~For~~ For ordinary maintenance I set against this road £2740, but owing to the reduction made in my estimate I had to reduce the figure to £2,240. This reduction was not fully up to the average reduction made on the whole estimate, as I found it impossible to even keep the road trafficable at a less figure. I recommend that the County Council formulate a scheme for the reconstruction of this road at the figure as above set out, and that it be financed by a loan extending over ten years for repayment.

I am prepared to go more fully into the figures at your meeting, and now merely point out that whatever expenditure is made on this road will be subsidised by the Local Government Department under the Roads Maintenance Grants Scheme to the extent of 30%. The repayment of the loan, principal and interest in 10 years will be about £4200, and allowing for the Local Government subsidy, the increased cost of this road over this year's proposals, which are very low, would be £1372, or about 3d in the £ on the rates. This matter is most important, and the Council would do well to consider it, as otherwise, the road may break up as the Wexford-Enniscorthy Road did."

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

"That report of Co. Surveyor be received and considered."

Main Roads Urban Districts.

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

"That we empower the Co. Surveyor to enter into agreements with the Urban Councils of the County for the maintenance of main roads in the Urban Districts provided that the Urban District Councils are satisfied to accept the figures in Co. Surveyor's estimate in each case."

Flooding at Fairfield.

It was decided that the report of the Co. Surveyor be referred to the County Solicitor for his advice.

Gullet at Mount Elliott, New Ross.

No action as full accommodation has been provided for Mr Williams.

A report under date 16th April 1928 was read from Mr O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, stating that as it was impossible to clean out the gullet at the place owing to the long bend, the latter was shortened and a trap and grate put in.

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Mr Williams had from 20 to 30 feet of an entrance which should be sufficient for any reasonable vehicle.

Letter from Mr Williams under date 10th April 1928 stated he objected to the sewer being made six feet shorter than it originally was.

Gorey Hill Quarry.

Under date 20th April 1928, the following report was read from Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor; -

"Yours of 18th inst re above with copy of letter from Secretary, County Council enclosed.

Blasts were carried out in Quarry on dates as follows; -

10/8/27 175 lbs gelignite used. 12 holes.

8/9/27 one hole fired.

3/2/28 100 lbs gelignite used 10 holes.

8/3/28 one hole (a misfire from previous blast)

After blast on 8th March 1928, Miss Palmer complained of stones from same reaching her house and damaging slates.

This hole was fired about 12-15 p.m.. I was engaged with big blast in Clologue Quarry on this date, and before going there told ganger I would be back in time to fire in Gorey Hill. As gelignite did not reach Clologue until 12 o'clock I was not finished there until 1-30 P.M. On reaching Gorey Hill about 2 p.m. I found hole had been fired and learned that Miss Palmer had complained of stones falling on slates. I made an examination of her premises about 4 p.m. when I arranged with Miss Palmer to send man to examine slates. I instructed Mr Willoughby, Builder, Gorey, to make examination and give me report and estimate of cost of any repairs necessary as result of blast. He (Willoughby) went to inspect the place but was not admitted and verbally reported that she stated "there was no damage done and no repairs wanted." Willoughby is prepared to give evidence to this effect. On 9th March, I went to another man, Thomas Byrne, Slater, Main Street, Gorey and instructed him to visit place and give me report and estimate.

Owing to bad weather Byrne did not make his inspection until 15th March, on which date I also visited the place and met Byrne. After he had carefully gone over the entire roof he reported verbally to me ~~that~~ that some of slates were chipped at corners, but could not state definitely whether due to falling stones or not as most of the chippings were not recent."

"None of slates were cracked or holed and further that leakage not possible owing to fact that all slates sound over joints."

I may mention that Miss Palmer was particularly anxious to have this man examine roof. Byrne's price to cover all repairs was £2-5-0.

On 22nd March 1928, County Surveyor and Committee of County Council visited place and on this occasion Miss Palmer's brother tried to convince the Committee that stones of up to three or four pounds weight were thrown from blast into premises, and with this end in view picked up a stone of about 4 lbs weight and stated it was thrown there from blast on 8/3/28. To get this stone he had to scrape off screenings which were spread over it at least a week before blast, and I pointed out this to him and the Committee. He (Mr Palmer) did not press the point.

On receipt of instructions received on 3/4/28 to have repairs carried out, I instructed Byrne to proceed with the work. Owing to unfavourable weather he did nothing until 11th April. In the meantime, between date of County Council Committee's inspection of 22nd March and 11th April, Mr James Doyle, Builder, Gorey on behalf of Miss Palmer made an inspection of slates and found two holes near ridge on west side of roof. When I heard of holes in slates and as I saw none on my inspection, and as Byrne had not reported on any of slates being so damaged, I questioned him on the matter and he informed me that there were no holes when he made his examination on 15th March. On 22nd March when inspected by

County Surveyor and Committee no holes were to be seen.

On 11th April when at ~~Miss~~ Miss Palmer's, she informed me that her roof was so damaged as result of blast that it would never be the same again, and that amongst others, Thomas Byrne who was at work on roof ~~at the~~ at the time had so informed her.

I then called on him and in Miss Palmer's presence asked him if he had made such a statement. He emphatically denied having done so and Miss Palmer after some time admitted this.

On date of blast, 8th March, Ganger sent men to road to warn traffic. Robert Palmer on 22nd March made a statement to Committee of Council that there were no men on road and that he was in grave danger when going into his field of being injured by horses he was bringing to plough.

I already sent you signed statement by man, Patrick Allen, who was stationed at that part of road where Mr Palmer would cross to reach his land.

Regarding the charge of trespass by County Council employees, I have no knowledge of such having happened, except that after each blast men were directed to gather off any stones that fell on fields adjoining. I was present on all such occasions except on 8th March."

The Secretary stated Civil Bill claiming £50 in respect of damage done to Miss Palmer's dwelling house, out-office and lands at Gorey Hill adjoining Gorey Hill Quarry ~~and~~ and for an injunction to restrain the Council from working the quarry had been served on Mr Elgee, Solicitor of the County Council.

It was decided that copy of Civil Bill in this case and copy ~~of report of~~ of Mr Treanor be furnished Insurance Company.

Diving Suit.

It was decided on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Col Quin that the Co. Surveyor be instructed to procure diving suit in accordance with estimate submitted by him recently.

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Collapsed Bridges.

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

"That the Co. Surveyor arrange to carry out repairs to Ballyhogue Bridge(330E), Ahare Bridge(81G), Wall at Ballymoney (104G), Bridge at Ballynakill(149G), Wall at Ballyvaldon(190E) at a cost not to exceed £605 which amount is to be provided from the Contingencies Fund.

Hire of Rollers.

It was agreed that the Co. Surveyor negotiate for hire of two steam rollers, cost to be submitted to next County Council meeting for approval.

Wexford-Corey Road.

Col Gibbon said he would like replies to the following points;-1. Are heavy lorries using Wexford-Corey road to the same extent since Wexford-Enniscorthy road has been opened? 2. How many regular users of heavy lorry traffic were there for Gorey-Wexford road at present? 3. Is it desirable to apply to the Local Government Department making special representations to them to close ~~ertain~~ certain roads in view of the following;-(a) depression in agriculture. (b) no quarry in the immediate vicinity of roads. (c) the roads are only fit to carry ordinary traffic not exceeding two or three tons in weight and are absolutely unfitted for 15 ton lorries. In the circumstances would the Local Government Department give sanction to Order to prohibit the passage of any vehicle weighing over four tons on the roads bounded on the north by a line drawn east and west through Cahore Point. If the Council could get that Order, expenditure on these roads would be enormously reduced. If they had to build a road to stand the traffic of 15 ton lorries, the finances at the disposal of the Council would not allow of it. And the

Council should remember that it was illegal to use any new lorry up to this extravagant weight. He considered the question of the Loan should be adjourned for consideration until after the new Council comes into office. It was unfair to expect the present County Council to raise a big loan in the very last days of its existence. He then proposed the following:-

"That we apply to the Minister for Local Government for an Order prohibiting heavy lorry traffic, viz, commercial vehicles over six tons "all in" on Wexford-Gorey road via Castlebridge, cross of Castle Ellis, Kilnamanagh and Wells to Ballycanew. Also on Gorey-Wexford road via Fahy's Cross, ~~Curraclow~~ Curraclow, Blackwater, Kilmuckridge, Cahore to Courtown Harbour."

Mr Boggan seconded the resolution.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For;- Messrs Boggan, Cloney, Gibbon and Hall- 4.

Against;- Messrs Colfer, O'Byrne, Col Quin, Shannon, and the Chairman. ----- 5.

The Chairman declared the resolution lost.

Col Gibbon proposed and Col Quin seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem.con.:-

"That the question of raising loan for reconstruction of Wexford-Gorey road be referred to the new Co. Council; in the meantime, that our Secretary ascertain from Treasurer of County Council (National Bank Ltd.) if loan for this purpose will be available and at what rate of interest, and if maintenance Grant from Local Government Department would be available during the life of the loan.

Courtown Harbour.

Under date 21st April 1928, the following was read from Miss H. M. Collins (Arts & Crafts Studio, Fort Road, Gorey):-

"I wish to apply for permission to erect a wooden hut for the sale of handicrafts and Irish cottage industries on a piece of waste land between Courtown Harbour village

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and the Harbour Master's house-or elde on the front promenade near the Lifeboat House. The hut is 12 feet square and has been used for the purpose with success elsewhere. Its present site has ceased to be suitable owing to the obstruction of the Burrow Road with sand."

It was decided to refer this communication to the following Committee to report to the next meeting of the County Council;-Col Quin, Sean O'Byrne, and the Co. Surveyor as to proposed site for hut.

The Co. Surveyor submitted report from Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor as to condition of Courtown Harbour Road which required immediate attention with "Colas" or other cold emulsion. The amount allowed for maintenance did not permit of any expenditure to meet this class of work, and to keep surface in passable order, a sum of £150 would be required from Contingencies Fund. Summer traffic would have a very injurious effect on this road.

It was decided that a sum of £150 should be withdrawn from Contingencies Fund to allow of spraying Courtown Harbour road in preparation for summer traffic.

Under date 13th April 1928, Mr Treanor reported that he found the sluice gates of Courtown Harbour in defective ~~condition~~ condition, owing to overhanging, gate on north side did not make a proper junction with that on the south. There were several defects in the frames and sluice doors which with over-hang, considerably affected the usefulness of gates for sluicing.

It was decided to ~~refer~~ have gates examined. by diver and to consider his report at meeting of Roads Committee.

ROSSLARE SEWERAGE SCHEME.

Letter from Co. Surveyor to Secretary, County Board of Health was read. This pointed out the necessity for making provision for surface drainage without which the sewerage system would not be complete or satisfactory.

A resolution was adopted that the Secretary, County Board of Health be requested to state what is the position as regards the suggestions of the County Surveyor with regard to surface drainage.

GREAT SOUTHERN RAILWAYS (MISCELLANEOUS PURPOSES)

BILL, 1928.

Under date 13th April 1928, the Following was read from Mr Elgee, Solicitor;-

As instructed, I have now gone through the above Bill to ascertain how far it would affect the County Council.

The only Section which directly affects the County Council is Section 9, which is as follows;-

"The provisions contained in Section 47 of the Railways Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 in respect of the employment by the Company of persons to open and shut gates shall apply only in the case of crossing gates which are situated at a place where, at the time of its construction, the railway crossed a turnpike or public carriage road on the level.

Any obligation assumed by the Company, other than by the terms of a Contract in writing, to employ or provide the services of persons to open or shut accommodation gates or crossing gates other than gates to which the provisions of the said Section 47 as amended by this Section apply, is hereby terminated."

Section 47 of the Railways Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 provides that if a railway cross any turnpike road or public road on a level, the Company shall erect and at all times ~~provide~~ maintain sufficient gates across such road on each side of the railway, and shall employ proper persons to open and shut such gates.

The effect of Section 9 of the proposed new Bill, will only affect roads over which the railway may cross, which roads were not made at the time the railway was constructed,

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and the provisions of Section 47 of the Railways Clauses Act of 1845 will still hold good in respect of all existing level crossings, and the Railway Company will continue to be liable for the maintenance of the gates at the existing crossings, and to employ proper persons to open and shut and attend such gates.

This being so, I am of opinion that the County Council will not be prejudiced by the passing of the Bill because as far as I am aware, all level crossings in the County Wexford and the roads over which they pass were existing at the time of the construction of the different lines of railway through the County."

Col Gibbon proposed and Mr O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That letter from Mr Elgee as to Clause 9 of Great Southern Railways (Miscellaneous Purposes) Bill 1928 be adjourned to the meeting of the County Council. That in the meantime, the Solicitor to the Co. Council be asked how the Act affects the Co. Council relative to Wexford-Rosslare Slob Road and if existing Section 47 of the Railways Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 covers this road."

TELEGRAPHIC LINES.

In connection with the proposal of the County Council asking the Department of Posts and Telegraphs to provide for the "lathing" of telegraphic poles between Union Workhouse New Ross and Knockmullen House, the Chief Engineer wrote that it was intended to place the poles on a grass margin opposite the footpath, and in the circumstances, the proposal of the Council might be withdrawn.

This was agreed to.

Application was read from Department of Posts and Telegraphs for the consent of the Council to the erection of over-ground telegraphic line from Post Office Oulart to Garda Siothchana Station, Oulart.

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

"That on behalf of the Wexford County Council we hereby consent to erection of telegraphic line between Post Office and Garda Siothchana Station, Oulart, provided poles are placed in positions approved by the County Surveyor."

It was decided to ask the Department of Posts and Telegraphs to "lath" the telegraphic poles between Loreto Convent Wexford and County Hospital, some of which were erected on the footpath.

ROAD GRANTS.

The Secretary reported that since last meeting of the Council £40-2-4 had been received from Department of Local Government for T7 and £527 for T8 and T12.

MONGLOSS LANE.

The following report of Sub-Committee re above was approved:-

"The ^{Sub.} Committee appointed by the Council, ^{which} ~~the~~ consisted of Messrs Jordan, Shannon and Clinee, to report on Mongloss Lane was summoned for 22nd February 1928. Mr Jordan was unable to be present, but wrote to the Co. Surveyor recommending the work, as he had previously been over the road and was thoroughly conversant with it. Owing to a misunderstanding, Mr Shannon was not on the road at the same time as the County Surveyor, but he made an inspection and recommends the work. Mr Clinee and the Co. Surveyor went over the road together, and the Co. Surveyor estimates that the cost of putting in repair the portion of the lane which leads from road to road will be £40. One section of the lane is a dead end, and cannot be taken up by the Co. Council. The road is of the legal width and can be taken over by the County Council. There are a large number of important rate-payers using this lane and the land is heavily tillaged.

The Sub-Committee after discussion with the Co. Surveyor, recommends the County Council to undertake the repair of the road as soon as possible.

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It was decided On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Col Quin, to refer the report to the November meeting of the Co. Council when all applications for new works for the following year will be considered.

CASTLEBRIDGE ROAD.

Under date 20th April 1928, the Department of Local Government wrote that the Minister was advised that the necessary repairs to the Castlebridge road to prevent flooding is a matter of ordinary road improvement which should be carried out by the County Council, and in the circumstances, the Minister could not see his way to recommend a special Grant for the work.

MAINTENANCE MAIN ROADS
URBAN DISTRICT NEW ROSS.

The following resolution was read from New Ross Urban Council under date 11th April 1928;-

"That the Urban ^{Council} tender for the maintenance of the Main Roads in the Urban District for financial year ending 31st March 1929 in accordance with the specification received from the Co. Surveyor and at the price mentioned in it, viz, £518"

The Co. Surveyor said the figure quoted was quite satisfactory.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Col Gibbon;-

"That the offer of New Ross Urban District to maintain the main roads in their Urban District for year ending 31st March 1929 at £518 be and is hereby accepted on behalf of the County Council."

NEW ROSS BRIDGE.

Under date 29th March 1928, the Town Clerk, New Ross wrote that he was again directed to draw the attention of the County Council to the condition of New Ross Bridge and to request ^{that} the matter would receive immediate attention.

A resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr O'Byrne directing the Co. Surveyor

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to arrange with the New Ross Urban District for the maintenance of roadway over New Ross Bridge and also for the maintenance of Chilcomb Railway Bridge.

FERROCRETE IN CONCRETE ROAD.

Col Gibbon suggested that in view of the failure of "ferrocrete" in piles of new bridge at Mount Garrett, that the ferrocrete work on Wexford-Enniscorthy road should be inspected during the first week of each quarter and comparison made between it and the ordinary cement as to wearing qualities.

OLD UNION BUILDINGS NEW ROSS.

Under date 26th March 1928, Mr T. D. Sinnott, Secretary County Board of Health wrote calling attention to the fact that the old Union Buildings at New Ross consisting of the former "Body of the House", at present unoccupied, were falling into a derelict state. Many of the doors were down and the place was becoming open to the public.

Mr O'Neill said one of the wicket gates was down and it had to be repaired. He did not see how trespassers could get into the place, and there was a caretaker at main entrance.

It was decided that copy of Mr O'Neill's explanation be furnished to the Secretary County Board of Health.

ROADS 264 and 274 R.

The following report under date 21st April 1928 was read from Mr John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor; -

"There are two fourth class roads in my District Nos 264 R and 274 R which are at present in a bad state owing to excessive traffic.

No 274R is a narrow lane which runs through very wet land and is being trafficked by a lorry drawing manure to a farm belonging to Mr Ward, Duncannon. It is now cut up so badly that it is very difficult to drive a motor along it.

Road No 264R is trafficked by a traction engine which goes to a farmer's place on the lane to grind corn about once every fortnight. The engine has cut part of the

lane badly.

There is a contract on both roads, £13 being allowed for 274R and £10 for 264R.

Will you please ask the Council to give us £14 for 274R and £10 for 264R in order to have repairs done on them during the summer."

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

"That we approve of the suggestion in letter of Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor of 21st April 1928 relative to extra expenditure on Roads 274R and 264R and agree that £14 and £10 respectively should be expended thereon by way of sudden damage."

WEIGHTS & MEASURES ADMINISTRATION.

It was decided that the Secretary and Co. Surveyor consult the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, with a view to securing premises for Inspectors of Weights & Measures while sandblast has to be used for bottles. This machine was causing a good deal of damage to the Courthouses at present.

The Chairman proposed, Mr. S. O'Byrne seconded, and it was passed:-

"That the Minutes of meeting of Roads' Committee in respect of meeting held on 23rd April, 1928, be received and considered!"-

Vacancy for Solicitor.

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

"That vacancy for Solicitor to County Council be reported to the Appointments Commission, and that the Commission be informed ~~that~~ the Council are strongly in favour of the permanent appointment of Mr. John Elgee who is acting as temporary Solicitor and who has been legal adviser to this Council during the illness of his brother, the late Mr. R. W. Elgee!"

The salary attached to the position is to be £200 with living bonus of £50:- Out-of-Pocket expenses to be refunded.

Wexford Fair.

Mr. Doyle mentioned that at the meeting of the Wexford Corporation a proposal to have a second fair in May was mooted. The people who supported the fair and sent their stock to it were quite opposed to the suggestion. He proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Boggan:- "That the Wexford Corporation be informed that in the opinion of the farmers of the district who send their stock to Wexford fair, a second fair was not necessary and would tend to injure the present well established fair which is held on 1st May. *Passed*

Gullet at Mount Elliot New Ross.

In connection with this matter the County Surveyor stated he had received letter from Mr. Williams, under date 14th May, 1928, stating that he did not have any reply from the County Surveyor to his letter of 10th April and giving fourteen days' notice to have the gullet extended to its original length; failing to have

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this done Mr. Williams stated he would place the matter in the hands of his Solicitors - Messrs Colfer & Son.

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

"That Messrs Thorpe, Cooney and Walsh, with Mr. Elgee and the County Surveyor, be appointed a Sub-Committee to visit Mr. Williams, investigate his complaint and report to next meeting of the Roads' Committee. That the County Surveyor arrange for date of visit and inform Mr. Williams accordingly"

Hire of Rollers.

The County Surveyor submitted quotation from Mr. Edward Kavanagh, St. John's Enniscorthy, for hire of two steam-rollers at 45/- per day and the tender was accepted on the motion of Mr. Cline, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne.

The County Surveyor pointed out that this was the rate which the Department of Local Government had fixed for hire of rollers for Grant work.

Gorey-Wexford Road.

With reference to the Minutes of Roads' Committee in this matter, Colonel Gibbon pointed out that although the County Council might have provided a proper road for lorries, the owners of these vehicles could say they intended to use other roads, and under existing conditions there was no power to prevent them.

This was a situation that the farmers of the County ~~and~~ could not agree to allow to continue. The Gorey road would be very costly to put in proper order as there was only one quarry close to Gorey town which could be utilized and the material for its repair at the Wexford end would have to be brought from Kerlogue, and as lorries could not cross Wexford Bridge, they should go around by Ferrycarrig Bridge adding greatly to the expense. If the County Council provided a good main road, the lorry owners could not, when they wanted to diverge from the main road to villages and Stations, say they had cause for complaint if they had to traverse a mile or so along poor roads. They ^{could} not expect the County Council to provide

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first-class roads in places where there were only fourth-class roads at the moment.

He then proposed the following resolution:-

"That we dissent from the decision of the Roads' Committee in respect of the proposal to close certain roads to lorry traffic, and that we apply to the Minister for Local Government for an Order prohibiting heavy lorry traffic, viz. ;→ Commercial vehicles over six tons "all in" on Wexford-Gorey road, via Castlebridge, the cross at Castle Ellis, Kilnamanagh and Wells to Ballycanew, and also on the Wexford-Gorey road via Fahy's Cross, Curracloe, Blackwater, Kilmuckridge, Cahore to Courtown Harbour."

Mr. Hall seconded the resolution.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne pointed out that if they diverted lorry traffic from main roads for which they were receiving 30% of cost of maintenance from the Department of Local Government to roads in respect of which they were obtaining no grant, the last mentioned roads would be cut to pieces and would be unfit for any traffic whatever after a short time.

Mr. Shamon proposed as an amendment:- "That Colonel Gibbon's resolution relative to closing of roads be referred to the New County Council."

Mr. Gaul seconded.

Mr. Corish pointed out that the Minister would not agree to Colonel Gibbon's proposal unless the County Council were prepared to put forward a definite scheme as to what they proposed to do with the road in the shape of repair or reconstruction.

The County Surveyor pointed out that £8000 which was referred to in his report was only an approximate estimate and intended to cover only length of road which had begun to break up. In order to strengthen the whole length of road (25½ miles statute) it would be necessary to spend the £33,000.

In reply to Mr. Corish, the County Surveyor said that the

£8,000 did not cover any expenditure to obviate the flooding at Castlebridge on this road.

A vote was taken on Mr. Shannon's amendment with the following result:-

For:- Messrs P. Byrne, Clince, Connors, Gaul, Hayes, Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, Colonel Quin, Rossiter and Shannon10.

Against:-Messrs Boggan, Doyle, Colonel Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Thorpe, Whyte, Cloney and Donoghue.....9.

Messrs Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Walsh and the Chairman did not vote and Mr. Pender was not present when the voting took place.

When Mr. Shannon's amendment was put as the substantive motion Mr. Corish moved the following as an amendment:-

"That the County Surveyor having reported to this Council that in order to provide for heavy traffic on Gorey-Wexford Road an expenditure of £33,000 must be made but in view of the present position of the rate-payers, the Council does not feel justified in incurring this ~~expense~~. If, however, the Minister for Local Government will issue an Order empowering the Council to prohibit lorry traffic of six tons "all in" from using this road, they are prepared to approve of the expenditure of £8,500 this being the sum mentioned by the County Surveyor as necessary to repair the road so as to enable it to carry lorries up to six tons "all in"; the expenditure to cover the raising of the road at Castlebridge to obviate flooding. The sum named in this resolution, viz., £8,500 is to be raised by loan from the Council's Treasurer.

"That our Secretary ascertain from our Treasurer if loan will be available and at what rate of Interest. Also if maintenance Grant from the Local Government Department in respect of main roads will be available during the life of the loan and towards payment of instalments thereof".

Mr. Rossiter seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For:- Messrs P. Byrne, Clinee, Colfer, Connors, Cooney,
Corish, Hayes, Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, Rossiter and the
Chairman..... 11

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

Messrs Walsh and Shannon did not vote and Mr. Pender
was not present when the poll was taken.

The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the
motion which was declared carried.

Mr. Corish's amendment was then put as a substantive
motion with the following result:-

For:- Messrs P. Byrne, Clinee, Colfer, Connors, Cooney,
Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, Rossiter and the
Chairman.....12

Against:- Messrs Boggan, Cloney, Doyle, Colonel Gibbon, Hall
Jordan, O'Donoghue, Colonel Quin, Thorpe and Whyte10.

The Chairman declared Mr. Corish's motion carried.

Messrs Cooney and Walsh protested against the expenditure
which was incurred on roads in the north of the County and
referred to the fact that although they had made several
applications for grants for roads in the South of the County
their proposals had been always turned down.

After discussion, Mr. Cooney gave the following notice
of motion:-

"I hereby give notice that I will move at the next
meeting that the County Council proceed to raise by loan the
amount of money necessary to enable them to carry out certain
essential repairs on the road from New Ross through Camblin
to Campile and Duncannon".

Courtown Harbour.

Mr. Jordan mentioned that he had had an interview with

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the Minister for Fisheries who was prepared to furnish a certain amount of money if the County Council would put up a Scheme for the improvement of Courtown Harbour.

It was decided, in view of Mr. Jordan's statement, that the County Surveyor should report to the next meeting of the Roads' Committee as to what improvements at Courtown Harbour he considered necessary.

Rosslare Sewerage.

The County Surveyor said that unless surface drainage was provided for they could not have a proper system of sewerage. He did not believe that the cost of providing for surface drainage would be prohibitive.

Under date 28th April, 1928, the Secretary, County Board of Health wrote that his Board had ordered Mr. Flood, their Engineer, to put the County Surveyor's views before the consulting Engineer, Mr. P.H. McCarthy, and that the matter be given full consideration when the draft plans were submitted to the Board and that the County Surveyor be consulted in the matter.

Mr. Shannon moved the following which was seconded by Colonel Quin: and adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor and Mr. Flood, Engineer to County Board of Health, arrange for a consultation as regards surface drainage in connection with Rosslare Scheme. That the County Surveyor submit to next meeting of the Roads' Committee plans to show what he considers is required from the point of view of the County Council and that he furnish copy of same to the County Board of Health".

"Ferrocrete". The County Surveyor mentioned that it was now held that the failure of "ferrocrete" in the work at Mountgarrett Bridge was not due to the cement but to some extraneous matter which got into the sand.

Flooding at Fairfield. Mr. Shannon called attention to the necessity of having something done immediately to obviate flooding on road at Fairfield. On last fair day of Enniscorthy and for two

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after people had to wade through eighteen inches of water.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Minutes of Roads' Committee in respect of meeting held on 23rd April, 1928, be and are hereby confirmed except in so far as same have been altered or amended by resolutions adopted at this meeting".

MOUNTGARRETT BRIDGE - CARETAKER'S PREMISES.

Mr. Thorpe mentioned that owing to the fact that the road at Mountgarrett Bridge must be raised four feet the caretaker's residence would have to be removed and a new residence on a different site provided. There would not be enough money in the Contingencies section to meet the expenditure and he wished to know if the Joint Committee could set about building the house independently of the Councils concerned.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, said that the Joint Committee could not expend any money outside what was covered by the proposals of County Councils of Kilkenny and Wexford without the consent of these Councils.

The meeting suggested that Mr. Thorpe and the County Surveyor might point out to the Joint Committee that a house built on the same lines as a labourer's cottage should provide sufficient accommodation for the bridge caretaker.

ROSSLARE STATION ROAD.

A deputation consisting of Mr. J. F. Kelly and Mr. Peter Bolger, representing the Rosslare Development Association, came before the meeting.

Mr. Kelly, who acted as spokesman, said that last year the Association were instrumental in securing a grant of £1,000 for the widening of the road. Work had commenced on the road, and it was a great improvement so far as it had gone, and the only thing they wished the Council to do was to facilitate the Association by getting the surface of the road finished before

the coming seaside season started. The season would commence on the first Sunday in June and they would like to have the surface finished, because the road was the main inlet to Rosslare, not only for those travelling by rail but also by road.

Mr. Bolger - The right-of-way to the beach is in a deplorable condition at present.

Chairman - The County Council have nothing to say to that at all.

Mr. Bolger - Didn't they dig it up.

County Surveyor - We opened a drain there.

Mr. Bolger - And you left it there.

County Surveyor - Pending what is to be done about the sewerage.

Mr. Bolger - It is an awful place. You could scarcely walk down it.

The County Surveyor said it was much easier to walk down than when there was an old choked drain there. He had hopes that he might make a drain there, but pending the decision about the sewerage system he had done nothing.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Kelly said the surfacing they had in mind for the road was tar macadam, or a dressing of tar, if the money was available.

The Chairman said he did not think there would be any money available for that work this year. Last year the Irish Tourist Association in Dublin approached the Government for a grant for tourist roads. The Government gave a grant to all the counties in the Free State, the total amount of which was £50,000, and Wexford's share was £2,000. The County Council decided to spend £1,000 on the widening of the road in question and the other £1,000 was spent on the improvement of the Courtown road. This year they thought they would get a further grant, but they had been ~~unsuccessful~~ unsuccessful so far.

In reply to Colonel Gibbon the County Surveyor stated that it would cost about £80 to concrete across the burrow opposite the

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the road to the beach; if it were intended to have a concrete path for footpassengers only the cost would be about £25.

Mr. Doyle said he could not see why the lower end of Station Road was not completed out of the grant first. If they had money enough to tackle the other end of the road when the lower part was completed, it would be quite in order to do it, but, it was not as necessary to attend to the upper part as it was to put into proper repair and finish the road from the Station down to the strand. To look at it now he believed it would help to keep visitors from the place more than anything else. It was an actual laugh for the whole country to see the state of the road at the moment, and it showed anything but a business capacity for all concerned in its construction to see the look of it at the present time within, they might say, a fortnight of the opening of the season. He thought the County Surveyor or his Deputy Surveyor was blameable for not completing the lower end of the road. It was in a most ridiculous condition, and the most ridiculously carried out piece of work he ever saw. He thought the Tourist Association would bear him out.

County Surveyor - I wish to join issue with Mr. Doyle, and to say it is not ridiculous, and to say it is a splendid improvement job. You can't make a gravel surface as smooth as the table. You will have to take time for that. It was essential to widen the upper part. Otherwise, as Mr. Doyle would say, it would be one part laughing at the other.

Colonel Gibbon was in favour of the Council spending the £25 to provide an outlet for the drainage alongside the Council's road. If it was only to provide a way to get the crowd off their roads on excursion days they would be justified in expending that £25. They should deal with the nuisance there right away.

County Surveyor - You know I said before that the

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the surface drainage there is a nuisance and should go into a sewer.

Mr. Boggan - Whose duty is it to direct this surface drainage into the proper place ?

Colonel Gibbon - It is ours at present. It runs alongside our road.

Mr. Boggan - If it is in anything approaching the state that Colonel Gibbon described, it is an essential and urgent thing for us to do.

Mr. Elgee said that all sewerage drainage of the County was in the hands of the County Health Board. The County Council had nothing at all to say to sewage drainage. Further, he thought the County Council had nothing to do with the passage going through the burrow to the beach, and they might have trouble with the owner if they started work. He could not advise the Council to have anything to do with that.

The County Surveyor pointed out that there never was any intention to provide a tar surfaced road.

Mr. Birthistle, deputy Surveyor, said that the only work remaining to be done on the road in question would be the building of some piers and the provision of thirty or forty yards of sea gravel, at 2/- a yard delivered. That was all that was wrong with the job. The road was no worse than they intended it to be on plan. Owing to a little quibbling on the part of some of the local people the work had been held up till winter, and they were forced to go ahead in the bad weather. It was no fault of theirs that they dropped a good deal of money by working in bad weather. They certainly lost £60 in hard cash, and after that they might add another £60 or £80. On some days the men were nominally working, but were really running in every five minutes out of the rain. It was complained of that the road would take another £30, but last winter they had to keep the road surface. It was surfaced out of the grant, and it would be only right that they

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should now spend £30 out of the direct labour proposal. It had been recommended that a small piece of road should be made across the burrow. All the concrete slabs had been made for that, and all arrangements were complete for that suggested work out of the grant money tho' the work was not part of their estimate.

The Chairman said that a good deal had been said during the debate about the condition of the road. On Sunday week he was on the road himself, and he was sorry that he could not endorse all that Mr. Doyle had said about its condition. He did not think it was too bad at all. It was like all works in course of reconstruction - it did not look as well as when finished. The portions of the road that had been widened had not consolidated, and there was some rough material lying around, but taken on the whole he thought a good job had been done. He had heard from a great many people from the northern portion of the County who had travelled over it that they were delighted with the work. He thought the Tourist Association in Rosslare had been somewhat over-anxious to find fault. They stated at a meeting, according to Mr. Doyle, that value was not given for the money expended, but why did they not draw attention to that when the work was in progress instead of waiting until the work was finished ?. The work should have been finished during the summer of last year, but some of the residents of the place held up the work through some objection, claiming compensation for land which the Council had already absolutely settled for. Why didn't the Association come to the help of the Council and try and get the work expedited?. Now when everything was finished they came along and complained, and were making capital out of the statement that they got £1,000 for the road. He would tell them they had not a thing to do with getting it. It was the Irish Tourist Association that got £50,000 for tourist roads, £2,000 of which was allotted to County Wexford, and the County

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decided to spend £1,000 at Rosslare and another £1,000 on the Courtown road. They (Council) could have spent the money on some other road. He believed that the County Surveyor and Mr. Birthistle both did their best and gave as good value for the money as possible, and he thought it would be agreed by many people that a good job had been done. It was not in a finished state yet, but people did not expect it to be done in a few weeks or months. People were well satisfied with its present condition for this year.

After further discussion the following resolution was adopted nem.con. on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Rossiter:-

"That £30 be expended out of direct labour proposal to complete the work on Rosslare Station road".

WEXFORD COURTHOUSE
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Letter under date 1st May, 1928, was submitted from Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, stating that Capt. Redmond would be prepared to sell the rent which he derived out of the old Courthouse site but could not sell the fee-simple of the property as he would have to purchase certain head rents payable thereout which would involve him in a considerable amount for redemption money. He (Mr. Elgee) was writing again to Messrs O'Keeffe and Lynch on the matter to see if they could find any possible way out of the difficulty. Until Capt. Redmond's interests were disposed of the Council could not go any further with the matter.

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

"That Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, be instructed to ask the Solicitors to Capt. Redmond if he would be prepared to sell his interest to the County Council and allow the latter to deal with the persons concerned with the head rents"

Mr. Corish challenged a poll on the resolution. This

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resulted as follows:-

For:- Messrs Boggan, Cloney, Doyle, Gibbon, Hall, Hayes, Jordan, Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, O'Donoghue, Quin, Thorpe, Walsh, Whyte and the Chairman.....15

Against:- Messrs Byrne, Clince, Colfer, Connors, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Pender, Rossiter, Shannon.....10.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

ROAD GRANTS.

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The Secretary reported having received £3279 in grants for the following roads, viz., :- T.17 £2076; T.12 £907; T.16 £296, since the last meeting of the County Council.

TEMPORARY OFFICERS APPOINTED TO THE

PERMANENT STAFF.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. Corish:- "That Messrs John Molony and P. Hawkins, temporary clerical officers of the Council, be appointed to the permanent staff".

Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded the motion which was adopted without discussion and subject to the sanction of the Department for Local Government.

THE QUESTION OF INCREMENTS OF SALARIES.

The following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr. Corish:- "That the question of allowing increments of salary to clerical officers, in accordance with letter of the Local Government Officials' Union of the 5th April, 1928, be considered at next meeting of the County Council".

Mr. Corish said he did not feel equal to laying before the Council a suggestion as to what the ultimate salaries of the clerical staff should be but the two clerks whose names had been added to the permanent staff were not paid in accordance with the importance of the work they had to do. One received £2: 10 : 0d per week and the other £2: 15: 0d. Continuing, Mr. Corish said he understood that the question was at the moment

under consideration by the Minister for Local Government. He proposed the following resolution:- "That the question of increments of salaries be referred to the Finance Committee for report as to what would be a desirable status to set up as regards increments and maximum salaries of the clerical officers of the Council!"

Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded.

The Chairman said that this was a very big question and he would like to see it referred to the new Council. Annual increments had not been in existence with the Council in the past and the matter required the most careful consideration.

The resolution of Mr. Cofish was then agreed to nem.con.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACT 1899

The Chairman moved the following of which he had given previous notice:- "I hereby give notice of my intention to move that, at the meeting of the Wexford County Council to be held on the 14th May, 1928, the Council consider the advisability of adopting the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act 1899, in respect of the proposed acquisition of houses in Oylegate village".

Mr. Hall seconded the motion.

The Chairman said the real object of the resolution was to enable the cottagers in Oylegate to purchase their houses which were the property of the Power Family. The latter were giving the occupiers of the houses an opportunity of purchasing them at a very low figure.

After discussion a show of hands was taken when 13 voted in favour of the motion and 6 against.

RATE COLLECTOR NO. 3 DISTRICT.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by the Chairman:- "I hereby give notice of my intention to move at the meeting of the Wexford County Council to be held on the 14th May, 1928, that the resolution adopted on 12th December, 1927, as to appointment of New Rate Collector for No. 3 Collection

district be rescinded and that the Council proceed to consider new terms and conditions of employment for the Collector for this District".

Colonel Gibbon seconded.

Passed.

Mr. Doyle proposed the following:- "That remuneration to be paid new collector for No.3 District be fixed at 6d in the £ and that the office be considered as one for "part time" employment only."

Colonel Gibbon seconded.

Mr. Clince proposed as an amendment:- "That new Collector for No.3 District be paid at the rate of 7d in the £ and that appointment be regarded as one for "part-time".

The following voted for 7d:- Messrs P. Byfne, Clince, Colfer, Connors, Cooney, Corish, Hayes, Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, Pender, Shannon and the Chairman12.

For 6d:- Messrs Boggan, Cloney, Doyle, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, O'Donoghue, Quin, Walsh, Whyte and Thorpe.....11.

The Chairman declared the resolution for 7d in the £ carried.

It was decided that the Superior, Christian Brothers, Wexford, be asked to set the examination papers in English, Irish and Arithmetic and that, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department, the appointment be made at the June meeting of the County Council, examination to be held in time to allow of the papers being marked in time for the meeting.

KILLENAGH DISPENSARY.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. Sean O'Byrne:-

"That the Wexford County Council consents (in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of Local Government Act 1927) to the Co. Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance obtaining an advance of £190 for reconstructing Killenagh Dispensary; area of charge to be County Health District of Wexford" (This notice was

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issued to members of the County Council on 2nd April, 1928)".

Mr. Corish seconded the resolution which was adopted.

PROPOSED PERMANENT APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTORS.

The Department of Local Government under date 26th April, 1928, wrote (G 27976/1928 Loch Garman Fa) that the Minister cannot see his way to consider the proposal of the Council to appoint Mr. John Doyle as permanent Collector for 19 Collection until the outstanding arrears on the Collector's warrants have been fully disposed of.

Under date 27th April, 1927, the Local Government Department wrote (G.27978/1928 Loch Garman Fa) a similar letter in connection with the proposal of the Council in regard to the permanent appointment of Mr. Sean Gannon: No.10 Collection District.

POLLING PLACES SCHEME.

Under date 8th April, 1928, the Local Government Department wrote enclosing duplicate copy of Polling Districts and Polling Places Scheme confirmed by him in pursuance of section 14(4) of the Local Elections Act 1927.

TAR AND BITUMEN CONTRACTORS.

Orders of the Minister for Local Government setting out names etc., of the various authorised Contractors for supply of tar, bitumen and bitumen compounds etc., were read.

TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROAD.

Sealed Order from the Minister for Local Government (No. IR/107/1) under date 9th May, 1928, as to closing of road No. 330E from 10th May, 1928, to 30th June, 1928, both dates inclusive, was received.

SEALED ORDER - ROSSLARE SEWERAGE SCHEME.

Sealed Order re above (No. P.H.19438/1928) from the Minister for Local Government was received directing that the special

expenses for the purpose of providing sewerage scheme and maintaining same at Rosslare should be levied off the Wexford Rural District as constituted immediately before the 1st October, 1925.

HIRE OF MACHINERY.

The County Surveyor called attention to the letter from the Chief Engineer, (Roads) Local Government Department, stating that as regards the employment of machinery he would not certify for any higher rate than the following on any works carried out under Grants, viz.,:- 45/- for Steam Roller; 60/- for Stone-Crusher and engine per day of not less than eight hours working time in each case.

The County Surveyor called attention to Articles 59 and 60 of the Public Bodies Order of 1925 and stated that when his Road Estimate for the year was under consideration, he had estimated for higher charges than those proposed by the Local Government Department and which were necessary in order to cover cost of instalments of loans obtained for the purchase of the machinery. The rate which he found necessary was as follows:- Steam-rollers 56/- per day and Stone Breakers 96/- per day.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the question of charges for hire of machinery for the coming six months be referred to next meeting of the Roads' Committee which is empowered to fix same in consultation with the County Surveyor."

CAHORE DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

The following under date 2nd May, 1928, was ~~XXXXX~~ read from the Office of Public Works:-

"We beg to inform you that we had the question of providing a new exit channel for this District investigated by an Engineer. From his report it appears that the existing main drain lies below the level of the low water of spring tides, consequently there

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would be no fall in the proposed new cut. On that account the water must be heaped up until low tide when it would force itself to the sea. Considerable embanking would be required to form an outfall channel, the sides of which would require to be built up and protected from scour of the sand through which it would be cut. In addition, work would be required throughout the remainder of the District. Without a detailed engineering survey it would not be possible to give an accurate estimate of the expenditure that it would be necessary to incur in the execution of such works.

"If those interested petition the County Council for a new Scheme under the Arterial Drainage Act, 1925, we will have the matter further investigated during the coming Summer."

It was proposed by Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne and adopted:-

"That copy of report of the Commissioners of Public Works re Cahore Drainage be furnished Major Colly Pouden, Ballywalter and Mr. John J. Sinnott, Newtown. Clonevan, for their information."

REFRESHMENT STALL AT COWTOWN HARBOUR.
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Letter under date 4th May, 1928, was read from Mr. Dudley Butler, Secretary, Courtown Harbour Development Committee, suggesting that the County Council should take the necessary steps for the removal of a hut used as a refreshment stall in the Square at Courtown Harbour by Mrs Furlong.

Letter under date 12th May, 1928, asking for permission to extend the present refreshment stall and to move it back further towards the sea wall was read from Mrs Furlong.

The Secretary stated that the County Council at their meeting in June 1926 had made an order granting permission for the erection of this stall on the site approved by the County Surveyor, the rent of same to be 1/- per week.

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

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"That the County Council cannot see its way to agree to the suggestion of the Courtown Harbour Development Committee that the refreshment stall of Mrs Furlong should be removed. Neither can they consent to extension of this structure. They agree that the stall should be changed from its present position to a site closer to the sea wall, but which must be approved by County Surveyor!"

KILMORE HARBOUR.
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Under date 23rd April, 1928, letter (D/7/10) was read from the Department of Fisheries stating that the Department's Engineer would visit Kilmore when his other duties permitted.

Under date 8th May, 1928, letter was read from Mr. Thomas Traynor, Loch Garman, Co-Operative Agricultural Society, the Castle, Wexford, forwarding letter from ^a Steam Shipping Company pointing out that if the necessary improvements, particularly dredging, are carried out at Kilmore Harbour they would be prepared to send their steamers there again. The last time one of their steamers berthed at Kilmore, she broke her stern frame the repair of which damage was going to cost them practically £1,000,

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Corish, seconded by the Chairman and adopted:-

"We desire to point out to the Minister for Fisheries that the question of dredging Kilmore Harbour is held in abeyance awaiting the inspection of Harbour by the Department's Engineer. In view of this fact we would be glad if the Engineer could make his inspection as soon as possible"

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE.
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Order was read from the Department of Agriculture revoking Foot and Mouth Disease restrictions.

WEXFORD FAIR.

Under date 28th April, 1928, the Department of Local Government wrote (S.28989/1928) forwarding copy of letter to Wexford

Corporation stating that the Minister for Local Government raised no objection to the holding of the Wexford monthly fair on 7th May in lieu of the ordinary date, viz., 1st May.

Letter was read from the Department of Agriculture under date 26th April, 1928 (1.1451/28) stating that the Department had no objection to the May fair being held on the 7th of that month. .

BALLYBRENNAN QUARRY.
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The following resolution, proposed by Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Shannon, was adopted:-

"That the agreement between Mrs Susan Deacon, Ballybrennan, Bree, Co. Wexford and the Wexford County Council relative to acquirement of land in connection with Ballybrennan Quarry be sealed and signed."

CORNER AT INCH RAILWAY BRIDGE.
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The following resolution was proposed by Mr. P. Byrne, seconded by the Chairman and adopted:- "That the agreement between the Wexford County Council and the Great Southern Railways Co., in connection with wall at corner of Bridge at Inch, Co. Wexford, which has been approved by Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, be sealed and signed by Wexford County Council."

ASSISTANT SURVEYORS' TRAVELLING ALLOWANCES.
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On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne it was decided that the following letters from Assistant Surveyors be inserted on the Minutes:-

Under date 18th ^{April} May, 1928, Mr. Thomas Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, wrote as follows:-

"I have yours of 17th instant with resolution re above adopted at last meeting of County Council and in reply beg to state that as terms of resolution are subject to acceptance by Surveyors and as same are not acceptable in my case I desire to be exempted from conditions as set out"

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Messrs Birthistle, O'Neill, Ennis, Cullen and Kehoe, Assistant Surveyors, wrote as follows under date 7th May, 1928:-

"We, the undersigned Assistant Surveyors, wish to state that we are willing to agree to the proposed new arrangement re salary and travelling expenses as embodied in County Council resolution of 10th April, 1928".

INSURANCES.

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Under date 4th May, 1928, the General Manager, Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., wrote that attempts had been made on behalf of opponents of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., to mislead the public regarding the decision of the Dublin District Court against which the Irish "Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., had appealed. He thought it well to forward copy of certificate from the Minister for Industry and Commerce that the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., had complied with all the conditions of Section 2 of the Mutual Insurances Act of 1926.

PROPOSED HANDBALL COURT IN GOREY.

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Application was read from Mr. Joseph J. Stafford, St. Michael's Place, Gorey, Hon. Sec. Gorey Handball Committee, stating that it was proposed to erect a ball court in the Fair Green at Gorey. The front wall would be erected directly facing the houses in Wexford Street and parallel to the footpath.

The Committee were anxious to ascertain if the Council had any objection to the proposal.

It was proposed by Mr. Clince, seconded by the Chairman and adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor report to next meeting of the 'roads' Committee relative to the application of the Gorey Handball Committee as to erection of the ball court".

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER.

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Letters were received from Messrs James Murphy, Coolbawn,

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Ferns; M. J. Hennessy, Monamolin, Rathnure, Enniscorthy;
T. Prendergast, Knockskimolin, Oulart; Myles Roban, The
Moynes, Enniscorthy, Morgan Flaherty, Ballyellis, Carnew and
James Hayden, Corlican, Killurin, that they were prepared to
act as lay Inspectors under Sheep Dipping Order as agreed to
at the April (1928) meeting of the Wexford County Council.

POISONS & PHARMACY ACT LICENCES.
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of
Mr. Shannon, seconded by the Chairman:- "That licence under
Poisons & Pharmacy Act 1908 issue to Michael Lacey, Monamolin,
Gorey (whose application has received the approval of the
Garda Siothchana) and renewal of licence to Mr. James J. Codd,
26 and 27 Court Street, Enniscorthy"

PAYMENTS TO ROAD CONTRACTORS.
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of
Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne:-

"That the several proposals for payment as appearing on
Form 22 presented to this meeting relative to quarter ended
31st March, 1928, be and are hereby approved, subject to the
modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by
the Chairman."

LOCAL APPOINTMENT COMMISSIONERS.
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A resolution was received from the County Kilkenny Board
of Health expressing the opinion that appointment of local
officers should be made by the local authorities concerned
and disappointment that no members of the Dail had moved in the
matter.

No order.

INCREASE IN COST OF TELEGRAMS.
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Under date 9th May, 1928, Mr. H.H. Irvine, Stock Broker,
Wexford, wrote stating that he had been asked with others to

make a protest against the proposal to increase the minimum charge for Commercial telegrams to 1/6d. He asked the County Council to pass a resolution protesting against this increase.

No Order.

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

MEETING 11TH. JUNE 1928.

MINUTES.

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The monthly meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 11th June 1928.

The following were present:-

Mr Thomas McCarthy (Chairman) presided. Messrs Wm. Boggan, Patrick Byrne, James Clince, Ml Cloney, P. Colfer, John Connors, Thos Cooney, R. Corish, Michael Doyle, James Gaul, Col Gibbon, James Hall, P. Hayes, M. Jordan, D. Kavanagh, Aidan Mernagh, N.J. Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, M.M. O'Donoghue, John Pender, Col Quin, James Shannon, William Thorpe, James E. Walsh and John Whyte.

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The following Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting of 24th May 1928 were submitted:-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 24th May, 1928.

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4,945: 0: 2d was examined and signed.

APPOINTMENT RATE CHECKER.

It was decided, on the motion of Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne, that Mr. T. A. Frizelle, Assistant Secretary, who had been acting temporarily in Gorey area, be appointed as Rate Checker for said area at £28 per annum vice Mr. J. J. Fanning, resigned.

RATE COLLECTION.

The state of the Rate Collection (collection second moiety of 1927-28 rate) was submitted as follows:-

J. J. O'Reilly (No.13) 97 per cent; E. J. Murphy 96; T. Rowe 89; J. Curtis 88; S. Cannon 86; M. Deegan 86; P. O'Byrne 85; J. Cummins 84; B. Cleary 84; J. Doyle 82; J. J. Sinnott 81; J. Quirke (No.1) 79; P. Furlong 76; W. Cummins 71; J. Quirke (No.3) 71; J. J. Kelly 70; P. Donohoe 68; J. J. O'Reilly (No.15) 66; T. Sutton 65; M. M. Kelly 60; M. McCarthy (deputy for C. McCarthy) 53.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That Collectors W. Cummins, J. J. Kelly, P. Donohoe, T. Sutton and M. M. Kelly be communicated with and informed that the Finance Committee have decided to write to their sureties that according to the terms of their bonds the warrants of these collectors must be closed by 31st May, 1928. If this be not done, the Finance Committee will be obliged to call on the sureties to

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lodge the amounts set out in their Bonds".

EX-COLLECTOR P. J. FITZPATRICK (No.15 DISTRICT).
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The Secretary was instructed to inform all applicants for rate collectorship in above district, that no steps can be taken in the matter until the County Council have come to a decision relative to the application of Sean Garmon (No.10 District) for a transfer from his present area to No.15 district.

As regards the position of Mr. Fitzpatrick, under date 19th May, 1928 (G.35422/1928 Loch Garman Fa) the Department of Local Government wrote forwarding copy of an Order under Seal made by the Minister for Local Government removing Mr. Fitzpatrick from his office as Rate Collector. Also forwarding report of the Local Government Inspector, Mrs Crofts, on the sworn Inquiry held on the 16th May, 1928, into the conduct of this Collector. The letter added:- "If the monies collected by Mr. Fitzpatrick have not yet been lodged to the credit of the County Council in full, you as Chief Executive Officer of the Council, after consulting the Chairman, should make the necessary information to secure the issue of a Warrant for the arrest of Mr. Fitzpatrick.

The Secretary stated that as the amount found, up to the present, to be due by Fitzpatrick to the County Council had not been lodged, information was laid against him on the 23rd May, 1928 and a Warrant for his arrest had been issued.

The following is an extract from report of the Inquiry made by Mrs Crofts to the Department of Local Government:-

"It is clear from the foregoing evidence that Mr. P. J. Fitzpatrick, while acting as rate collector for the Wexford County Council, infringed article 103 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, inasmuch as

- (a) He did not attend personally for checking his books at the time and place appointed.
- (b) He issued at least one unofficial receipt.
- (c). He did not lodge with the Treasurer of the Council all moneys collected by him nor did he issue receipts for such moneys.

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The evidence also shows that apparently no suspicion had been aroused regarding Mr. Fitzpatrick's honesty and if the checking of his books had not been done in an intelligent manner his defalcations might easily have escaped notice. This would have been due entirely to the fact that the ratepayers do not co-operate with the County Council by demanding their official receipt from the rate collector at the time of paying their rates. With the receipt still in the collecting book it is next to impossible for a rate checker to know what rates have been paid.

"I am of opinion that Mr. Fitzpatrick should be dismissed from office".

Letter was read from the New Ireland Insurance Co.Ltd., under date, 17th May, 1928, acknowledging receipt of report re Mr. Fitzpatrick and stating that they noted the position in the matter.

Under date 15th May, 1928, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.34012/1928 Loch Garman Fa) stating that the Minister concurred in the proposal of the County Council regarding the closing of the Rate Collection in Mr. Fitzpatrick's district by Mr. John J. O'Reilly, Collector for No.13 district.

Letter was also read from Mr. James Kavnagh, Garrynew, Killena, one of the sureties for Mr. O'Reilly, approving of the proposal that Mr. O'Reilly should close this collection.

VACANCY FOR RATE COLLECTOR
(No. 3 District).
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The Committee approved of draft advertisement re above and decided that exam in Irish, English and Arithmetic of intending candidates should be held in Old Jail on Wednesday, 6th June, 1928, at 11 o'clock a.m.

Under date 23rd May, 1928, Rev. Br. E. C. Markey, Christian Brothers' Schools, wrote that he would set examination papers and correct them as heretofore.

In connection with ex-Collector Walsh, who has resigned as Collector for this district, the Secretary reported that the amount due on Warrant, viz., £39: 18: 7d had not yet been lodged.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That ex-Collector P. Walsh (No.3 District) be informed that unless he lodges £39: 18: 7d due by him to the Wexford County Council by Thursday, 7th June, the date of next meeting of the Finance Committee, the latter will be compelled to proceed against him and his sureties"

COLLECTION DISTRICT NO.10.

Under date 21st May, 1928, letter was read from Collector M. M. Kelly (No.6 District) stating that in the event of Sean Cannon being transferred to Fitzpatrick's District, No.15 he would apply to have No.10 district added to his own. His district (No.6) was the smallest in the County, comprising one District Electoral Division only. If it was added to Mr. Cannon's present district the amalgamated area would not be too large and the poundage would be more like a living wage. His present poundage amounted to only £116 and this was decreased considerably by uncollectable rates. If his application was agreed to he would give his whole time to the collection.

It was decided to post one consideration of this letter to next meeting of the Finance Committee when the Secretary will submit particulars respecting the poundage rate outstanding, etc., in both No.6 and No.10 district.

WORKMENS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE POLICY.

In reference to Workmens Compensation Insurance Policy No.306,947, the County Surveyor submitted letter from the Hibernian Fire and General Insurance Company, 48 and 49 Dame Street, Dublin, pointing out that according to the return

of wages for the twelve months ended 31st March, 1928, an excess of £181: 5: 2d was due to the Company.

The total amount of the premium was £920: 6: 8d whilst the amount paid last year was £739: 1: 6d which left the balance now applied for, viz., £181: 5: 2d due.

A resolution was adopted agreeing that the amount be paid

PROPOSED INCREMENTS OF SALARY, CLERICAL STAFF.

The following resolution adopted at the meeting of the County Council on 14th May, 1928, was submitted:-

"That the question of increments of salaries to clerical officers be referred to the Finance Committee for report as to what would be a desirable status to set up as regards increments and maximum salaries of the clerical officers of the Council".

After discussion, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Thorpe, seconded by the Chairman:-

"That the question of increments of salary etc., be referred to the new County Council."

PROPOSED CHARGES FOR HIRE OF MACHINERY.

It was decided that this matter could be dealt with better by the Roads' Committee than by the Finance Committee and accordingly it was referred to the former.

GOREY COURTHOUSE.

An application was received from Mr. Bartle Kinsella, Town Rate Collector Gorey, for £1: 8: 0d; town rate stated to be due on Gorey Courthouse from 1922.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, under date 16th May, 1928, wrote that as far as he remembered, the Council only took over possession of the Courthouse about two years ago, and he was, therefore, of opinion that they were only liable for the payment of the rates from the date on which they did take over, but not for the entire amount as claimed by Mr. Kinsella.

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

"That the County Council are prepared to pay town rate on Gorey Courthouse from the date on which they resumed possession of the premises".

MOUNTGARRET BRIDGE (CARETAKER'S RESIDENCE.)

The County Surveyor submitted correspondence from Mr. Delap, consulting Engineer to the Mountgarret Bridge Committee, stating it was proposed to move the caretaker's residence at Mountgarrett Bridge, and use such of the material as was suitable in the road filling. The Kilkenny County Council had passed a formal resolution authorising the demolition and he (Mr. Delap) had notified the contractor and the clerk of Works to proceed with this work.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Thorpe:- "That the demolition of the caretaker's house at Mountgarrett Bridge be agreed to on the understanding that the materials remain the property of the Joint Committee of the Bridge to be used in the construction of a new residence for a caretaker if considered advisable by said Committee."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

Applications for University Scholarship Scheme were received from the following:-

Johanna, Byrne, Grange Lower, Killanne; Arthur J. Nix, 48, South Street, New Ross; Liam O'Leary, 3 St. Ibar's Terrace, Wexford. Patrick Hickey, 7 O'Neill's Terrace, Enniscorthy; J. G. Cullen, 16 Monck Street, Wexford and Thomas B. Larrissey, Duncannon.

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

"That our Secretary take the necessary steps to obtain leave from the Assistant Intermediate Commissioners for permission to

to enable Johanna Byrne, Grange Lower, Killanne, to sit for Leaving Certificate Examination as she is not pursuing an approved course of study in a secondary school. That we consider all applicants to this meeting are eligible for award of University Scholarship:- viz., Johanna Byrne, Arthur James Nix, Liam O'Leary, Patrick Hickey; J. G. Cullen and Thomas B. Larrissey.

That all further applications for award of University Scholarships be considered at next meeting of the Finance Committee"

PRIMARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

Application was received from Thomas Butler, Newtown, New Ross, for award of Primary Scholarship.

Correspondence was read from Rev. Brother Carew, New Ross, explaining that he took the date for lodging application in last year's scheme to be correct and hence the application of Butler was not submitted by the 14th April, 1928.

The Secretary stated that copy of the Primary Scholarship scheme for 1928 was forwarded to Brother Carew on the 10th January, 1928.

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

"That Thomas Butler, Newtown, New Ross, be allowed to sit for Primary Scholarship Examination provided he resides in the Rural District of New Ross and that the Department of Education are satisfied that his application should be accepted".

VACANT SOLICITORSHIP.

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

"That our Secretary apply to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for sanction to filling the vacancy in the office of Solicitor to the County Council.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS.

Letter was read from Mr. Denis Corish, Court Clerk, New Ross,

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that application would be made at the next New Ross District Court for the committal to an Industrial School of Nellie Crosbie, an illegitimate child, aged eight years, residing at Ballyshannon, Carrigbyrne.

The matter was referred to the County Council's Solicitor to communicate with the Home Assistance Officer of the district.

OVERDRAFT OF COUNTY COUNCIL.

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

"That the Treasurer of the County Council be requested to sanction the continuance of overdraft of £40,000 to the Council in view of the fact that the rate collection for 1927-28 is not yet closed, and until this has been done the Finance Committee do not consider it advisable to begin the collection of rates for the current period. That the Minister for Local Government be requested to sanction this proposal".

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE.

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

"That all miscellaneous sums received by County Library Committee in the shape of fines or subscriptions for library purposes be placed to the credit of the said County Library Committee".

GOREY COURTHOUSE & DISTRICT FEIS.

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

"That permission be granted to Gorey Feis Committee for use of Gorey Courthouse for the purpose of holding an Industrial Exhibition therein on 7th June, 1928"

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Col Quin;-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 24th May 1928 be and are hereby confirmed."

The following Minutes of Finance Committee meeting in respect of 6th June 1928 were submitted;-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 6th June 1928.

Present;- Messrs Sean O'Byrne. P. Hayes, A. Mernagh, and Wm. Thorpe.

The Chair was taken by Mr Sean O'Byrne on the motion of Mr Hayes seconded by Mr Mernagh.

The Secretary, the Co. Surveyor and Mr John Elgee, Solicitor were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

APOLGY FOR ABSENCE.

Letter was read from the Chairman apologising for non-attendance at meeting owing to a business engagement.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5609-2-11 was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

The state of Rate Collection to 6th June 1928 was submitted as follows; in respect of collection of second moiety of rate for year ended 31st March 1928;-

E.J. Murphy 98 per cent; J.J.O'Reilly (No 13 District) 97; T. Rowe 92; J. Curtis 89; M. Deegan 89; S. Gannon 88; John Doyle 87; J. Quirke (No 1 District) 86; J. Cummins 86; B. Cleary 85; P. O'Byrne 85; J.J. Sinnott 84; W. Cummins 83; P. Donohoe 80; P. Furlong 79; T. Sutton 78; J. Quirke (No 3 District) 76; J.J. Kelly 74; M.M. Kelly 72; J.J.O'Reilly (No 13 District) 71; M. McCarthy 60.

The Secretary stated that as instructed by last meeting of Finance Committee, he had written to Collectors W. Cummins, P. Donohoe, M.M. Kelly, John J. Kelly and T. Sutton and the personal sureties in each case that according to the terms of the Bond entered into with the County Council, the Warrant should have been closed by 31st March and which was extended by the Finance Committee to the 31st May. If the Warrant was not closed by the last mentioned date, the Finance Committee would be obliged to call on the sureties

to lodge the amount set out in the Warrant.

Under date 26th May 1928, Mr W. Cummins wrote that it would be utterly impossible to close the warrant. His district had been all practically held up by Foot and Mouth restrictions until recently, and people who had stock for sale were obliged to hold them over until the June fair. There were also in his district a number of cases in which it was impossible to obtain the rates and in which the Land Commission were unable to collect annuities, there being no goods of any description on the premises. He had been doing his best and could not do more.

No reply had been received from any of the other Collectors concerned.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That as Rate Collectors M. M. Kelly and T. Sutton have not carried out the instructions from the Finance Committee meeting of 24th May 1928, their sureties be called upon to lodge the £200 mentioned in Bond with the County Council. That all other Collectors be informed that all collectable rate must be lodged by 21st June 1928 and no further excuses will be entertained by the Finance Committee in the event of failure to comply with this instruction."

Under date 1st June 1928, the Department of Local Government wrote (G38802/1928/Loch Garman Fa) agreeing to the proposed appointment of Mr T. Rowe, Rate Collector to collect Kilmamock Drainage Rate.

The Secretary reported that Ex-Collector Walsh (No 3 District) had lodged £30 leaving £9-18-7 outstanding.

It was decided to allow Mr Walsh a further fortnight to lodge the balance still outstanding.

Under date 30th May 1928, the Local Government Department wrote (G 37505/1928/Loch Garman Fa) approving, pursuant to Article 104 of the Public Bodies Order 1925, of the proposed appointment of Mr Michael McCarthy as Deputy ~~for his brother~~

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for his brother, C. McCarthy during the illness of the latter.

APPOINTMENT OF SOLICITOR

TO WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

Under date 24th May 1928, the Department of Local Government wrote (G 36597/ 1928/Loch Garman Fa) regretting to learn of the demise of Mr R.W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council.

The temporary appointment of Mr John Elgee as Solicitor to the Council was approved. In regard to the filling of the vacancy, the addition of a bonus to the salary not varying with the cost of living seemed undesirable and the Minister would prefer the fixing of a definite annual sum. The position being "part time" would not be pensionable.

Subject to these observations, the Minister consented to the filling of the position as proposed by the Council.

The following resolution was adopted;-

"We recommend the County Council to fix an inclusive salary of £250 per annum for position of Solicitor to the Wexford County Council. This is to cover all travelling expenses incurred by the Solicitor inside the county. Travelling outside the county on a reasonable scale and actual out-of-pocket expenses are to be allowed.

ADVERTISING COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTION NOTICES.

Letters were read from the Managers of "The People", "The Free Press" and "The Echo" newspapers stating that the advertising in connection with County Council elections did not come within the terms of their advertising contract with the Council and they were charging the cost of same against the Council.

The following resolution was adopted;-

"That the letters from advertising contractors relative to advertising of Election announcements be referred to Mr Elgee for his advice. We recommend, however, that irrespective of his decision as to the claim of the contractors, an advertisement

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 setting out the various Polling Places for County Council Election should be advertised in the local papers."

RATING OF NEW BUILDINGS ORDER.

An application was received from Patrick Lennon, Forrestalstown, Clonroche re above.

A resolution was adopted asking for report from Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor as to the nature of the reconstruction and improvement made at the premises by Mr Lennon, the application for rebate to be adjourned until it can be considered with report from Mr Cullen.

CARETAKER- DUNCANNON PIER.

Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, forwarded resignation of Laurence Monahan, caretaker, Duncannon Pier, owing to serious ill health. Christopher Lawlor would carry out the duties pending the decision of the County Council.

It was decided to recommend the County Council to accept Mr Monahan's resignation and advertise for new caretaker at £12 per annum, the amount paid Mr Monahan, or at such sum as County Council approve; also approving of the temporary appointment of Christopher Lawlor, remuneration to be calculated at £12 per annum.

The County Surveyor was instructed to prepare list of duties governing the new appointment.

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD.

Correspondence was read in connection with the present legal position of the above. The Manager of the Company wrote that the various risks insured with and through the medium of the Company would continue to be held fully covered.

No Order.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

Application from Margaret Frayne, Courtnacuddy, Emmiscorthy in connection with award of University Scholarship was read and a resolution was adopted that in the opinion of the Committee she was eligible to compete for same under the terms and conditions of the University Scholarship Scheme.

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SANCTION TO OVERDRAFT.

Under date 2nd June 1928, the Department of Local Government wrote (G 39209/1928/ Loch Garman Fa) sanctioning overdraft not exceeding £40,000 to 1st September next, Interest thereon to be paid at the agreed rate.

TEMPORARY CLERICAL OFFICERS.

Under date 6th June 1928, letter was read from the Local Government Department stating that owing to the uncertainty as to the maintenance of the present system of motor licensing, the Minister could not approve of the permanent appointment of Messrs John Moloney and P. Hawkins, clerical officers.

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

"That we request the Minister for Local Government to reconsider his decision refusing to agree to the permanent appointment of Messrs John Moloney and P. Hawkins. We wish to point out that since these officers were first appointed, a very extensive scheme of direct labour on roads and public works has been adopted and in order to cope with the necessary work, it will be necessary to retain the services of these officers even if a change be made in the method of dealing with motor licensing.

CLAIM BY MR CONNOLLY, SUPERINTENDENT REGISTRAR.

The Department of Local Government forwarded (E/37852/1928/se Loch Garmain) statutory declaration received from Mr A.A. Connolly in regard to claim to compensation for loss of emoluments as Superintendent Registrar for the Enniscorthy area. It devolved on the Minister to determine the right to and the amount of the compensation payable to Mr Connolly. But, before doing so, he is prepared to take into consideration any representations which the County Council may wish to put forward.

The amount claimed by Mr Connolly on a three years' average was £46-9-2.

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It was decided to leave the settlement of the matter in the hands of the Minister.

LIBRARY SERVICE.

Minutes of County Library ~~Service~~ Committee for 28th April 1928 and 26th May 1928 were submitted.

As regards recommendation that new Library Committee should consist of sixteen members, twelve to be appointed by the new Council and four additional members to be nominated by the Library Committee, a resolution was adopted recommending the new County Council to invest the new Library Committee with full powers under Library Acts, also approving of the new Committee being composed of 16 members of which nine are to be County Councillors, viz, the Chairman and eight other members.

In connection with the renting of new premises proposed by the Library Committee, the following resolution was adopted:-

"We recommend the County Council to agree to the County Library Committee renting ^{the} the house on the Quay ^{recently} occupied by Messrs Thompson Brothers, rent to be £65 per annum, premises to be held free of all rates and taxes. Tenancy to be ~~an~~ determined at any time by six months' notice in writing on either side."

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Col Guin;-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 5th June 1928 be and are hereby confirmed."

Roads Committee.

The following Minutes of Roads Committee in respect of meeting held on 4th June 1928 were submitted;-

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The monthly meeting of the Roads Committee of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber Fortview, Wexford on 4th June 1928.

Col Gibbon, Vice-Chairman presided.

Also present; - Col Guin, Messrs Sean O'Byrne, James Hall, P. Colfer, M. Cloney, Wm Boggan, James Shannon and Richard Corish.

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

A letter was read from the Chairman explaining that he could not attend the meeting owing to a business engagement.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following report for the month was submitted by the County Surveyor; -

"On the 25th ultimo, I inspected with Mr Kehoe line of new extension of Corramacorra Road, and took levels and measurements. I am satisfied that the line across the heath is the best way to run new road, and I have directed Mr Kehoe to put work in hands at once.

On the 31st ultimo, the County Council Committee consisting of Messrs Thorpe and Cooney, accompanied by Mr Elgee, Mr O'Neill, the ganger for section and myself inspected gullet at Mountelliott. Mr Williams was also present. The Committee agreed to extend gullet three feet and Mr Williams was satisfied. Mr Elgee will report in more detail.

The same Committee as above inspected work in progress at Mountgarrett, and particularly with reference to the caretaker's house. It was agreed that the materials in the old house would be of little or no use in building new premises, and the caretaker was authorised to retrieve and store any of the old materials that would be useful in putting up sheds, etc, which may have to be built subsequently.

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On the 8th ultimo, the ganger reported to me that there was a longitudinal crack in the concrete road near Ferrycarrig Bridge. I at once communicated with the contractors and met them by appointment on the 11th ult. The crack extended about five or six feet away from cross joint, and say about eighteen inches from the edge of the slab.

I am not able to give a reason for this crack, as when the broken slab was removed there did not appear to be any fault either in the concrete or the foundations. I have portion of the slab in the Council offices for inspection, and have now had the damaged slab replaced with alluminous cement concrete. I have inspected the "Ferrocrete" myself on several occasions at Edermine, and it is also constantly under the observation of the ganger. As far as I could observe it is in perfect condition and shows no sign of deterioration.

I may also note that the "Ferrocrete" used along the Wexford Quays appears to be entirely satisfactory.

I have a communication from the Health Board in regard to Rosslare sewerage, and the Engineer in charge of the proposed work is opposed to the taking in of the road drainage. I do not agree with this at all, and I maintain that it is essential that in at least three places there should be gulleys provided. I cannot understand why fine detritus going into the sewers should be objected to, as in all the Urban areas the surface drainage runs into the sewers.

During very heavy continuous rainfall there would be some extra work on the pump, but during the greater part of the year there would be little if any surface water going into the sewer.

I have a request from the contractor for the Rosslare water supply for permission to open the county road in several places for the laying of the mains. This permission I think should be granted, subject, of course, to his properly restoring the road surface.

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I have been in treaty with the owner of the quarry at Brownswood with reference to acquiring the second entrance ~~with~~ which the Pioneer Company had in use. The price asked is, I consider high as the use of this entrance will enable us to get a larger cubic quantity of material with consequently higher pay to owner. As settlement of this question will delay the Grant work in Enniscorthy and New Ross I am now arranging to quarry extra material at Clonhaston.

On the 24th ultimo, the case of Miss Palmer, Gorey Hill Quarry v County Council was heard in the Circuit Court, and you will have Mr Elgee's report on the result of the trial.

On the 21st ultimo, the Boiler Inspector on behalf of the Insurance Company, inspected our fourteen steam boilers and the compressor plant, and I submit copy of letter from the Insurance Company regarding same. All the machinery was in good order and required no repairs.

Recently I inspected the retaining wall on the approach road to the County Hospital with Mr Flood and decided that it was necessary to strengthen the wall by a buttress. I am informed that the Health Board has sanctioned this work, and it will be put in hands at once.

I have arranged with Mr Edward Kavanagh, St. John's, Enniscorthy for hire of roller in connection with the Grant work at 45/- per day which is the rate approved of by the Local Government Department.

The new breaking and elevating plant at Ballybrennan Quarry is now in operation and proving satisfactory. At present I have an engine on hire to drive granulator, but as I believe our own engine is capable of running this plant as well as breaker, I am now arranging to erect shafting for the purpose of transmitting power. I have a quotation from Mr J. Davis, Enniscorthy and the work will not cost more than £20.

I am making application for allocation from the Contingencies ~~und~~

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 gencies Fund to cover the posts and clips for Warning Signs amounting to £392-4-0 (Three hundred and ninety-two Pounds, four shillings). Half of this cost will be refunded by the Local Government when the signs are erected, and I propose that each of the road sections should contribute to the balance of the cost of erection.

I ask for allocation out of Public Works estimate for the various harbours and bridges etc., and submit list of same.

It will be necessary for the Committee to decide on the hireage rates for machinery to run during the current year, and also for charge for quarry material.

In the meanwhile, I am working on amended figures, more or less in accordance with the Local Government's requirements, but I must point out that these figures will not cover interest and sinking fund on loan, purchase of machinery, or other charges of this nature as set out in Article 59 of the Public Bodies' Order, 1925."

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

"That the report of the Co. Surveyor be received and considered."

Gullet at Mount Elliott.

Acting as a sub-committee, Messrs Thorpe, Cooney and Walsh with Mr Elgee, solicitor and the Co. Surveyor visited Mount Elliott, New Ross on Thursday, May 31st 1928.

The following report was submitted from Mr Elgee:-

"As directed by the Co. Council I attended with the Committee yesterday and inspected the gullet herein at Mr Williams's avenue gate. I am clearly of opinion that an encroachment was made on the entry to Mr Williams' avenue, and after discussing the matter fully with Mr Williams, the Committee came to the conclusion that the best thing to be done was to remove the gullet grating back a distance of three feet, and

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also reduce the size of the opening of the gullet in order to avoid possible danger to horses going into Mr Williams' avenue. He expressed himself satisfied with this and the Committee arranged that the work should be done at once as it was not considered necessary that the matter should be further delayed by again bringing it before the Council for their direction."

The following resolution was proposed by Col Quin seconded by Mr Shamon and adopted;-

"That this meeting approves of the report of Mr Elgee in connection with the gullet at Mount Elliot, New Ross. That letter be obtained from Mr Williams expressing his approval of the arrangements made between him and the sub-Committee."

Mountgarrett Bridge-Caretaker's House.

The Co. Surveyor submitted the following report under date 30th May 1928 from Mr Alfred D. Delap, Consulting Engineer to Mountgarrett Bridge Committee;-

"I received your telegram of the 24th to the effect that your Finance Committee approved of the demolition of the caretaker's house at Mountgarrett Bridge, but that the materials must remain the property of the Joint Bridge Committee.

In view of this I have instructed Hearne, the contractor to demolish the house and place all the materials that are suitable for the purpose very carefully in the filling of the approach road, where they will be preserved as the property of the Joint Bridge Committee. I do not imagine anything more suitable could be made of them and I hope the Committee will approve of what I am doing in the matter.

I was at the bridge on Monday and found that the first pair of cylinders on the Kilkenny side were concreted to well above water level, and that all the piles except two, necessary to finish the bridge are now cast. All piles on the Kilkenny side of opening span have been driven to their

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ROSSLARE SEWERAGE SCHEME.

In connection with this matter, the Co. Surveyor submitted the following under date 19th May 1928 from Mr P.H. McCarthy, Engineer, 26 Lower Leeson Street, Dublin which had been addressed to the County Board of Health:-

"I beg to report that all the plans and sections are ready, but I have had considerable delay in getting details and quotations of the necessary pumping plant. Owing to the levels, the sewage can only be dealt with by pumping and I propose to have three sewage lifts along the line of the sewer worked by Shore Ejectors. I have been for some time in communication with the makers, but I have not yet been able to get details or prices from them.

So far as sewage proper is concerned, there would be no difficulty in dealing with this, but what makes the matter complicated is the rain-water from roofs and yards to deal with, which adds greatly to the size and capacity of the pumps.

As regards the question of road water, I have the greatest objection to taking this into the new sewers. It would involve a considerable increase in the size of the pipes and in the pumping plant, and the road grit would also be likely to settle in the sewers which of necessity have very flat gradients.

I discussed the matter with the L.C.D. Engineering Inspector who is dealing with the matter and he agrees with me that it would not be desirable to take in the road water.

If electric current from the Shannon were available the pumping would be very much simplified and would be automatic. Immediately I have the details and quotations of the pumping plant, I shall complete the plans."

The Chairman mentioned that at least some steps should be taken to fill up the hollows near the houses which could not be drained by other means.

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The Co. Surveyor said he disagreed absolutely with Mr McCarthy as to road detritus going through the sewers, and once more he wished to enter his protest against this work being ~~xx~~ carried out without making provision for road drainage.

Mr Hall proposed and Mr O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted;-

"That the Co. Surveyor be asked to arrange a conference between himself, Mr McCarthy and Mr Flood relative to the sewerage system at Rosslare.

This Committee is of opinion that the one system should be able to carry out all the work of sewerage including road drainage. That the Co. Surveyor be asked to report result of the conference to first available meeting of Roads Committee."
Rosslare Water Supply.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Col Quin, the following was adopted;-

"That contractor for Rosslare Water Supply be granted permission to open the county road where necessary for the laying of main pipes for this water supply, on the understanding that provision is made to allow traffic to continue while work at water mains is proceeding, and also subject to an undertaking from the contractor that the surface of the road be properly restored."

Brownswood Quarry.

In connection with this matter, the following letter under date 15th May 1928 was read from Messrs P. J. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, Enniscorthy;-

"Mr Gregory Byrne who is the person now entitled to the interest of Mrs Eliza Ryan under her will, called here with Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor and mentioned that the Co. Council wanted to continue taking stones from the quarry and that they wished the new entrance which was made by the Pioneer Road Construction Company, but which was shut off by the said Company before handing over possession, should be kept open for the

County Council should take the same on the same terms as the Road Construction Company. If so, there would have to be a new Agreement on the same lines as with the Road Company. Please say are we ~~xxxxx~~ to prepare and submit draft agreement."

Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor mentioned that the terms proposed by Messrs O'Flaherty were that the Co. Council should be responsible for £5 per year and also ~~S~~olicitor's costs for preparation of deed. He recommended a bulk payment of £3 and payment of ~~S~~olicitor's costs.

Mr Colfer proposed and Mr Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That Messrs P.J. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, Enniscorthy acting on behalf of Gregory Byrne be offered £3 to enable the Council to re-open the entrance made at Brownswood Quarry by the Pioneer Road Construction Company.

That the Co. Council be recommended to pay the necessary ~~S~~olicitor's costs entailed in making out Deed of Conveyance, etc." Gorey Hill Quarry.

Under date 25th May 1928, Mr Elgee, solicitor, reported that the Civil Bill by Miss Palmer, Gorey Hill, Gorey against the County Council had been heard by Judge Doyle on 24th May 1928.

A Decree was given against the Co. Council for £9, being £5 for house and £4 damage to potatoes, also £5-5-0 expenses and costs. The £9 was over and above the £2-5-6 which had already been expended by the Council on the repair of the premises.

He (Mr Elgee) had reported the matter to Messrs McDonagh & Boland, Insurance Brokers, Dame Street, Dublin but had not received reply.

It was decided that no further action be taken in this matter pending reply from the Insurance Company.

Machinery Inspection.

In connection with this matter, the Co. Surveyor submitted the following from Mr C. O'Neill, Chief Engineer, New Ireland Assurance Company Ltd:-

"We enclose herewith reports of thorough examination

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of the boilers and working inspections of the compressor plant insured under the above numbered policies for your kind attention.

The boilers were very carefully prepared and cleaned for examination and from these reports you will see that the road and quarry plant examined was found in good order, and no defect necessitating immediate repairs was observed. We take this opportunity of congratulating the Council on the condition of their Plant, which is due to the care taken in maintaining the various items and the constant supervision exercised in keeping them in good working order. This reflects credit on the diligence of the supervisory staff. We may add that in our opinion, the plant generally is in a condition second to none similar plant of any Public Body in the Irish Free State."

Approach Road County Hospital.

The following letter under date 25th May 1928 was read from the Secretary, County Board of Health:-

" Mr Flood reported to the meeting of the Board on the 21st inst. that he had a consultation with you in the matter of buttressing the wall retaining the road approaching the County Hospital from the North. The Board empowered him to proceed with the work of erecting the butress.

He further stated that arrangements had been completed for taking off the corner at Carcur opposite the Menapia factory.

The Board decided that they would undertake the building of a wall at the corner when the Co. Council had arranged compensation and cleared the space."

Mr Elgee mentioned that he had seen Margaret Roche, the owner of the plot of ground proposed to be taken for the widening of the corner at the town end of County Hospital road. She stated she was prepared to accept the offer of the County Council, viz; -30/-.

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

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 "That the sum agreed to be paid to Margaret Roche, viz, 30/- for easement of corner be certified by Co. Surveyor at the first available meeting of the Finance Committee.

We also recommend the Co. Council to agree to clearin the necessary space to provide additional room for traffic by removal of corner."

Breaker and Elevator Plant -Ballybrennan Quarry.

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

"That quotation of Messrs Jessop Davis, Emmiscorthy for erection of shafting in connection with granulator at Ballybrennan Quarry be accepted."

Warning Signs.

Mr O'Byrne proposed and Mr Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted;-

"That £392-4-0 be taken from Road Contingency Fund to cover the cost of posts and clips, etc. for warning signs.

That application be made to the Local Government ~~Department~~ Department for refund of half this cost, which when received from the Local Government Department is to be lodged to the credit of the Roads Contingencies Fund." Public Works Allocation.

The Co. Surveyor stated that the Council had already agreed to a bulk sum of £1040 in connection with county works.

He submitted the following allocation of this amount for approval;-

Wexford Bridge Repairs £50; Wexford Bridge Maintenance £50; Ferrycarrig Bridge Maintenance £30; Deeps Bridge Maintenance £20; Edermine Bridge Maintenance £15; New Ross Bridge Maintenance £40; New Ross Bridge Repairs £100; New Ross Bridge Caretaking £35; Courtown Harbour repairs £150; Poulduff Harbour Repairs £10; Carne Pier Repairs £150; Kilmore Pier Repairs £50; Fethard Pier Repairs £20; Slade

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Pier Repairs £20; Duncannon/~~xix~~ Repairs £20; Arthurstown Pier Repairs £20; Ballyhack Pier Repairs £10; Diving Suit £150; Courthouses £50; County Buildings £50. Total £1040.

On the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by Mr O'Byrne the recommendation of the Co. Surveyor as to detailed allocation of £1040 for County Works was approved.

Hireage Rate For Machinery

In connection with this matter, the Co. Surveyor dealt with Articles 59 and 60 of the Public Bodies' Order 1925. He said that taking into consideration the working expenses of the machinery plus there-payment of the Loans, etc, Steam-rollers would have to be charged for by the Co. Council at 56/- per day as against 45/-, the limit of the Local Government Department, and Stone-breakers at 96/- as against 60/-, the figure of the Local Government Department.

The Secretary pointed out that if the Co. Surveyor found it necessary in order to comply with the provisions of the Public Bodies' Order to charge in the case of Steam-rollers 11/- per day in excess of the Local Government scale and 36/- per day in excess for Stone-breakers, and if the Council received from the Local Government Department only the lower figure, he did not see how the Local Government Auditor could agree to any higher charge being included by the County Council.

After considerable discussion, the following was proposed by Mr Cloney seconded by Mr O'Byrne and adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be requested to submit in all possible detail to Mr Quigley, Chief Engineer (Roads Section) Local Government Department, the cost of running expense of machinery and other expenses covered by Articles 59 and 60 of the Public Bodies Order 1925, and endeavour to secure consent of the Local Government Department to the higher figures which on the face of the Co. Surveyor's statement appear to be inevitable."

of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Col Quin;-

"That the report of the Co. Surveyor to this meeting be and is hereby adopted, subject to any amendments made at the meeting and covered by resolution."

ROSSLARE STRAND ROAD IMPROVEMENT.

Under date 17th May 1928, the following was read from Mr R.D. Patterson, District Engineer, Great Southern Railways, Waterford in connection with Rosslare Strand Road improvement;-

"Following my inspection with Mr Birthistle at Rosslare Strand on the 11th inst., I submitted to headquarters Mr Birthistle's proposal to take down the existing timber post and rail fence and erect in lieu thereof an earth mound 5' 6" high; the two 9ft gates in the old fence to be set back to the new line of fence.

The Company are prepared to give their sanction for these alterations provided the Wexford County Council will enter into a formal agreement with the Company to;-

- (1) Take down and re-erect the 9ft gate at the expense of the County Council.
- (2) Take down the existing timber and rail fence at the expense of the County Council.
- (3) Construct and maintain the mound fence 5' 0" high at the expense of the County Council.
- (4) Construct and maintain the additional area of roadway at the expense of the Council.

On hearing from you that your Council agree to these terms, I will be pleased to give you permission to proceed with the work."

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

"That we recommend the Council to agree to the construction and maintenance of the additional area of roadway taken for the improvement of Rosslare Strand Road being done

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at the expense of the Council."

It was proposed by Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall and carried;-

"That in regard to Rosslare Strand Road improvement, we recommend the Council to take down and re-erect the 9ft gate leading to railway field, opposite Rosslare Railway Station.

Also to take down the existing timber and rail fence at the expense of the County Council and to construct a mound fence five feet high, ^{or fence} ~~either~~ with concrete posts and wire or ~~whichever~~ ^{whichever} meets the approval of the Railway Company, also at the expense of the Council, but this Committee cannot recommend the Council to agree to the suggestion that they should be responsible for maintenance of said fence."

BALLYCULLANE COURTHOUSE.

The County Surveyor submitted the following under date 8th May 1928, which he had received from Mr Denis Corish, District Court Clerk, New Ross;-

"The District Justice has asked me to write to you to be good enough, now that the New Ross Courthouse is being re-decorated, to have the Official Flag painted over the Bench on a panel in the wall.

The Council have not up to the present supplied any furniture for Court use at Ballycullane Courthouse. The following articles would be required;- Three tables, eight chairs, armchair for the Justice, twelve forms or benches and one Press."

It was proposed by Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Colfer and adopted;-

That as regards application for furniture for Ballycullane Courthouse, the County Surveyor be requested to submit estimate and cost of same to first available meeting of Roads Committee."

MAINTENANCE OF MAIN ROADS URBAN DISTRICTS.

The Co. Surveyor submitted the following from the

Town Surveyor, Emiscorthy Urban District Council under date 26th May 1928;-

"In reply to yours of the 25th inst, I beg to inform you that the Emiscorthy Urban Council agree to carry out the maintenance of Main Roads in the Urban District for the forthcoming year."

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

"That we recommend the Council to accept the offer of Emiscorthy Urban District Council to maintain the main roads in the Urban District for financial year 1928-29 for an inclusive sum of £486.

That Wexford Urban District Council be asked if they are prepared to accept the estimate of the County Surveyor for the maintenance of the main roads in their Urban area."

COMPLAINT RE STRUCK-OFF MONEY.

Mr James O'Brien, road contractor, Glenteigue, Bdermine, came before the meeting in connection with two sums of £1 which had been struck off his contract roads, Nos 239E and 240E.

Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor explained that there had been a lot of loose stones left on both these roads and the drainage had been neglected.

Mr O'Brien contended that he had to supply extra material in consequence of the breaking down of a gullet and he believed he should have been paid for this.

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

"That this meeting sees no reason to recommend any alteration in the decision of the Co. Surveyor as to money struck off contracts for roads, Nos 239E and 240E."

Mr Corish proposed and Mr Cloney seconded the following resolution which was adopted;-

"That the County Surveyor be requested to make to Mr James O'Brien, road contractor for roads Nos 239E and 240E whatever allowance he considers necessary for the cost

of extra material supplied by him in connection with the collapse of road gullet."

FOOTPATHS IN TAGHMON.

A letter signed by six residents of Main Street, Taghmon under date 1st June 1928 was read.

They pointed out that they had applied for a footpath some time ago and understood that the work was to be carried out but up to the present nothing had been done, while there was a cement footpath on the other side. They could not see why they were not treated similarly to other persons in the village. They would pay no more rates until they had got the footpath.

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

"That this Committee declines to pay any attention to the letter from the residents of Main Street, Taghmon, until the threat contained therein as to non-payment of rates be withdrawn."

NEW ROSS URBAN COUNCIL AND

MAINTENANCE OF WATERFORD ROAD.

Under date May 25th 1928, Mr M. Finn, Town Clerk, New Ross, wrote stating that the attention of his Council was again drawn to the very bad state of repair of that portion of the Waterford road from Barrow Boat House to Mr Hearne's avenue gate, and it was ordered that the Wexford County Council be requested to ask the Railway Company to have it put in a proper state of repair.

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

"This Committee considers the financial arrangements made by this County Council with the Railway Company to be quite fair. If the New Ross Urban Council refuses to carry out the work on the arrangement made, we will ask the Co. Council to place same in charge of the County Surveyor."

COURTOWN HARBOUR - SITE OFARTS AND CRAFTS HUT.

A long discussion took place as regards this matter.

Mr Elgee, solicitor, pointed out that in his opinion the land at the place where the hut was proposed to be erected belonged to Major Richards who had sold to the Land Commission. Of course, the County Council could not give Miss Collins permission to build on property which did not belong to them.

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

"That Miss Collins be informed that the County Council make no claim to the plot of ground on which it is proposed to re-erect hut for sale of Arts and Crafts, but have no objection so far as obstruction to the public is concerned by erection of the hut at the particular place selected."

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT OF COURTOWN HARBOUR.

Mr. Jordan T.D., a member of the Council forwarded the following letter which he had received from the Secretary Department of Fisheries:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Fisheries to send you the following ~~information~~ confirmation of the statement made by him to you to-day when, in company with Deputies Esmonde, Allen and Ryan, you interviewed him on the subject of the repairs necessary at Courtown Harbour. The Minister gathered from the case put to him to-day that what is urgently needed at Courtown is the clearing and deepening of the inner basin together with the provision of new sluice gates and the setting up of a grab crane for work along the passage leading from the sluice gates seawards. The Minister understands that the cost of such works and plant would be considerable, but in view of the strong representations made by you and the other members of the Deputation, he is willing to recommend to the Minister for Finance the expenditure from State funds of one moiety of the cost involved provided that the Wexford County Council

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is prepared to carry out the work and to find the balance of the cost thereof. It is to be understood of course that before a definite figure of total expenditure is accepted that the estimate in the case will be submitted for examination by this Department's Engineer."

It was decided that the County Surveyor submit his recommendations in this matter to the meeting of the County Council on June 11th.

DRAIN AT KILLANNE CIVIC GUARD BARRACKS.

Under date 29th May 1928, the Secretary, County Board of Health, wrote that there was a drain at Killanne Civic Guard Barracks which was insanitary. The Board of Works was prepared to divert the drain to connect with the road culvert taking the road water if the necessary permission could be obtained.

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

"That letter from County Board of Health re Killanne drain be referred to the Co. Surveyor who is hereby empowered to give the necessary permission to make connection with road drain should he consider same desirable."

COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH LORRY.

Under date 31st May 1928, the Secretary, County Board of Health, wrote asking that the question be considered of taking over by the Co. Council the lorry at present used by the Board of Health. The latter were not unanimous in thinking that there was sufficient work under the cottage repair scheme for its use and they considered the Co. Council could make more advantageous use of this vehicle.

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

"That the Co. Surveyor report to next meeting of the Co. Council, if, in the event of the Council agreeing to take over lorry from County Board of Health, he is in a position to make such use of it as would provide good value for the Council for its employment."

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WEXFORD-GOREY ROAD.

Under date 16th May 1928, letter was read from the Manager, National Bank, Wexford, Treasurer of the Council, stating that his Directors were not prepared to grant a loan of £33,000 to defray cost of re-surfacing Wexford-Gorey road.

Under date 26th May 1928, he wrote that his Directors had authorised him to make an advance by way of loan of £8,500 for the improvement of Wexford-Gorey road for a period of five years at $\frac{1}{2}\%$ under Irish Banks rate with a minimum rate of 4%.

While sanctioning this, however, the Directors wished to point out that they could not consider any further loans until the existing liabilities of the Council were substantially reduced.

Under date 16th May 1928, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (R/RB/32) that in view of paragraphs 4 and 5 of Circular letter RGM/201 of 27th January 1928, a proposal that the Main Roads Maintenance Grants should bear 50 per cent of the instalments of the proposed ten years' loan of £33,000 for the improvement of Wexford-Gorey road, could not be entertained.

It was explained that the objection of the Department to contributing arose mainly because the work was considered to be one of improvement and not maintenance.

The Co. Surveyor mentioned that the proposed loan of £8,500 was to strengthen particular patches which had given way under lorry traffic. The balance of the road was now beginning to cut up and would soon be in a very bad condition.

Mr Cloney proposed and Mr Hall seconded the following which was adopted;—

"That we request the T.D.'s of the county to arrange to put before the Local Government Department the matter of the repair of the Gorey-Wexford road, and that the County Surveyor prepare a statement showing the present position and emphasising the fact that the loan which the Council proposes to obtain

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was really to be used for maintenance purposes and not for improvement work. That the Co. Surveyor arrange to accompany the T.D.'s when they have fixed a date for the interview with the Local Government Department."

REMOVAL OF MARGINS FROM ROADS.

Col Quin complained that margins were being left on the Gorey-Arklow road at certain places, but after some discussion no order was made.

PETROL PUMP LICENSES.

Application for new licence for petrol pump to replace licence which he had allowed to lapse, was received from Mr Michael Finn, 16 Main Street, Gorey.

Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor said the petrol tank in this case was under the footpath.

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

"That application of Michael Finn, 16 Main Street, Gorey be adjourned to next meeting. In the meantime, Mr Finn be informed that in no circumstances will they agree to licence for petrol pump, the tank of which is placed under the public road or public footpath.

Mr John C. Hearne, Fethard-on-Sea, applied for new licence for petrol pump.

Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, reported that Mr Hearne was satisfied to erect the pump by a wall at the end of the road known as Kennedy's Lane. It appeared to be a proper place and would cause no inconvenience.

On the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by Mr O'Byrne the following was adopted:-

"That licence for petrol pump issue to John C. Hearne Fethard provided tank for same is not placed under the public road or footpath and that the site of the pump and tank receives the approval of the County Surveyor. That when this latter

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proviso is agreed to, Mr Hearn^{is to}~~will~~ supply plan showing the altered site."

Application for licence for petrol pump was received from Martin Maher, South Street, New Ross, the former licence for which he had allowed to lapse.

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

"That licence for petrol pump issue to Mr Martin Maher South Street New Ross provided the tank is not placed under the public street or footpath and that the approval of the County Surveyor to the site of the pump is forthcoming."

PROPOSED HANDBALL COURT IN GOREY.

Under date 2nd January 1928, Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, wrote that he had inspected site of proposed ball-alley in Gorey and found that it would not be any inconvenience to the public if same was erected.

Mr O'Byrne proposed and Mr Hall seconded the following which was adopted;-

"That the Roads Committee have no objection to the erection of handball court in Gorey in view of the report received from Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, Gorey."

IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

The following resolutions from the Irish Tourist Association were approved on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Cloney;-

"That the attention of the Minister for Local Government be again called to the prime importance of good roads as a means of attracting tourists to Ireland and the urgent need of special Grants for important road improvements in Tourist centres.

Further, that the Minister be requested in making provisions for such grants, to confine them as far as possible to areas whose Councils have shown recognition of the importance of tourist traffic and ~~and~~ of the importance of their areas

from the tourist point of view, by making special allocations in their estimates for tourist advertising purposes."

INSURANCE OF HIRED MACHINERY.

In connection with the insurance of hired machinery, the Co. Surveyor read letter from the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. offering to arrange for insurance at the rate of 45/- per vehicle.

This was agreed to on the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by Mr Hall.

NATIONAL ROAD SCHEME.

The Secretary reported that Grants under the above amounting to £13,444 had been received since last meeting of the Council.

REPORT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ROADS ENGINEER.

The following resolution was proposed by Col Gibbon seconded by Mr Cloney and adopted;-

"That we request the Local Government Department to furnish the County Council with copy of report of Mr Raftery, (Roads Department) as to maintenance of main roads in this county and which was promised by Mr Raftery at a meeting of the Roads Committee."

CARNE PIER.

The following under date 1st June 1928 was submitted from the Chairman and Hon Secs of the Carne Pier Committee;-

(1) The Committee of Carne Pier met this evening at the pier, and we were delighted to see the work which had been so well done. We are unanimous in congratulating the Co. Council on their splendid work there.

(2) We had the advantage of meeting Mr Birthistle on the spot. He has been constantly there supervising the work which reflects credit upon himself, upon Mr Barry, Co. Surveyor and last but not least upon Mr John Ennis, the hard-working and skilful foreman.

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(3) Mr Birthistle told us that £100 has been spent on the work so far leaving £50 to the credit of the £150 which the Council authorised. The balance of £50 will be spent in about three weeks.

(4) Mr Birthistle assured us that if the Council would grant another £150 a very good job could be done, because the pier could be finished out as far as it was before it was broken down by the storms of many ~~year~~ years during which no repairs had been done.

(5) We are aware that the County Council have done the utmost in their ^{power} with the finance at their disposal, but we would respectfully urge them to finish the work which they have so well begun.

The work at Carne Pier is one of the best of the many good works which the present Council have done. We hope all the Council will be re-elected and shall be glad to see them at the opening of the pier immediately after the elections.

(6) We applied to the Fisheries Board for £150 but unfortunately we have not been successful there.

(7) If a Committee were appointed by the Council to go down and see the place, they would then see for themselves:-

(a) How necessary it is to have the work finished.

(b) How well the £100 out of the £150 already granted has been spent.

(c) What a splendid job it would be if another £150 were granted.

(8) We may mention that the Committee have already spent out of their own pockets over £50 in purchase of mooring chain, light for the Pier, windlass for hauling up boats, repairing existing slips, etc.

(9) We gladly point out the fact that owing to the pier being repaired, five new boats are being built for the fishing station so that eight boats will be fishing there instead of three.

Until the repairs were done, it was impossible to keep a boat at the pier as there would be no safety there. As a result of the improvements the following are building new boats:-

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Mr Raymond O'Keeffe, who is spending £100 on his boat;
Mr John Tierney who is spending £250 on ~~xxxxx~~ new boat and engine;
Mr Paddy Ryan who is spending £100 on a boat; Mr John Martin whose
boat is just finished at Arklow Dock at cost of £400 and Mr
William Miller who is spending £50 on a boat.

This surely is good news as the fishing is a lready good
there.

(10) The Committee would be grateful if the Council would authorise
the expenditure of another £150 making a total of £300 to complete
the splendid work on Carne Pier. The pier would then be as good
as ever it was if not better.

When the pier would be completely finished, the boats
could be launched earlier in the Spring and remain longer at the
Pier for the fishing in the autumn. This would make an annual
difference at least of three or four months when the fishing would
be the best."

The following resolution was proposed by Mr O'Byrne
seconded by Mr Hall and adopted;-

"That the following Sub-committee be appointed to visit
Carne Pier and report to next meeting of the County Council;-
Col Gibbon, Messrs Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Boggan and Doyle with the
County Surveyor, the inspection to take place on the 8th June 1928
at 2-30 p.m. (Summer Time).

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

"That the Minutes of Roads Committee in respect of meeting held on June 4th 1928 be received and considered."
Rosslare Sewerage Scheme.

The Co. Surveyor stated he had an interview with Mr P. H. McCarthy, Engineer to County Board of Health on 6th June and arranged with him that ~~the sewerage~~ the sewage scheme would take all road surface water except that coming down from the Railway Station which he (County Surveyor) would arrange to have discharged into the sea.

Col Quin asked if the County Council had nothing to say about this Rosslare Scheme which they were at first told would cost £8,000 and which now was to run to £20,000.

Mr Boggan protested against the Wexford Rural District being the area of charge for this scheme while the people of Wexford town who used Rosslare as their playground and as their summer resort did not pay anything. They were the people who made the scheme necessary. The people of the Rural District would not stand even the original rate because they felt they had been taxed unjustly.

Ballycullane Courthouse.

The Co. Surveyor said he estimated the furniture for Ballycullane Court would run to £62 made up as follows;-
 Three tables £10; eight chairs £8; armchair £4; twelve benches £30 and press £10.

Mr Murphy asked if it were not true that the building in Ballycullane in which the Court was held was used for other purposes, viz, as a Bank one day in each month, and as an ordinary Village Hall for concerts and entertainments, and in that case who would take charge of the furniture if provided by the County Council.

The Co. Surveyor said that in the old days, the rental of small Petty Sessions' houses covered the cost of any furniture

considered necessary.

The following resolution was proposed by the Chairman seconded by Mr Coriagh and adopted;-

"That the County Surveyor interview Mr Power, owner of Ballycullane Courthouse, and ascertain if it would be possible to arrange with him as to providing what furniture was considered necessary for the Courthouse and allow a certain amount of increase in yearly rent to cover the cost."

County Board of Health Lorry.

The Co. Surveyor stated that in order to use lorry for transport of road material, a side tip-up body would be required. The vehicle would also have to be overhauled and the total cost of this and the new body would be £150. If the County Council desired to take over lorry and use it, a living van would be necessary; this would cost about £90. The lorry was too light and was only suitable for bringing small lots of stuff to cottages. It was bought in 1921 or 1922 and was consequently of very little use and would be expensive in running repairs.

Mr Shannon said the lorry could be worked economically by co-operation between the Engineers of the Health Board and the Co. Surveyor and his staff. He considered it should be taken over by the County Council and let the Health Board use it when necessary.

Mr Thorpe said he had been informed that the lorry was run at 7d per ton mile and this figure would show a reduction if the lorry was fully laden for its journeys.

After a long discussion, Mr Shannon proposed, and Mr Clince seconded the following;

"That the question of the Health Board lorry being taken over by the Co. Council be referred to the Health Board for further consideration."

As an amendment, Col Quin proposed and Mr Murphy seconded the following;-

"That the County Council regret they cannot take

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over the lorry offered by the County Board of Health as, from the report of our Co. Surveyor, it could not be worked on an economic basis."

A show of hands on the amendment was taken with the following result:-

For 13; Against 9.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

On being put as the substantive motion it was adopted nem. con.

Wexford-Gorey Road.

Col Gibbon said if the Council decided to spend the £8,500 on this road without obtaining an Order from the Department of Local Government to close it to heavy traffic, the money would be thrown away. If they got the loan of £8,500 for five years they would (if the road remained open for heavy traffic) have to spend double the amount before the five years was over.

In reply to Col Gibbon, the Co. Surveyor said that after a fortnight's rain the road would cut in a good many places. Colonel Gibbon said
 In places in which improvement work had been carried out the lorry traffic had cut up the surface. He thought the first thing they had got to press the Government for was to bring in some legislation to limit the expenditure on that road. If heavy traffic had been kept off that road when they were first putting forward proposals to that effect, they would now not be talking of ~~thous~~ thousands but only of hundreds. When they agreed to raise the loan of £8500 for this road it was on the understanding that the Local Government Department would give the ordinary percentage of grant for maintenance of main roads to go against the payment of the instalments of the loan.

Mr S. O'Byrne proposed and Mr Shannon seconded the following resolution:—

"That in approaching the Local Government Department relative to grant for Wexford-Gorey Road, the T.D.'s deal only with £8500 which is manifestly for maintenance."

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Mr Corish proposed;- "That we take advantage of the offer of our Treasurer to carry out the improvement work necessary at Castlebridge on Wexford-Gorey Road in order to obviate flooding."

The Chairman having consulted Mr Elgee, Solicitor, said that the latter advised that a notice of motion would be necessary to allow of a proposal being adopted to improve the road at Castlebridge to obviate flooding, as he believed this work should be kept apart from that of maintenance of the other portions of Gorey-Wexford Road.

Mr Corish said he accepted the ruling though he disagreed with it.

Col Gibbon said the T.D.'s should put before the Minister that unless lorry traffic was restricted on this road and others in a similar position it would not be possible for the County Council to keep them in repair.

Mr O'Byrne's resolution was then put and passed.

Carne Pier.

Col Gibbon referred to the matter of repairs to this pier and said he required certain particulars of the amount of work done before he went to put the matter before the Minister as a member of the deputation appointed. An important point with regard to repairs to the pier was that if the work of repair cost anything in excess of the additional £150, which would make the total £300, the Carne Pier Committee guaranteed to make good the surplus themselves.

Mr Doyle said the local Committee were inclined to limit the repairs to a cost of £300, but if they cost any more they had agreed to raise the balance.

On the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by Mr O'Donoghue it was decided that the Council's liability should not exceed £300.

Col Gibbon said the Committee wanted it put before the Council that if the Minister of Fisheries turned down the grant of £150, the possibility

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of getting the money from the funds in the control of the County Council to complete the work. He had pointed out that so far as he could see they had no money available in this year's estimates that the Council could utilise for the purpose, but he promised he would lay the matter before the Council.

The Chairman said there was no other money available in this year's estimates.

Col Gibbon explained that what happened originally was that they voted £150 on the assurance of the Carne Committee that they had the promise from the Minister of another £150. They passed their estimates on the basis of the £150, leaving the remainder to come from the Minister. The Ministry turned them down and they required another £150 to complete the job. He wanted a reference on the Minutes of the meeting that the Local Committee for Carne Pier had stated they would be responsible for any expenditure over £300 and had guaranteed they would themselves make up anything that was necessary over this amount.

The following were then on the motion of Mr S. O'Byrne seconded by Mr Cline, appointed a deputation to the Minister for Fisheries on Wednesday 13th June 1928 at 3 o'clock p.m.; - The Chairman (Mr T. McCarthy), Vice-Chairman (Col Gibbon), Mr P. Hayes and the County Surveyor.

PIER AT GREAT ISLAND.

On the suggestion of Mr Murphy, the Co. Surveyor was directed to make a report on the condition of the above Pier.

Mr Murphy said the place was used by nine or ten salmon fishing crews who had no other means of living during the salmon fishing season.

KNOCKDUFF LANE.

Mr Jordan reported that on the 9th inst, Mr Shannon and himself inspected the above lane, the other members not being able to attend owing to inclement weather. He and Mr Shannon recommended that the Council take over the lane when money was available, the local people to carry out what they promised in the way of widening

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the lane and easing seven or eight corners and to make a diversion at one place.

The County Surveyor said that the cost of the surfacing etc. if the County Council agreed to take it over would be £70.

It was decided to refer the matter to the November meeting of the Council at which all proposals for new roads and works will be considered.

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

"That the Minutes of Roads Committee of the County Council in respect of meeting held on 4th June 1928 be and are hereby confirmed except in so far as same have been altered or amended by resolutions adopted at this day's meeting."

ROAD MATTERS GENERALLY.

Mr Shannon mentioned that the road leading ~~from~~ to the strand from Curracloe Coastguard Station was in a bad condition.

The Co. Surveyor said there was no money available for the improvement of this road.

Mr Colfer raised the question as to whether money was available for tar-spraying the Wexford-New Ross Road in Mr Kehoe's area.

The Co. Surveyor said he would have the work finished when he got the tar or bitumen. The Local Government Department held back the decision to accept a contractor for tar and bitumen and the result was he (Co. Surveyor) did not get notification of the name of the contractor until very late. The very morning he received notification, he placed an order and had since received some of the stuff, though not for this particular section of the road.

Mr Corish raised the question as to whether the County Surveyor was arranging to stamp the insurance cards of men who were engaged on piece work in quarries. It was taking a mean advantage of the men not to stamp their cards. The quarries concerned were Ballyconnigar, Ballinamona and Ballyvaldon.

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the stones off the beach and paid for the hire of the breaker.

Mr Corish said he was informed the Co. Council supplied the material.

It was decided that the County Surveyor submit a case to the Insurance Commission covering the point raised by Mr Corish.

Col Gibbon asked what was the amount of injury done the roads by the traffic of Wombell's Circus.

The Co. Surveyor said the repair of the damage caused was £10 or £12. A very serious amount of damage would have been caused if the matter had not been taken at once in hands. If the travelling had occurred on a wet or a cold day much damage would not have been done.

PROPOSED TRANSFER OF RATE COLLECTOR GANNON.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr Sean O'Byrne;-

"That Rate Collector Gannon(NO 10 District)be transferred to No 15 District,said transfer to become effective when the sanction of the Department has been received and when the Rate Collection in No 10 District has been closed to the satisfaction of the Finance Committee."

Mr Mernagh seconded.

After discussion a poll was taken with the following result;-

For;-Messrs Pender,Corish,Mernagh,O'Byrne and the Chairman --- 5.

Against -- Col Gibbon,Messrs O'Donoghue,Cloney,Thorpe, Walsh,Kavanagh,Col Quin,Murphy,Hall,Boggan and Doyle -- 11.

The other members attending the meeting were not present for poll which was taken after adjournment.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

NEW ROSS - DUNCANNON ROAD.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was given by Mr Cooney;-

"That the County Council proceed to raise by way

of loan the amount of money necessary to enable them to carry out certain essential ~~repairs~~ repairs on the road from New Ross through Camblin to Campile and Duncannon!"

Mr Cooney added the following words to his motion;-

"That the amount of loan to be raised for this work be £4,000."

Mr Cooney pointed out that the amount allowed at the present time for the maintenance of the road was insufficient to put it into repair, in fact the amount was only adequate to put on a few stones and do a few corners. The total amount for the upkeep of the road from New Ross to the turn at Duncannon was £1020. It was estimated that a loan of not less than £4000 would be necessary to put the road into proper repair.

Mr. Colfer seconded

Mr Walsh supporting the motion said the road had been under discussion at various meetings. The representatives of New Ross had been promised £600 for the road, but this was never forthcoming. They were told that they never put forward any concrete proposals for the New Ross area. They now knew a good deal about concrete. It had been proposed that day to raise £8000 for the Wexford-Gorey road which ran parallel to the Wexford-Enniscorthy road. The road with which Mr Cooney's motion dealt was in a terrible state and would cost the ratepayers a great deal more if steps were not taken to put it into proper repair.

Mr Colfer said the money spent on this road was wasted owing to its very bad condition. He had on many occasions at the Roads Committee raised the question of grants for New Ross District but got very little satisfaction.

The Co. Surveyor stated that the length of the road referred to in Mr Cooney's motion was 950 perches, and the present amount allowed for its maintenance by direct labour was £400, which was a higher figure per mile than for the Gorey-Wexford road. He estimated that £4000 would be necessary to reconstruct the section referred to. It would take £12000 to reconstruct the entire length. It was very necessary to do the first three

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miles. The rest was not so bad, nor was there so much traffic on it. To do the road in a proper way as far as Stokestown would cost £2000.

The Chairman suggested to Messrs Cooney and Walsh that they should agree to defer the motion until they found out the result ~~of the road~~ of the application to be made to the Department in respect of the Wexford-Gorey road. He was not opposed to loans for roads such as that dealt with in Mr. Cooney's motion, because if they got a loan, provided the repayment of the principal and interest did not exceed the ordinary proposal plus the maintenance ^{grant} ~~at~~, they would be providing a permanently good road.

Mr Colfer asked why they should not submit Mr Cooney's motion in conjunction with the Wexford-Gorey one to the Department.

Mr Cooney then added the following to his motion;-

"That the maintenance grant from the Local Government Department in respect of main roads should apply in this case to the repayment of the instalments of the necessary loan as the Council proposed should be done in respect of the loan for Wexford-Gorey road."

Mr Walsh seconded.

Mr Boggan said this road was in a scandalous condition some time ago at least for a distance of three or four miles from New Ross. Questioning the feasibility of raising money for loans, he suggested that the Councils and the people should try and shape the policy of the Roads Department so as to have less expenditure on trunk roads and to have more money expended on the maintenance of main roads. There was no blotting it out, and he believed the statement would be borne out eventually-he hoped he might be wrong-that the large amount of money spent on the Ferrycarrig-Enniscorthy road was mis-spent and he believed that a tar-macadam road between those places would be equally as good and be an easier road on vehicles and animals travelling over it. He had been informed on good authority that the policy

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of the Roads Department was only in the beginning and therefore he considered it would be a wise thing for the County Councils and the people to try and have so much money expended on trunk roads diverted and more money laid out on the main roads. It would be a far wiser course than raising loans for roads. He concurred with the Chairman's suggestion that Mr Cooney should defer his motion.

Col Quin proposed and Mr Hall seconded the following amendment;-

"That the motion of Mr Cooney to borrow £4000 for improvement of portion of New Ross-Duncannon road be deferred until the report of the deputation to the Department of Local Government in reference to the maintenance grant for Wexford-Gorey road has been received."

A vote was taken on the amendment with the following result;-

For;- Col Quin, Col Gibbon, Messrs O'Donoghue, Hall, Boggan, Kavanagh, Jordan, Doyle and the Chairman -- 9

Against;- Messrs Cloney, Thorpe, Walsh, White, Murphy, Cooney, Connors, Byrne, Colfer, Hayes, Gaul, Pender, Mernagh, Shannon, Clinee, Sean O'Byrne and Corish ---- 17.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The original motion was then taken and carried without dissent.

APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR FOR NO. 3 DISTRICT.

In connection with the vacancy for Rate Collector in No 3 District comprising the District Electoral Divisions of Ballymitty, Bannow, Duncormack, Harperstown, Harristown, Kilcowan and Killag, the Secretary stated that an examination in Irish, English and Arithmetic had been held on 6th June 1928 on papers sat and corrected by Rev. Bro. E.C. Markey, Christian Brothers, Wexford. Twenty-three candidates sat for examination, 100 marks being allotted to each subject; pass being based on thirty-three and one-third mark in each.

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The following is the result;-

1. Cullen Philip, Johnstown, Duncormack	240 marks.
2. Hayden James, Curragh, Gorey	239 marks
3. Kealy M.J. Kilanerlin, Gorey.	234 "
4. Doyle Philip, Barntown, Wexford	216 "
5. Culleton Martin, Wellingtonbridge	209 "
6. Tobin Patrick, Marshalstown Enniscorthy	170 "

The following failed in Irish;-

7. Devereux John, Ballyharty, Bridgetown	161 "
8. Moulds R., Camolin	155 "
9. Barron Michael, Ballykelly, New Ross	154 "
10. Wade James Danescastle, Bannow	150. "
11. Cleary R.J. Rath, Duncormack.	144 "
12. Doyle Thomas, Foulksmills	142 "
13. Curtis David, Raheenvarren, Newbawn	140 "
14. Rossiter John, Ballingale, Taghmon	137 "
15. Doyle Peter, Kilbraney, Gusserane	129 "
16. Parle Patrick, Ringpark, Tacumshane	128 "
17. McCutcheon Charles, Hilltown, Ballymitty	120 "
18. Devereux William, Carrigeen, Bannow	103 "

The following failed in Irish and English;-

19. Ross W.R. Killinick	101 marks
20. Bolger Daniel, Ballyconran, Craanford	101 "
21. Leonard John, Moneytucker, Enniscorthy	39 "

Failed in all three subjects;-

22. John Pender, Scar, Duncormack	11 "
23. Lee Thomas, Coolcull, Taghmon	10 "

It was decided that a poll be taken between the first six candidates as they had passed the qualifying examination.

The following is the result of the first poll;-

For Cullen;- Col Guin and Mr N.J. Murphy-- 2
 For Hayden- Mr Sean O'Byrne ----- 1.
 For Kealy-- Messrs Hall, Connors and P. Byrne-3.

For Doyle - Col Gibbon, Messrs Thorpe, O'Donoghue, Kavanagh, Boggan, Doyle, Mernagh, Gaul, Hayes, Corish -- 10.

For Culleton- Messrs Cloney, Whyte, Walsh, Cooney, Colfer. -- 5.

For Tobin - Messrs Jordan, Pender, Shannon, Clince, and the Chairman 5.

Hayden then fell out and a vote was taken between the remaining candidates with the following result;-

Cullen.- Col Quin and Mr Murphy 2

Kealy - Messrs Hall, Connors, Byrne, and O'Byrne 4.

Doyle - Col Gibbon, Messrs Thorpe, O'Donoghue, Kavanagh, Boggan, Doyle, Mernagh, Gaul, Hayes and Corish -----10.

Culleton- Messrs Cloney, Whyte, Walsh, Cooney, Colfer. -5

Tobin- - Messrs Jordan, Pender, Shannon, Clince, and the Chairman- 5

Cullen
~~Culleton~~ being lowest dropped out and a vote was taken between the remaining four candidates with the following result;-

Kealy- Col Quin, Messrs Hall, Byrne, O'Byrne, Connors -5

Doyle- Col Gibbon, Messrs Thorpe, O'Donoghue, Kavanagh, Boggan, Doyle, Mernagh, Gaul, Hayes, Corish and Murphy -- 11.

Whyte
Culleton -Cloney, Walsh, Cooney and Colfer ---- 5.

Tobin -- Jordan, Pender, Shannon, Clince and the Chairman--5

As Kealy, Culleton and Tobin received each five votes, a poll was taken to ascertain which of them should be eliminated.

The poll resulted as follows;-

Kealy -Col Quin, Hall, Connors, Byrne, Mernagh, Hayes, Corish and O'Byrne -----8

Culleton --Col Gibbon, Thorpe, Cloney, O'Donoghue, Whyte, Walsh, Murphy, Kavanagh, Boggan, Doyle, Cooney, Gaul, Colfer -- 13.

Tobin --Jordan, Pender, Shannon, Clince and the Chairman - 5

Tobin was then eliminated and a poll taken between Doyle, Kealy and Culleton with the following result;-

Kealy--Col Quin, Messrs Hall, Connors, Byrne, Mernagh, Pender, Shannon, Clince, O'Byrne and the Chairman ---10.

Doyle -Col Gibbon, Messrs Thorpe, O'Donoghue, Kavanagh, Murphy, Boggan, Doyle, Gaul, Hayes and Corish ---- 10.

Culleton --Messrs Cloney, Whyte, Walsh, Jordan, Cooney and Colfer -6

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Mr Culleton then fell out and the final poll was taken between Doyle and Kealy with the following result;-

Doyle - Col Gibbon, Messrs Thorpe, Cloney, O'Donoghue, Whyte, Walsh, Kavanagh, Murphy, Boggan, Jordan, Doyle, Mernagh, Gaul, Hayes, Colfer and Corish ----- 16.

Kealy - Col Quin, Messrs Hall, Pender, Shannon, Clince, Connors, Cooney, ~~Byrne~~, Byrne, O'Byrne and the Chairman. ---10.

The Chairman declared Doyle elected by a majority

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by Mr Thorpe;-

"That Philip Doyle, Barntown be elected Rate Collector for No 3 District. Remuneration 7d in the £ with fees under Franchise Acts. Appointment to be subject to sanction of the Local Government Department and to the successful candidate entering into a Bond of £900 with an approved Guarantee Society and a personal bond of himself and two approved securities in ~~the~~ the sum of £200. Appointment to be non-pensionable."

The successful candidate was recommended by the following;- Rev. John Sinnott, Adm. Wexford; Rev H.E. Lambert C.C. Mayglass; Rev. F. E. O'Rourke P.P. Glynn and Rev R. Hickey C.C. Barntown.

RATE COLLECTOR NO. 15 DISTRICT.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Col Gibbon;-

"That the Finance Committee be requested to draft terms and conditions of appointment of Rate Collector for No 15 District vacant by the dismissal of P. J. Fitzpatrick."

SURETY FOR RATE COLLECTOR.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Clince seconded by the Chairman;-

"That James Cummins ^{Ballylucas Ballymurran} be accepted as personal security for Walter Cummins, Rate Collector for No 11 District, vice Mr Laurence Cummins, deceased."

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DAMAGE TO PROPERTY (COMPENSATION) ACT 1923.

Under date 8th June 1928, letter (746/16) was read from Department of Finance asking for payment of £20,705-15-4 due by the County Council to the Exchequer under above Act.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Cline that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee

OFFICE OF ACCOUNTANT.

Under date 18th May 1928, the Department of Local Government wrote (G 55591/1927) Ilghneitheach) forwarding copy of Order made under Section 2 of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act 1926 declaring the office of Accountant to be an office to which the Act in question applied.

HEAVY MOTOR CAR AMENDMENT ORDER.

Under date 8th June 1928, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (R. V. 209-218) referring to Order under above title made by the Minister which permits a motor omnibus which is not a double-decker travelling at twenty miles an hour provided all its wheels are fitted with pneumatic tyres. Also providing that a pneumatic tyred heavy motor car need not in future carry an anti-mud splashing device.

COMBINED PURCHASING ACT.

Sealed Order of 1st June 1928 declaring Messrs Edward Ryan & Co., Cork, to be official contractor for supply of Tallow Crown Soap to 30th September 1928 was read.

BOOLAVOGUE WATER SUPPLY.

Sealed Order under date 22nd May 1928 (P.H. 30789/1928) fixing Ferns Dispensary District as area of charge for Water Supply at Boolavogue was read.

REMUNERATION OF ASSISTANT SURVEYORS.

The following letter under date 31st May 1928 (R/RS/32) as to salary, etc. of Assistant Surveyors was read from the Local Government Department; -

"Adverting to the Minute of Wexford County Council on 10th ult. relative to the above subject, I am

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directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has sanctioned the Council's proposal to grant a salary of £230 per annum each to Messrs Kehoe, Ennis, Birthistle Cullen and O'Neill, Assistant Surveyors, with an allowance for travelling expenses at the authorised rates, subject to a maximum of £170 per annum, Mr Treanor's salary to remain as at present but his travelling expenses to be subject to the maximum mentioned.

Your attention is directed to Section 71 of the Local Government Act, 1925."

Under date 6th June 1928, Mr T. Treanor wrote that as time was short before the letter of Local Government Department came before the Council for consideration, he had written to the Department pointing out that in accordance with the terms of the resolution received by him, he claimed exemption from its terms and had enclosed copy of his letter of the 18th April to the Council.

The Chairman held that the portion of the resolution stating that it was passed subject to being accepted by the Assistant Surveyors did not mean it should not become operative in the event of one individual not being prepared to accept it.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr Shannon seconded by Mr Clince;-

"That in order to allow of the Assistant Surveyors concerned making declaration under Section 71 of Local Government Act 1925, we hereby confirm the resolution of the County Council of 10th April 1928 fixing a salary of £230 per annum each to Messrs Kehoe, Ennis, Birthistle, Cullen and O'Neill, Assistant Surveyors, with an allowance for travelling expenses at the authorised rates, subject to a maximum of £170 per annum. Mr Treanor's salary to remain as at present, but his travelling expenses to be subject to the maximum of £170 as in the case of the other Assistant Surveyors.

COURTOWN HARBOUR.

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letter from the Minister of Fisheries to Mr Jordan T.D. read at last Roads Committee meeting as to improvement of Courtown Harbour he had nothing to add to the report he had made to the Roads Committee on 2nd January last. This provided for the following:-

Repairs to end of Pier £150; New Lock Gates and Sluices £480; Grab Dredgers and rails £450; Dredging at inner basin £1200. The total was £2280. When he brought before the Finance Committee his estimate for Public Works, it was agreed that he should spend the £150 for ordinary repairs and that the balance £2130 should be brought forward on a 50 per cent Grant from the Department of Fisheries. This would mean that the Council would put up £1065 towards the improvements. There was no doubt but his recommendations would commend themselves to the Engineer for the Department of Fisheries.

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE.

Under date 9th May 1928, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L1566/28) that they noted with satisfaction the adoption of a resolution expressing appreciation by the County Council of the manner in which the Department's Veterinary staff carried out their duties in connection with the recent outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease in Wexford County.

Various Orders of the Department of Agriculture revoking Orders declaring certain premises near Wexford to be Foot and Mouth Infected Places were read.

SHEEP DIPPING INSPECTORS.

Under date 29th May 1928, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L1347/28) approving of the proposed re-employment of Messrs James Murphy, Myles Roban, James Hayden, Morgan Flaherty, Thomas Prendergast and M. J. Hennessy as Sheep Dipping Inspectors during the dipping periods of the current year, remuneration in each case to be £1 per week to include travelling expenses but not postage, the cost of which is to be borne by the County Council.

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TRANSFER OF PLOT NO. 330 KILTREA.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cline seconded by Mr Shannon;-

"That an Order be made under Seal of the Wexford County Council transferring Plot No 330(Land Registry) Kiltrea E.D. Killoughrim, Co. Wexford to the County Board of Health and Public Assistance for the County Health District of Wexford."

REVISION OF VALUATIONS.

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

"That the Finance Committee be empowered to deal with all applications for revision of valuation."

CLOSING ROAD 149G.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cline seconded by Mr Shannon;-

"That the necessary steps be taken to have road 149G closed for one month from 2nd July 1928 to 2nd August 1928 in order to allow of repairs being carried out at Ballinakill Bridge the alternative route to be from Knockroe to Riverchapel and the coast road to Polshone(parts of roads 139G and 23G).

TAILTEANN GAMES.

A letter was received from the Secretary, Tailteann Games asking the Council to arrange for a full holiday while the Games were on so that as many as possible might be given an opportunity of visiting the Games. *No order*

HOLIDAY ON DAY OF COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

Mr Shannon proposed;- "That on 26th June 1928, the day of County Council Elections, all road and quarry workers cease work. That the County Surveyor issue orders to this effect to the Deputy Surveyors in order that they can arrange with the respective gangers in their areas.

Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded the motion which was put and passed nem.con.

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LAST MEETING OF OLD COUNCIL.

The Chairman said as this was the last meeting of the old County Council, he desired to thank the Councillors for their help and courtesy on all occasions during the three years he occupied the Chair. He was sorry that some of the members who had been in public life for a great many years were not going forward again. The Council had done what they considered most desirable in the public interest on all occasions. They had many big subjects to deal with from time to time and their deliberations were carried out with dignity. When they read of what happened in other places, he was sure the present Council well sustained the record which the name of the Council held in the past, and that it had carried out all its work with dignity and consideration for everybody concerned. It might be the last occasion on which he would preside over the Council, and therefore he took the opportunity of thanking every member of the Council and every official for the help and consideration he had always received.

Mr Thorpe, who is not going forward for election, thanked the Council and the officials for the consideration they had always extended to him.

*Wm Carter
July 10th 1928*

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 the 11th day of June, 1928.

(Signed) _____

Secretary

Dated this 15th day of June, 1928.

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF MEETING

HELD ON 10TH JULY, 1928.

FORTVIEW

WEXFORD

N J FRIZELLE

SECRETARY

THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NEWLY-ELECTED COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD IN THE COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBER, FORTVIEW, WEXFORD, ON 10TH JULY, 1928.

Mr Thomas McCarthy, outgoing Chairman, presided, and subsequently Mr Michael Doyle, the newly-elected Chairman.

The following were also present:-

Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Cline, Patrick Colfer, John Culleton, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John Cummins, T F D'Arcy, John Doran, James Gaul, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, W P Keegan, Thomas Maylor, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss O'Ryan, M M Roche, James Shannon, Myles Smyth, and J E Walsh.

The members present subscribed the usual declaration of acceptance of office.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR 1928.

Colonel Gibbon proposed and Mr Culleton seconded the following resolution:-

"That Mr Michael Doyle be elected Chairman of the Wexford County Council for the year 1928, and that he hold office until his successor has been appointed".

There being no other proposal, the Chairman declared Mr Doyle unanimously elected Chairman for the year 1928. Having put the proposition, Mr McCarthy said that he was sure, from Mr Doyle's long experience of public life, he would prove a competent chairman. The responsibilities of a Chairman of a County Council were very great and involved a considerable amount of time and attention. Mr Doyle would give that time and attention to the position which were necessary. He

(Mr McCarthy) was certain that, so long as Mr Doyle presided over the meetings of the County Council, he would give a fair and impartial hearing to every member. For his part he would be always glad to help Mr Doyle on every occasion in which it was in his power.

Mr Doyle, having subscribed his declaration of office as Chairman, returned thanks for his election. He did not ambition the chair as he would have found himself much freer and - so to say - could preserve a more open mind and more open hand as an ordinary member of the Council. But, seeing that it was the unanimous wish of his own party, and now seemingly of the whole Council, that he should fill the chair, he thanked the Council very warmly for his election, and promised that he would not as Chairman betray the confidence which they had placed in him. He certainly asked for the co-operation of the Council with the chair. Seeing the manner in which the Council was composed for the last three years and seeing that a great many of the old Council had been re-elected, he had no hesitation in saying he believed he would always have their hearty support and assistance in the conduct of the business. He wished to impress upon the members that, during the coming years, they should not take any part in politics, as the introduction of politics into the business of a County Council would not lead to harmony. He was not saying that political matters would be sprung upon the Council at any time but he took this opportunity of saying that politics would never lead to harmony in a County Council. He would, during his term of office, endeavour to be as impartial as possible to every section of which the Council was composed. He had presided over the meetings of the County Board of Health for the past three years, and he did not think that any fault had been found with him so far as impartiality was concerned. As Chairman of the Council, he would carry on as he had done

while Chairman of the Health Board. He could assure them he would do his very best for the sick poor and the destitute under their charge and then for the ratepayers who were extremely hard hit. He asked the Council in all their dealings and undertakings for the coming year to be as economical as they possibly could. The County was not in a condition to take on even minor improvements at the moment. They knew how hard it was to collect rates from the Collectors' books, and the country as a whole (he was sorry to be so pessimistic) was never in a worse condition, and needed very careful administration in the way of economy. He therefore asked them not to bring on improvement works that could be left over for some time until the country got on its legs and do better, which, he hoped, would be in the near future.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Mr Hall proposed:-

"That Colonel Gibbon (who has acted as Vice-Chairman of this County Council for the past three years) be elected Vice-Chairman of the Council for the year 1928, and to hold office until his successor has been appointed".

Mr D'Arcy seconded.

Mr Corish proposed:-

"That Mr James Shannon be elected Vice-Chairman of this County Council for the coming year, and that he hold office until his successor has been appointed".

Mr Hayes seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For Mr Shannon:- Miss O'Ryan, Messrs Corish, Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, and Shannon. 13.

For Colonel Gibbon:- Colonel Quin, Messrs Brennan, D'Arcy,

~~Doran, Hall, Jordan, Mayor, M~~

Doran, Hall, Jordan, Maylor, Murphy, Roche, Smyth, Walsh, and the Chairman. 12.

Colonel Gibbon and Mr Culleton did not vote.

The Chairman declared Mr Shannon elected.

Mr Shannon said he wished to return his sincere thanks for the honour conferred upon him. It was only at the last moment that he consented to go forward and, as some people in the opposite camp knew well, it was not his intention to seek the position. People in his own camp had tried persuasion to get him to go forward, and he thanked the Council sincerely for electing him. He did not, however, expect that he would have very heavy duties to perform as Mr Doyle would probably be constantly in attendance.

Mr Shannon then signed his declaration of acceptance of office as Vice-Chairman.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

FINANCE.

The following resolution was proposed by Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr Corish, and adopted:-

"That the Finance Committee be composed of ten members, including the Chairman and Vice-Chairman as ex-officio members; the elected members to be composed of two from each of the four districts of the County".

For Enniscorthy District, Colonel Gibbon proposed and Mr Doran seconded the appointment of Mr Jordan as a member of the Finance Committee.

Mr Jordan withdrew as he stated he would not be able to afford the time to act on the Committee.

Mr Culleton proposed and Mr Jordan seconded the name of Mr Doran for election as a member of the Finance Committee, but Mr Doran said he would not be able to act.

Mr Clince proposed the election of Mr McCarthy as a member

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of the Finance Committee.

Mr Gaul seconded the motion which was adopted.

Mr Roche proposed the name of Mr Culleton as a member of the Finance Committee.

Mr D'Arcy seconded the motion which was adopted.

For Gorey District, Mr Corish proposed and Mr Cline seconded the appointment of Mr S O'Byrne as a member of the Finance Committee.

Mr D'Arcy proposed and Mr Culleton seconded the election of Colonel Quin, who withdrew in favour of Mr S O'Byrne. The latter was then declared elected a member of the Finance Committee.

As the second representative for Gorey District, Colonel Quin proposed Mr James Hall as a member of the Finance Committee.

Mr Doran seconded the motion which was adopted:

For New Ross District, Mr Corish proposed and Mr Cooney seconded the appointment of Mr Cummins who declined to act.

Mr Brennan proposed and Mr Maylor seconded the appointment of Mr Walsh as a member of the Finance Committee.

Mr Colfer proposed and Mr Shannon seconded the appointment of Mr Cooney.

Mr D'Arcy proposed and Mr Doran seconded the appointment of Mr Murphy.

A poll was taken as regards the election of Mr Murphy, and resulted as follows:-

For Mr Murphy:- Miss O'Ryan, Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs Brennan, Cummins, D'Arcy, Hall, Doran, Hayes, Jordan, Keegan, Maylor, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Roche, Shannon, Smyth, Walsh, Armstrong, Culleton, and the Chairman. 21.

Against:- Messrs Corish, Cooney, Gaul, Cline and Colfer. 5.

Mr Murphy did not vote.

The Chairman declared Mr Murphy elected.

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A vote was then taken as between Mr Cooney and Mr Walsh for the second vacancy, and the following was the result:-

For Mr Walsh:- Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs Brennan, Culleton, Hall, Jordan, Murphy, Roche, Smyth, D'Arcy, Doran, Maylor, and the Chairman. 13.

For Mr Cooney:- Miss O'Ryan, Messrs Corish, Armstrong Cline, Colfer, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, and Shannon. 12.

Messrs Walsh and Cooney did not vote.

The Chairman declared Mr Walsh elected.

For Wexford District, Mr Gaul proposed and Mr O'Byrne, seconded the appointment of Mr Hayes as a member of the Finance Committee.

Colonel Gibbon proposed and Mr Culleton seconded the appointment of Mr Roche.

Mr Shannon proposed and Mr Cooney seconded the appointment of Miss O'Ryan, who declined to act.

Mr D'Arcy proposed and Colonel Quin seconded the appointment of Colonel Gibbon.

~~xxxxxxx~~ Mr Hayes offered to withdraw but his proposer would not agree.

A vote was then taken as between Colonel Gibbon and Messrs Roche and Hayes, each member voting for two out of three. The following was the result:-

For Mr Roche:- Miss O'Ryan, Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs Brennan, Colfer, Culleton, Cooney, Cummins, D'Arcy, Doran, Hall, Jordan, Keegan, Maylor, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Shannon, Smyth, Walsh, and the Chairman. 21.

For Colonel Gibbon:- Colonel Quin, Messrs Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Hall, Jordan, Maylor, Murphy, Roche, Smyth, Walsh, and the Chairman. 13.

For Mr Hayes:- Miss O'Ryan, Messrs Corish, Armstrong,

Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Cummins, Gaul, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, and Shannon. 12.

The Chairman declared Mr Roche and Colonel Gibbon elected.

The Finance Committee for the year will, therefore, be composed of the following:-

Messrs McCarthy, Culleton, O'Byrne, Hall, Walsh, Murphy, Roche, Colonel Gibbon, Doyle (Chairman) and Shannon (Vice-Chairman).

ROADS COMMITTEE.

Colonel Gibbon proposed and Mr D'Arcy seconded the following:-

"That the Roads Committee consist of 17members, including the Chairman and Vice-Chairman as ex-officio members".

Mr Culleton:proposed:-

"That the Roads Committee consist of ten members".

After some discussion, Mr Culleton withdrew his motion, and Colonel Gibbon's proposition was then put and passed.

The following members were elected on the Roads Committee without opposition:-

Colonel Gibbon, on the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr Walsh.

Mr Corish, on the motion of Mr Gaul, seconded by Mr Cooney

Mr O'Byrne, on the motion of Mr Colfer, seconded by Mr Clince.

Mr D'Arcy, on the motion of Mr Culleton, seconded by Mr Brennan.

Mr Hayes, on the motion of Mr Cooney, seconded by Mr O'Byrne.

Mr Culleton, on the motion of Mr D'Arcy, seconded by Mr Hall.

Mr Colfer, on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Gaul.

Mr Jordan, on the motion of Mr D'Arcy, seconded by Mr Maylor.

Colonel Quin, on the motion of Mr D'Arcy, seconded by Mr Walsh.

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Mr Keegan, on the motion of Mr Shannon, seconded by Mr Cooney.

Mr ^{Hall}~~Murphy~~, on the motion of Mr ^{Murphy,}~~Hall~~, seconded by Mr Culleton.

Mr McCarthy, on the motion of Mr Hayes, seconded by Mr O'Byrne.

Mr Roche, on the motion of Mr Culleton, seconded by Mr Jordan.

Mr Maylor, on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr Smyth.

Mr Smyth, on the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr Culleton.

The Roads Committee for 1928 will therefore be composed of the following:-

Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs Corish, O'Byrne, D'Arcy, Hayes, Culleton, Colfer, Jordan, Keegan, Hall, McCarthy, Roche, Maylor, Smyth, Doyle (Chairman), and Shannon (Vice-Chairman).

COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.

In connection with the election of members of the County Board of Health, circular letter, under date 3rd July, 1928, No F 47554/1928, Ilgh (c), as to the procedure of election of this Board, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

Enniscorthy Electoral Area.

Mr Culleton proposed the appointment of Mr Jordan.

Mr Doran seconded.

Mr Shannon proposed and Mr O'Byrne seconded the appointment of Mr McCarthy.

Colonel Quin proposed and Mr Walsh seconded the appointment of Mr Culleton.

After some discussion, Mr Culleton withdrew, and a poll was taken as between Messrs Jordan and McCarthy with the following result:-

For Mr Jordan:- Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs D'Arcy, Doran, Hall, Maylor, Murphy, Roche, Smyth, Walsh, Brennan, Culleton, and the Chairman. 13.

For Mr McCarthy:- Messrs Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, O'Byrne, Shannon, Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, and Cooney. 11.

Miss O'Ryan and Messrs Jordan and McCarthy did not vote.

The Chairman declared Mr Jordan selected as a member of the County Wexford Board of Health for Enniscorthy Electoral Area.

Gorey Electoral Area.

Mr Jordan proposed the appointment of Mr Hall.

Mr Brennan seconded.

Mr Cline proposed the appointment of Mr O'Byrne.

Mr Colfer seconded.

A poll was taken as between Messrs Hall and O'Byrne with the following result:-

For Mr Hall:- Colonel Quin, Colonel Gibbon, Messrs Brennan, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Doran, Jordan, Maylor, Murphy, Roche, Smyth, Walsh, and the Chairman. 14.

For Mr O'Byrne:- Miss O'Ryan, Messrs Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, Shannon, Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, and Cooney. 11.

Messrs Hall and O'Byrne did not vote.

The Chairman declared Mr Hall elected as a member of the County Board of Health for Gorey Electoral Area.

New Ross Electoral Area.

Mr Maylor proposed the appointment of Mr Walsh.

Mr Brennan seconded.

Mr Hayes proposed the appointment of Mr Cooney.

Mr Keegan.- Hasn't this farce gone far enough?

Mr Corish.- Hear, hear.

Mr Keegan.- It is a farce I call it.

Chairman.- I ask you to sit down. I am carrying on the business, not you.

Mr Keegan.- You can put me out if you like.

Chairman.- I don't want to put you out.

Mr Keegan.- Do the decent. Put us all out if you like.

Chairman.- I don't want to put anyone out if he conducts himself.

Mr Cooney said he objected. As Mr Keegan had said, the matter had gone far enough.

Mr Corish,- Surely Labour is entitled to some representation. You are using your slight majority ruthlessly.

Chairman.- I am trying to conduct the business in order. Remember, everyone is elected here as well as Labour, and they have a perfect right to vote as they please.

Mr Corish.- I quite agree, but there should be a little toleration.

Mr Cooney.- I am withdrawing, because it is only a farce.

Mr Keegan.- Gallop them in.

The Chairman declared Mr Walsh elected as a member of the County Board of Health for New Ross Electoral Area.

Wexford Electoral Area.

Colonel Gibbon proposed and Mr Culleton seconded the appointment of the Chairman (Mr M Doyle).

There being no other proposal, the Chairman declared himself elected as a member of the County Board of Health for Wexford Electoral Area.

In connection with the appointment of the remaining members, two groups were formed.

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No 1 Group comprised the following:- Messrs Corish, Gaul, Hayes ^{Cooney} Colfer. They nominated Miss O'Ryan.

No 2 Group comprised Messrs Cummins, O'Byrne, Clinee, Shannon, Keegan. They selected Mr Cooney.

The Chairman then declared Miss O'Ryan and Mr Cooney elected as members of the County Board of Health.

The following 17 members then proceeded to elect the remaining four members of the County Board of Health:-

Messrs Armstrong, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Hall, Jordan, Maylor, McCarthy, Murphy, Roche, Smyth, Walsh, Brennan, Miss O'Ryan, Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, and the Chairman.

Miss O'Ryan proposed the appointment of Mr Gaul as a member of the County Board of Health.

Mr Armstrong seconded. Passed.

Mr Armstrong proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded the appointment of Mr McCarthy.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For Mr McCarthy:- Miss O'Ryan and Mr Armstrong. 2.

Against:- Colonel Quin, Colonel Gibbon, Messrs Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Hall, Jordan, Maylor, Roche, Smyth, Walsh, and the Chairman. 13.

Messrs McCarthy and Murphy did not vote.

Mr Jordan proposed and Mr Doran seconded the election of Mr Murphy.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For Mr Murphy:- Colonel Quin, Colonel Gibbon, Messrs Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Hall, Jordan, Maylor, Roche, Smyth, Walsh, and the Chairman. 13.

Against:- Miss O'Ryan and Mr Armstrong. - 2

Messrs McCarthy and Murphy did not vote.

The Chairman declared Mr Murphy elected as a member of the County Board of Health.

Colonel Gibbon proposed and Mr Culleton seconded the election of Mr Roche.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For Mr Roche:- Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Hall, Jordan, Maylor, Murphy, Smyth, Walsh, and the Chairman. 13.

Against:- Miss O'Ryan. 1.

Messrs Armstrong, McCarthy and Roche did not vote.

The Chairman declared Mr Roche elected a member of the County Board of Health.

Mr D'Arcy proposed and Mr Walsh seconded the election of Colonel Quin.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For Colonel Quin:- Colonel Gibbon, Messrs Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Hall, Jordan, Maylor, Murphy, Roche, Smyth, Walsh, and the Chairman. 13.

Against:- Miss O'Ryan. 1.

Colonel Quin and Messrs Armstrong and McCarthy did not vote.

The Chairman declared Colonel Quin elected a member of the County Board of Health.

The County Board of Health for the ensuing year will therefore consist of the following:-

Miss O'Ryan, Colonel Quin, Messrs Jordan, Hall, Walsh, Cooney, Gaul, Murphy, Roche, and the Chairman (Mr Doyle).

MENTAL HOSPITAL COMMITTEE.

Colonel Gibbon proposed and Mr Culleton seconded the following as members of the Mental Hospital Committee:-

Gorey District:- Messrs Hall and D'Arcy.

Enniscorthy District:- Messrs Jordan, Culleton and Doran.

New Ross District:- Messrs Brennan and Maylor.

Wexford District:- Mr Roche and the Chairman (Mr Doyle).

Passed.

Mr Corish proposed:-

"That Messrs Colfer, O'Byrne, McCarthy, Armstrong, Shannon, and Cummins, be elected members of the Mental Hospital Committee."

Mr Cline seconded. Passed.

With reference to the appointment of outside members, Colonel Gibbon proposed and Mr Cline seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem. con.:-

"That the following be appointed members of the Mental Hospital Committee:-

Rev P Cummins, Adm., Enniscorthy; Rev J Rossiter, P.P., Ferns; Rev R Talbot, Rector, Killanne".

Mr Shannon proposed and Mr Keegan seconded the appointment of Mr J J O'Byrne, Cushinstown, as a member of the Mental Hospital Committee, but Mr Murphy stated that Mr O'Byrne had informed him that he could not see his way to act on the Committee. The proposition was accordingly withdrawn.

Mr Corish proposed and Mr Shannon seconded the appointment of Mr John Pender, Ferns, as a member of the Mental Hospital Committee.

Passed.

Mr Maylor proposed and Mr Brennan seconded the appointment of Mr W Thorpe, Knockroe, New Ross, as a member of the Mental Hospital Committee.

Passed.

The members of the Mental Hospital Committee for the ensuing three years will be:-

Messrs Hall, D'Arcy, Jordan, Culleton, Doran, Brennan, Maylor, Doyle, Roche, Colfer, O'Byrne, McCarthy, Armstrong, Shannon, Cummins, Rev P Cummins, Adm., Rev J Rossiter, P.P., Rev R Talbot, and Messrs John Pender and William Thorpe.

REPRESENTATIVES ON GENERAL COUNCIL OF
COUNTY COUNCIL.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of
Mr. Clince seconded by Mr. Colfer,

"That Mr. Sean O'Byrne be appointed a representative of
the Wexford Co. Council on the General Council of County
Council.
Passed.

Proposed by Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. Hall and passed:—
"That Mr. Michael Doyle be appointed a representative of
Wexford Co. Council on the General Council of Co. Councils,"

Proposed by Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. Doran ,
"That Mr. Michael Jordan be appointed a representative of
the Wexford Co. Council on the General Council of Co. Councils."
Passed.

CO. COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNICAL
INSTRUCTION.

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

"That the following be appointed members of Co. Council
Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction :-
Messrs. Cummins, D'Arcy, Doran, Doyle, Gibbon, Hall, Maylor,
Quin, O'Byrne, Smyth, and Roehe, County Councillors, also the
following non-members:-

Messrs. George Colloton Fairy Hill Castlebridge,
A. Mc.Cann, Newbridge, Camolin,
G. P. Foley, Crossabeg.
Wm. Thorpe, Knockroe, New Ross,
Bryan O'Connor, Gairyhubbock, Screen,
J. J. O'Byrne, Cushinstown, New Ross.
Myles O'Connor, Ballymacsimon, Kilmuckridge.
J.J. Ennis, Rosslare, and
Dr. G.E.G. Greene, Glann Na Smoll, Enniscorthy.

The following were also appointed members of the Co. Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction:-

Daniel Somers, Killowen, Gorey, proposed by Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. D'Arcy,

W.R. Devereux, Tomhaggard, Wexford proposed by Mr. Roche, seconded by Mr. Culleton.

Patrick Colfer M.C.C. proposed by Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Cooney.

Patrick Hayes M.C.C. proposed by Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. Cline.

James Cline M.C.C. proposed by Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Armstrong.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. S. O'Byrne seconded by Col. Gibbon :-

"That the Co. Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction be appointed as Executive Committee of the Co. Council for administration of business under the Contagious Diseases of Animals Acts.

CO. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

As regards recommendation from Library Committee that the new Library Committee should consist of sixteen members twelve to be appointed by the new Co. Council and four additional members to be nominated by the Library Committee a resolution was adopted by The Finance Committee recommending the County Council to invest the new Library Committee with full powers under Library Acts, also approving of the new Committee being composed of sixteen members of which nine are to be Co. Councillors, viz., the Chairman and eight other members, two from each of the four districts of the County.

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This resolution had been confirmed by the Co. Council at a meeting on 11th. June 1928.

It was forwarded to the Library Committee which, on 23rd. June 1928 adopted the following resolution:-

"That we ask the Co. Council to receive a delegation from this ^{committee} ~~Act~~ at the first meeting of the Finance Committee, or at the second meeting of the Co. Council, with the object of reviewing the decision of the outgoing Co. Council at their final meeting and to hear the views of delegations to the Constitution of this Committee in future.

In forwarding this resolution the Library Committee stated "In view of the splendid work done by the following members the Committee find it impossible to nominate seven members and reject the others.

The Following is a list of the Members:-

Rev. R. Fitzhenry, Our Lady's Island, Broadway
E. P. Foley, Crossabeg.
J. F. Heffernan, Free Press Office, Wexford.
Wm. Thorpe, Esq., Knockroe House, New Ross.
R.F. Phillips, Esq., Duncormick.
Rev. J. Butler, the Presbytery, Wexford.
Rev. T. Talbot, the Rectory, Horetown.
Miss Eileen Hore, Georges St., Wexford.
Miss A. Fennell, High Street, Wexford.
Rev. Bro. A Carew, Christian Bros. Schools, New Ross.
J. Kelly, Esq., Taghmon.

Should the new Co. Council decide to adhere to the decision of the outgoing Co. Council the Committee would request them to nominate these seven members themselves.

After considerable discussion Miss O'Ryan stated ~~to~~ she would hand in notice of motion to rescind the resolution of the Council fixing the ~~number and~~ Constitution of the Library Committee.

Miss O'Ryan then proposed the following resolution:-
 "That the proposed new Library Committee be invested with full power under Library Acts; that the delegation from existing Library Committee be received at next meeting of Finance Committee. That pending appointment of new Committee the existing Committee be requested to act in the meantime.

Mr. So. O'Byrne seconded the resolution which was adopted. ~~Members~~ Members consenting.

SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Gibbon, seconded by Col. Quin, ~~and adopted~~:-

"That the following be appointed as members of the Scholarships Committee:-

The Chairman (Mr. M. Doyle) Vice-Chairman (Mr. Shannon)
 Messrs. Hall, Jordan, Mayler, Sean O'Byrne, R. Corish,
 Co. Councillors. Rev. W. F. Murphy, St. Peter's College,
 Wexford, Rev. Br. Markey, Superior, Christian Bros. Wexford;
 Rev. T. Talbot Rector of Horetown; Messrs. ^{E.P.} M. Foley,
 J.J. Kelly, N.T. Taghmon; and ^{Hugh} ~~and~~ O'Byrne, N.T. Ballindaggin,
 Enniscorthy.

OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed members of No.1 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee on the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. Culleton.

The Rev. M. Hickey P.P. Clongeen Foulksmills.
 The Rev. J.J. Murphy C.C. Ballymitty.
 The Rev. G.M. Fry, The Rectory, Bannow.
 Mrs. Handcock, Laurel Grove, Tullicanna, Ballymitty.
 Mrs. Mc.Cutcheon, Wellington Bridge.
 Very Rev. P. Doyle P.P. Rathangan.

Rev. H.L. Scott, The Rectory, Mulrankin Bridgetown.

Mr. P. Hayes, M.C.C. Kilmannon, Cleariestown.

Mr. M. Hasset P.C. Bridgetown.

Colonel C. M. Gibbon, Sleedagh House, Murrintown.

"That the Sub-Committee be requested to recommend member for the existing vacancy.

On the motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Clince the following were appointed members of No. 2 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee:-

Rev. William Harpur P.P. Ramsgrange. Chairman.

V.Rev. T. Canon Cloney P.P. Tempelstown, Fethard.

Rev. James Redmond P.P. Horeswood, Campile.

Rev. Edward Doyle, C.C. Gusserane, New Ross.

Rev. Bro. ~~Theodore~~ The Monastery, Ramsgrange.

Rev. J. Ludgate, The Rectory, Fethard.

M. Cloney Esq. Dunlough Castle, Duncannon.

Nicholas Howlett Esq. P.C. Ramsgrange.

Mr. Frank Doyle, Boderan, Arthurstown.

On the Motion of Mr. Maylor seconded by Mr. Hall the following were appointed members of Old Age Pension Sub-Committee No. 3.

Rev. Thomas Scallan P.P. Taghmon, (Chairman)

Rev. Robert Hickey C.C. Barntown.

Rev. Patrick Browne C.C. Taghmon.

Rev. T. Talbot, Rector, Horetown.

Miss S. Kearns, Taghmon.

Mr. John White ~~M.C.C. Marcholey~~ ^{Marcholey}

Mr. Frank Fitzgerald, Taghmon.

Mr. Wm. Bennett, Taghmon.

Mr. John R. Cullen P.C. Brownscastle, Taghmon.

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne the following were appointed as members of Old Age Pension Sub-Committee No. 4.

Very Rev. J.J. Canon Rossiter P.P. St. Michaels Gorey.
Rev. Canon Willis, The Rectory, Gorey.
J.E. Cooke, Esq. Chemist, Main Street, Gorey.
Jas. Connors, Esq. William Street Gorey.
Thos. J. Doyle, Esq. Main Street, Gorey.
J.O'Byrne, M.C.C. The Avenue, Gorey.
Thos. Williams Esq. Main Street, Gorey.
H.P. Wall Esq., Charlotte Row, Gorey.
Rev. N. J. Codd P.P. Kilanerin.

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne
the following were elected as members of the Old Age Pensions
Sub-Committee No.5.

Rev. P. Cummins, Adm. Enniscorthy,
Rev. Dean Lyster, Enniscorthy,
Rev. R. Talbot, Rector, Killanne.
Messrs. Jas. Shannon M.C.C.
J. Clince, M.C.C.
W.K. Stamp, Market Square, Enniscorthy,
J. Lawler, Coolree, Ballindaggin.
Robert Rackard, Killanne, Enniscorthy.
A. Stafford, Clongordon, Ballindaggin.

On the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne,
the following were appointed as members of Old Age Pensions
Sub-Committee No. 6.

Rev. J. Butler P.P. Bunclody.
Rev. Canon Fry M.A. Rectory, Bunclody.
John Nolan, Bunclody.
Matthew Hughes Bunclody.
John Connors Kiltomas, Ferns.
John Pender, Ferns.
Rev. Fr. Rossitter, P.P. Ferns.
Rev. C. French C.C. Ferns.
James Hall, P. C. M.C.C. Boolavogue, Ferns.

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On the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne, the following were appointed members of the Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee No. 7.

Very Rev. ^{Sean} ~~Devin~~ Rossiter, New Ross.

Very Rev. Canon Gibson, New Ross.

Messrs. Samuel Hill, South St., New Ross.

" John Murphy, John St., New Ross.

" Thomas Cooney, Robert St., New Ross.

" James Walsh, Donard, Clonroche.

" William Thorpe, Knockroe Palace.

" P. M. O'Gorman, Priory Terrace, New Ross.

The Sub-Committee are requested to nominate members to fill the remaining vacancy.

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, the following were appointed as members of Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee No. 8.

Rev. J. Somers, C.C. Blackwater.

Mr. M. O'Donohoe, ~~M.C.C.~~ Castle Talbot.

Mogue O'Brien Killeigh

John O'Brien Killeigh

Patrick Adams Ballyhaught

William Devereux Ballina.

David Kavanagh, ~~M.C.C.~~ Ballylucas.

John Corrigan, Blackwater.

Owen Leacy, Blackwater.

TENDERS COMMITTEES.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Col. Quin the following were appointed to act as Tenders Committee for respective districts :-

Enniscorthy - Messrs. Jordan, Shannon, McCarthy, Culleton,
O'Byrne, and Clinee.

Gorey - Messrs. D'Arcy, Keegan, Hall, Smyth, Armstrong,

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Sean O'Byrne, and Col. Quin.

New Ross - Messrs Cooney, Murphy, Maylor, Colfer, Cummins,
Walsh and Brennan.

Wexford - Messrs. Corish, Gaul, Doyle, Hayes, Gibbon, and
Roche, Miss O'Ryan.

MOUNTGARRETT BRIDGE COMMITTEE.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Jordan seconded the
Following:-

"That the following be appointed Representatives of
Wexford Co. Council (under Article 38 of the Local Government
(Application of Enactments) Order 1898 on Mountgarrett Bridge
Joint Committee, and that we hereby delegate full powers to
said Representatives on behalf of this Council :- Messrs Thos.
Cooney, J.E. Walsh, and P. Colfer,
The name of Mr. Brennan replacing that of Mr. Wm. Thorpe, who
~~was~~ is not now a Co. Councillor.

Mr. Cooney proposed the following :-

"That Mr. Cummins be appointed a member of Mountgarrett
Bridge, Joint Committee vice Mr. Thorpe.

Mr. Colfer seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For Brennan - Messrs. Culleton, Darcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall,
Jordan, Maylor, Murphy, Quin, Roche, Smyth,
Walsh, and the Chairman - 13

For Cummins - Messrs. Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Corish,
Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Miss
O'Ryan, and Shannon - 12

The Chairman declared Mr. Brennan elected a member of
Mountgarrett Joint Bridge Committee. He then put the original
motion for appointment of Messrs. Brennan, Cooney, Walsh,
and Colfer, as Representatives of Wexford Co. Council, on

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Mountgarrett Bridge Joint Committee which was carried
Mem. Con.

REPRESENTATIVES ON THE CO. INSURANCE
COMMITTEE.

Under date 22nd. June, 1928 (8628-1928) the Secretary of the National Health Insurance Commission wrote that in accordance with section 13 (2) of the Local Elections Act 1927, the existing members of the Insurance Committee for the Co. Wexford who were appointed by Wexford Co. Council would go out of office on the 11th July, and fresh appointments should be made by the Council who were entitled to appoint eight members, not necessarily members of the Council; but one at least should be a member of a local sanitary authority, and two at least must be women. Persons who were at the present time serving upon Insurance Committees were of course eligible for re-appointment.

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

"That the following be appointed as Representatives of Wexford Co. Council on the County Wexford Insurance Committee:-

Messrs. M. Doyle, M.C.C. ~~the~~ Cottage, Tagoat.

John Culleton, M.C.C. The Raven, Curracloe.

Sean O'Byrne, M.C.C. The Avenue, Gorey.

Miss Kathleen Browne, Rathronan Castle,

Mrs. Stafford, St. Peter's College, Wexford.

Mr. Patrick White, Thomas St., Wexford.

Mr. Myles Bergin, Gibson St., Wexford.

Mr. James Hall M.C.C. (Member of ~~a~~ Local Sanitary Authority
~~the~~ Co. Board of Health.)

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DRAINAGE COMMITTEE.

Col. Gibbon proposed :-

"That a Central Drainage Committee of the Co. Council be appointed.

Mr. Darcy seconded.

Col. Quin proposed, and Mr. Shannon seconded:-

"That all matters in connection with Drainage Schemes be entrusted to the Roads Committee.

After discussion Col. Gibbon withdrew his motion and the amendment of Col. Quin was adopted it being understood that, if from their experience, the Roads Committee considered a special Committee to deal with Drainage matters was necessary the Roads Committee would recommend the Co. Council to appoint members to a committee.

MEETINGS OF CO. COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE.

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

"That meetings of Co. Council be held on the second Monday of each month at 10.30 am.; of Finance Committee on Thursdays at most convenient hour to deal with amount of business to be disposed of; Roads Committee and Co. Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction on the Fourth Monday of each month, the former to meet at 10.30 am. and the latter at 2.15 p.m.

"AUTHORISED" COMMITTEES.

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

"That we request the Minister for Local Government to ~~recognise as~~ Authorised Committees for the County the following:-

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Finance Committee

Roads Committee

Co. Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction
and Library Committee,

"That the quorum of these Committees be as follows:-

Finance Committee 3

Roads Committee 5

Co. Committee of Agriculture and Technical
Instruction 5

That the procedure of these Committees be conducted in the
same manner as obtained at ^{Co Council} ~~total~~ meetings.

Dis -Qualification for non-attendance.

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

That a member of a County Council Committee absent for
three months consecutively from meetings of said Committees
be deemed to be disqualified.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES. -----

The following Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee
held on ^{21st} ~~2nd~~ June, 1928, were submitted.

(MINUTES)

of the Finance Committee

The fortnightly meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford on 21st June 1928.

Present; - Mr T. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding, Also Messrs Sean O'Byrne, William Thorpe, Patrick Hayes, and A. Mernagh. The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary and the County Surveyor were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £7903-6-2. was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

The following is the percentage of second moiety of Rate collected by each Collector to date; -

E. J. MURPHY 98; J. J. O'Reilly (No 13 District) 97; T. Rowe 95; J. Curtis 94; J. QUIRKE (No 1 District) 94; J. Doyle 91; M. Deegan 90.16; P. O'Byrne 89; Sean Gannon 89; J. Cummins 88; John J. Sinnott 87; W. Cummins 87; P. J. Furlong 86; Bernard Cleary 86; J. Quirke (No 3 District) 86; Thos Sutton 85; P. Donohoe 81; John J. Kelly 75; J. J. O'Reilly (No 15 District) 75; M. M. Kelly 73; Michael McCarthy 70.

The meeting decided that collecting books for 1928-29 should be handed to all collectors, with the exception of Messrs J. J. Kelly, P. Donohoe, M. M. Kelly and M. McCarthy.

It was also decided that poundage should be paid to a number of Collectors as follows; - 90 per cent of total poundage on amounts collected to date to the following; - Messrs E. J. Murphy; J. J. O'Reilly; T. Rowe; M. Deegan; John Doyle; J. Curtis; James Quirke. 80 per cent of total poundage on amounts collected to date to the following; - P. O'Byrne; Sean Gannon; J. Cummins; J. J. Sinnott; Walter Cummins; B. Cleary and Philip J. Furlong.

The following was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hayes; -

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sanction payment of poundage to Rate Collectors as agreed to at this day's meeting of Finance Committee."

A report was submitted that Collector J.J.Kelly (No 14 District) had not attended for checking on the day appointed and that he had not furnished receipt for renewal of Fidelity Guarantee Bond; also that he had not furnished cases for revision of valuation.

The following resolution was adopted;-

"That the personal sureties for Mr J.J. Kelly (Collector No 14 District) be informed that he is not carrying out his duties to the satisfaction of the Finance Committee. That they be called upon to lodge the £200 provided for by the terms of Their Bond with the County Council as sureties for Mr Kelly."

The Secretary mentioned that following last meeting of the Finance Committee the following resolution had been issued to the Rate Collectors;-

"That Rate Collectors be informed that all collectable rate outstanding including arrears must be lodged by 21st June 1928 and no further excuse will be entertained by the Finance Committee in the event of failure to comply with this instruction.

MR M.M. Kelly (No 6 District) wrote that practically every penny at present outstanding was uncollectable.

He hoped the Finance Committee would take a lenient view of the position and not call on his sureties to pay.

He asked for a further extension until next fair day of Enniscorthy.

Mr Curtis (No 20 District) wrote that he had handed all outstanding items of Rate in his district to his Solicitor for collection. Some were irrecoverable as there was nothing on the lands, and the Land Commission were not able to collect the rents for same.

Mr P. Donohoe (No 12 District) wrote that it was impossible to close collection at present as most defaulters had promised to pay on the fair day of Blackwater on June 28th.

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He expected to clear off all collectable rates by the end of the month. he asked for payment of poundage as he had not received any for a considerable time, whereas it had been paid to other Collectors.

The following resolution was adopted;-

"The Finance Committee expect Mr Donohoe to carry out promise made in his letter of 21st June 1928 to close his collection after the fair in Blackwater on 28th June 1928. That his sureties be notified that if he does not close as promised they will be called upon to lodge the amount set out in Bond between them and the County Council, viz; -£200, guaranteeing the faithful discharge of his duty by Mr Donohoe and the closing of his ~~wa~~ warrant at the prescribed period."

Mr B. Cleary (Collector for No 21 District) wrote that it was impossible for him to close his collection by the 21st ~~July~~ ^{June} 1928 but he would do his best to close in the near future. He was putting all outstanding items through the Courts immediate

Mr John J. Sinnott, Collector for No 16 District wrote that he had done all he could to make his collection complete. He had some cases listed for District Court on 22nd inst. If these were paid and the valuations of purchasers of Doyne Estate ~~except~~ apportioned, there would not be much collectable rate outstanding.

In connection with complaint on behalf of Moses Doyle (200, Ardcollm E.D.) as to payment of rate for half -year ended 31st March 1927, that Collector Sutton (No 2 District) had not called for rates for two years previous to Demand, Mr Sutton wrote under date 16th ^{June} 1928 that he called for the rates in March last.

No Order.

VACANCY FOR RATE COLLECTOR NO 15 DISTRICT.

The meeting considered it was inadvisable to make any recommendation to the new County Council as regards the terms and conditions of the employment of Rate Collector for No 15 District, vice Patrick J. Fitzpatrick dismissed from office

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and left the matter to be dealt with by the incoming County Council acting in general meeting.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACT.

In connection with the proposal of the Council to ~~ad~~ adopt the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts relative to the purchase by the tenants of certain houses in the village of Oylegate, the Secretary mentioned that advances were not available from State funds for the purpose of the Acts and the Council would have to borrow from their Treasurer after obtaining the sanction of the Local Government Department to the amount of Loan, Rate of Interest, etc.

The following resolution was adopted;-

"That the County Surveyor be requested to submit statement to the next meeting of the Finance Committee as to the market value of the houses in Oylegate in respect of which the Council propose putting the Small Dwellings ~~Ac~~ Acquisition Act into effect. That Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, be requested to supply a statement as to the amount of law costs which would be incurred in the case of each applicant. That in the meantime, the Council be recommended to fix rate of Interest for Loan at usual Bank rate with a minimum of $4\frac{1}{2}\%$

ILLNESS OF TYPIST.

The following medical certificate under date 19th June 1928 from Dr S. A. Furlong, Wexford was read;—

"This is to certify that Miss Monica Frizelle is suffering from exophthalmic goitre and will require prolonged rest in order to recover."

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

"That leave of absence be granted Miss Monica Frizelle and that our Secretary be empowered to employ a temporary typist in the meantime."

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY (COMPENSATION) ACT 1923.

Under date 8th June 1928, letter was read from the Department of Finance (746/16) asking for payment of £24705-15-8 outstanding under the above mentioned Act.

The following resolution was adopted;-

"That the Finance Department be informed that the County Council will pay an instalment under Damage to Property Act 1923 as soon as they are in a position to do so. They wish to call the attention of the Department to the fact that the Rate Collection in the County was held up practically for months owing to the outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease. The Council will meet their liabilities on foot of the Act as soon as they are in a position to do so and acknowledge the forbearance of the Finance Department as regards payment."

GOREY COURTHOUSE.

John Valentine, Gorey Courthouse-Keeper, applied for £1 for washing out Courthouse after use for ten days by Garda Síochana stamping bottles.

The application was refused.

DUPLICATE PAY ORDER.

It was decided to issue duplicate Pay Order for No 111 issued on 14th May 1928 from General A/C to Laurence Lynch, Ballycohe Ballywilliam, Road Contractor, as the original appeared to have been lost in course of post.

ELECTION ADVERTISING.

Under date 20th June 1928, Mr John Elgee, Solicitor wrote that the contract the County Council had made with the newspapers was to insert all advts of the Council and its Committees. The Election advertising appeared to him to be plainly advertising for which the County Council was responsible., and as such would come under the description of all advertisements of the Council. This

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being so, he was of opinion that the newspapers were bound to insert all Election advertising under their contract. If the Council were to treat the matter otherwise, they would have to satisfy the Auditor, that there was plainly a distinction between the ordinary County advertising and the Election advertising, and Mr Elgee did not see how it would be possible to satisfy him that there was any distinction. In the future, however, it might be advisable to have a distinct understanding with the newspapers as to what their tenders for the Council advertising was to cover, so that there would be no difficulty about the matter hereafter.

It was decided that the substance of Mr Elgee's opinion be communicated to the advertising contractors.

APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

Mr Moore, clerical assistant in County Surveyor's Department, wrote asking for an extension of his annual leave from two weeks to four weeks during the month of July. At the recent County Feis he had obtained a Scholarship entitling him to one month's training at the Irish College, Camolin.

The County Surveyor stated he would be able to make arrangements to allow of Mr Moore being granted holidays of one month during July, and a resolution was adopted acceding to the application on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hayes.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES) ACT. 1926.

Application was received from the Department of Local Government for payment of £116-7-10 proportion of expenses of Local Appointments Commission for year ended March 31st 1928, due by the Wexford County Council.

It was recommended that the Council pay the amount as soon as possible.

CLAIM BY GOREY WORKERS.

The County Surveyor submitted letter from Mr James J. O'Connor, Solicitor, asking for payment of £8-5-0 with 7/6 costs claimed by Gorey workers and payment for which had been repudiated by Bristowes Tarvia Limited. If amount was not paid within seven days

within seven days, Mr O'Connor wrote that he would issue a Civil Bill for its recovery.

The County Surveyor said that the Tarvia Company had a contract with the County Council to spray certain roads in Gorey and New Ross districts. In Gorey Mr Fulljames, Tarvia representative arranged with Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, to engage men for the Company. Apparently the Company were now trying to back out of the arrangement which had been made on their behalf. When the men were engaged, the Tarvia Company were not ready to start them. The men came for three days on the work and then Mr Treanor told them not to come any more until there was a possibility of work starting. Some of the stuff belonging to the Tarvia people got mislaid or went astray and the Company were not ready to start. Of course, when the work began, the Tarvia people took on the men for the time the contract lasted. It was only quite lately the men had made the claim to be paid for the three days they were on the work without starting. The claim had been made to the County Council and was sent on to the Tarvia Company. He (County Surveyor) understood there was a letter to Mr Treanor from Mr Fulljames authorising the engagement of the men. The Tarvia people were not satisfied with the letter which did not exactly say that Mr Treanor was to get the men but in it Mr Fulljames thanked Mr Treanor for the arrangements he was making about the men, and undoubtedly the men were engaged by Mr Treanor on behalf of the Tarvia people.

It was decided that the County Surveyor lay all the facts of the case before Mr Elgee, Solicitor for his advice on the matter.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF CO. SURVEYOR.

The Co. Surveyor applied for payment of travelling and out-of-pocket expenses in connection with the following visits to Dublin;— In 1927, 7th April -Deputation to Finance Department re Wexford Courthouse. 8th April- Conference Surveyors re Bitumen 21st June-Local Government Department re Road Grants. 24th November Deputation Board of Works re Drainage Schemes. 13th June 1928- Deputation to Department

Deputation to Department of Fisheries re Carne Pier.

It was decided to recommend the County Council to pay 30/- for each visit to Dublin or £7-10-0 in all.

Revisions of Valuations.

Proposed by Mr O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman, and carried:-

"That the several applications for revision of valuation including those of Rate Collectors be and are hereby agreed to and forwarded the Valuation Department for their consideration".

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

"That the minutes of Finance Committee meeting held on 21st June 1928, be and are hereby confirmed.

ELECTION CARETAKER DUNCANNON PIER.

Application for the position of Caretaker at Duncannon Harbour were received from Christopher Lawlor, Duncannon, James Myler, the Quay, Duncannon, and Alphonsus White.

Lawlor had been acting as temporary caretaker since the resignation of Laurence Monahan, and the remuneration attached to the position is £12 per annum.

A vote was taken between the three candidates (who were in attendance) with the following result:-

For Lawlor → Messrs. Culleton, Cummins, Darcy, Doran, Gibbon, Keegan, Murphy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Roche, Shannon, Smyth, Walsh, and the Chairman - 14.
For Myler - Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, McCarthy - 7
For White - Mr. Mayler - 1.

Lawlor having obtained a clear majority of those present and voting was declared elected by the chairman.

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

"That Christopher Lawlor, Duncannon be appointed caretaker at Duncannon Harbour, to carry out the duties of said office as drafted by Co. Surveyor, and as hereby approved by the Council salary £12 per annum payable quarterly. That office be determined at any time by a month's notice in writing at either side.

Lawlor was recommended for appointment by Rev. J.C. Ludgate and A. W. Rector, Fethard, Messrs. Wm. Ward, Stephens, Duncannon.

VACANT SOLICITORSHIP.

Under date 22nd June 1928, Local Government Department wrote (G 44200 - 1928 Loch Garman, Sd.) that the Minister approved of the proposed remuneration for the post ^{of} Solicitor to the Wexford Co. Council.

RATE COLLECTION FOR NO. 15

COLLECTION DISTRICT.

The Finance Committee reported from their meeting of 21st. June, 1928, that as the new Co. Council were coming into office on 10th. July 1928, they did not consider it advisable to make any recommendations as to the terms and conditions of appointment for Rate Collector No. 15 District and referred the matter to the full Council.

A letter was read from Mr. Felix Nolan, Clonevan, Gorey, offering to collect the Rates in the District for £100 per annum. This was the way to prove the economy for which the Co. Council was selected. He could provide two solvent securities.

Mr. Darcy proposed ^{and} Mr. Roche, seconded the following:- That the remuneration for incoming Rate Collector for No. 15 Collection District be fixed at 5d. in the £ with fees under Registration Acts, the position to be non-pensionable. This proposal to be subject to the approval of the Department of Local Government.

As an amendment Mr. Keegan proposed, and Miss O'Ryan seconded the following:-

That the incoming rate collector for No 15 collection District be paid £4 per week, to be paid weekly or quarterly as may be arranged. That the office be determined by a weeks notice in writing in the event of Co. Council finding that the holder is not giving satisfaction in the discharge of his duties.

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That he also be paid the stipulated fees under Registration Acts.

A vote was taken on the amendment with the following result:-

For - Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, O'Ryan, and Shannon. 13.

Against - Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Maylor, Murphy, Quin, Roche, Smyth, Walsh, and the Chairman 14.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The original motion was then voted on with the following result:-

For - Col. Quin, Messrs. Jordan, Hall, Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Maylor, Murphy, Roche, Smyth, Walsh, and the Chairman 14.

Against - Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, McCarthy, O'Byrne, and Shannon. 9.

Did not vote:-

Messrs. Cummins, Keegan, and Miss O'Ryan. 3.

Mr. Cooney was not present when the vote was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROADS.

Under date 29th June 1928, Sealed order (No. I.R/107/1/1928) authorising the Co. Council to close portion of road No. 149 G. from the turn in Knockroe to Poloshone Cross Roads was received from the Department of Local Government.

Under date of July 1928, the Co. Surveyor ~~has asked~~ asked that application be made to the Minister for Local Government for permission to close the road between Cullentra Bridgland turn at Knockadaw (No 166 G), in order to allow of rebuilding Corbally Bridge, from 30th July for two

months, the alternative routes being through Killenagh, Curratubbin Cross roads ~~on~~ Ford (Kilmuckridge) and Wells.

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

That we apply to the Minister for Local Government for order authorising the Co. Council to close Road 166G in accordance with the letter from Co. Surveyor under date 9th July, 1928.

ROAD BETWEEN WEXFORD AND ENNISCORTHY.

The following letter under date 28th. June, 1928 was read from Mr. Sydney Fry, 18~~1~~¹/₂ 19 College Green, Dublin:-

"I am taking the liberty of writing to congratulate you and your Council on the magnificent road that has been laid from Wexford to Enniscorthy.

Within the past two months I have travelled over 700 miles in different parts of Ireland in my motor car, and found the roads, generally speaking, in good condition; but this beautiful piece of picturesque Country lying between Wexford, and Enniscorthy, is certainly the best I ever travelled on, and if I may, I would ask you to congratulate your Surveyor on this splendid work he has carried out.

PROPOSED SUPERANNUATION TO

MR. B.J. O'FLAHERTY, SOLICITOR.

Under date 27th. June 1928, the following was read from the Department of Local Government:-

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to previous correspondence with the Wexford County Council regarding the claim of Mr. B. J. O'Flaherty for a superannuation allowance in respect of his services as Solicitor to the late Gorey

Rural District Council, and I am to state that a careful examination of his claim has been made in this Department. Mr. O'Flaherty submitted Bills Of Costs totalling approximately £396 in support of his claim. On investigation it was found that only £105. 10s of this sum was in respect of personal services rendered during the last three years of his office, and £35. 3. 4 the yearly average. The appropriate superannuation allowance for a service of 27 completed years would be 27/60ths of £35.3.4 or £15.16.6.

If the County Council now pass a formal resolution granting the sum of £15. 16.6 to Mr. B.J. O'Flaherty as superannuation allowance in respect of his services as Solicitor to the late Gorey Rural District Council the Minister will be prepared to assent thereto.

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Gaul seconded the following resolution which was adopted mem. Con.:-

"That the communication from the Department of Local Government relative to the proposed superannuation to Mr. B.J. O'Flaherty, Solicitor, be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration.

RECONSTRUCTION COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

Under date 22nd. June, 1928, the following letter (404/296/ (2) was read from the Department of Finance:-

With reference to your letter of the 21st March last on the subject of a Conditional Award of £5,000 in respect of the destruction of Wexford Courthouse, I am directed by the Minister for Finance to state that your Council would appear to be labouring under some misapprehensions which the Minister desires to remove.

(2) As regards the Council's resolution that they "are prepared to ear-mark £3,600 from the Compensation Award" to buy out the interests of the Redmond and Hungerford Estates,

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I am to point out that the Award represented the amount determined by the Compensation (Ireland) Commission as reasonable compensation for the work of reconstructing the Courthouse and that payment can be made by this Department only in respect of actual structural work. It would therefore be necessary for the Council to provide £3,600, or such other sum as might ultimately be agreed upon as the purchase price of the interests in question, before any compensation could be paid; and no part of that outlay could be recouped to the Council by this Department.

(3) It is observed that the County Surveyor's estimate in respect of the buildings which the Council propose to erect on the old Jail site is £3,597, and that his estimate for furniture is £500. The Minister desires me to make it clear that for the reason indicated in the previous paragraph, no payment can be made out of the conditional portion of the Award in respect of furniture. As the Council are aware, the Commission's entire award was for £5,500, of which £500 was unconditional; this £500 no doubt related to the contents of the destroyed building and has already been paid to the Council by this Department.

(4) The Council will no doubt desire to reconsider their position in the light of the situation as explained above, and the Minister will be glad to be informed of the result of their further deliberations.

Col. Gibbon proposed, and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution which was unanimously agreed to:-

That before coming to a decision on the letter from the Department of Finance (22nd. June, 1928-404-296(2)) the County Council procure full and complete estimated cost of reconstructing Courthouse at the Old Jail, and the Wexford Quay original site. This ~~was~~^{is} to include quantity surveys and such further information as may be necessary to enable

the Council to deal with the matter on a thoroughly

business basis

That we authorise the County Surveyor to employ a draughtsman to prepare working drawings from which it will be possible to obtain all necessary information as to costs

Official Map and Road Schedules

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

" That we hereby seal Official Road Maps for County Wexford as prepared by the County Surveyor "

For printing 500 copies of new Road Schedule the following tenders were received :-

" The People " £21 19 6d
" The Free Press " £19 10s

Mr O'Byrne proposed and Mr Walsh seconded the following resolution which was adopted :-
That the tender of the " Wexford Free Press " for printing 500 copies of Road schedule at £19 10s be, and is hereby, accepted

Proposed Purchase etc of Tuberculosis Hospital
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Under date 25th June, 1928 letter was read from the Secretary, Co Board of Health asking that the consent of the Co Council be obtained for the Board borrowing £3,052 for the purchase and equipment of Brownswood buildings as a tuberculosis hospital for the County

The Secretary stated that any member of the Council who desired could give notice of motion in the matter

Gorey Courthouse, and Technical Classes
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The Co Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction applied for permission for at least one session to

use of two rooms, free of rent, at the back in Gorey Courthouse (upstairs), for holding commercial classes in connection with proposed permanent centre of technical instruction for Gorey.

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

"That the County Council hereby consents to allow two rooms at rear of first storey in Gorey Courthouse to be used for the purpose of holding technical classes; the premises to be given free of rent and for one session, and on the understanding that they be vacated at any time by a fortnight's notice in writing, should they be required by the County Council".

PREMISES AT SPAWELL ROAD, WEXFORD.

In connection with dwellinghouse at Spawell Road, Wexford, occupied by Messrs M J Furlong & Sons, Painters, and owned by the County Council, the County Surveyor mentioned that they would require a sum of £70 or £80 in repairs immediately. He had discussed the question of the purchase of the premises with Mr Michael Furlong, and expected that he would have had an offer for that day's meeting.

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

"That the County Surveyor inform Mr Michael Furlong the Council are open to consider from him an offer for the purchase of premises at Spawell Road, Wexford, of which he is the occupier."

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POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES.

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

"That new licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act
issue to Messrs Michael Lacey, Monamolin, Gorey, and Mr
Michael R Moran, 3 Castle Street, Enniscorthy; and renewals
of licences to Messrs James J Codd, 26 & 27 Court Street,
Enniscorthy; Henry Hill, Ballycanew; John Roche, Camolin;
Edward Brennan, Taghmon; Michael J Doyle, 70 Main Street,
Gorey; Edward Redmond, The Harrow, Ferns; and Laurence
Harpur, North Main Street, Wexford".

ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

An invitation from the City of Dublin Local Committee
for above Institute to the Public Health Congress, which
is to be held in Dublin, from 15th to 20th August, was
received.

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Board
of Health..

M. Doyle

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF MEETING

HELD ON 1ST AUGUST 1928.

N. J. FRIZWILLE

FORTVIEW

SECRETARY

WEXFORD.

The monthly meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Portview, Wexford on 1st August 1928.

Mr M. Doyle (Chairman) presided and the other members present were;- Miss O'RYAN, Col Gibbon, Col Quin, Messrs J. Armstrong, John Brennan, James Cline, P. Colfer, Thomas Cooney, R. Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, John Doran, James Gaul, James Hall, P. Hayes, Ml. Jordan, W.P. Keegan, Thomas Mayler, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy, John O'Byrne, M.M. Roche, James Shannon, Myles Smyth, and James E. Walsh.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

County Committee of Agriculture and

Technical Instruction.

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

"That the name of Mr James Shannon, Vice-Chairman of the County Council, be added to the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction."

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEES.

Finance.

The following Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 19th July 1928, were submitted;-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held on the 19th July, 1928 at the County Council Chamber, Wexford.

Mr. Michael Doyle, Chairman, presided. Also present:- Messrs John Culliteon, James Hall, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, M.M. Roche and James Shannon.

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

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Apology for Absence from Meeting.

Col. Gibbon wrote that he was unavoidably prevented from attending the meeting as he had to be in Dublin in connection with a Law case.

Next Meeting of Committee and of Co. Council.

It was decided that the next meeting of the County Council and Finance Committee be held on the Wednesday, 1st August, 1928 the latter in the forenoon, and the Finance Committee meeting in the afternoon.

Damage to Property (Compensation) Act, 1923.

Under date 11th July, 1928, the Department of Local Government wrote (R/DB/32) stating that the Minister for ~~Exchequer~~ Finance had called attention to the great delay on the part of the Wexford County Council in remitting to the Exchequer £24,705-15-8. due under the above act. The special attention of the Council should be called to the foregoing with a view to having a substantial contribution forwarded to the Exchequer without further delay.

It was decided to point out to the Department of Local Government that the Council had already informed the Department of Finance that the Co. Council would pay an instalment of the amount due as soon as they were in a position to do so, also pointing out that the Rate Collection for the County had been held up practically for months owing to outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease.

The meeting decided to inform the Department of Local Government that they expected to be able to forward some instalments by September. The new Collecting books were only now being handed to the Rate Collectors owing to the fact that the collection for the Financial Year ended March last had not yet been closed.

Rate Collector J.J. Kelly.

In connection with the Fidelity Guarantee Bond for above Collector who appeared before the meeting and stated that he had sent amount for renewal of Bond of 16th June last to the Local Agent of the Insurance Company who had neglected to forward the amount to the Company. The Secretary said that the New Ireland Insurance Company had written stating that they were making further inquiries in the matter before issuing Bond.

The Chairman explained to Mr. Kelly that he should take all possible steps to obtain his Bond and furnish same to County Council, also that he should carry out his duties with more care and attention than he has displayed recently.

Mr. Kelly mentioned that he had been very much handicapped in his work owing to the illness of three of his children and that of his Wife.

Close of Collection for Financial Year

Ended March 1928.

A special resolution was adopted directing the Collectors to lodge all collectable rate by 31st July.

Service of Demand Notes.

The Secretary was instructed to call the special attention of all Rate Collectors to their duties as regards the personal

service of Demand Notes on Ratepayers, it was stated that at the meeting by some Councillors that some of the Rate Collectors were forwarding Demand Notes under ~~1~~d. stamped envelopes.

Withdrawal of Securityship for Rate Collector.

Under date 13th July, 1928, Mr. Aidan O'Leary, Clonee, Comolin, one of the securities for Mr. J.J. Kelly, Rate Collector for 14 collection District, wrote asking that he be relieved of his Securityship.

A resolution was adopted directing the Secretary to inform Mr. O'Leary that he cannot be relieved of his responsibility as security for Mr. Kelly until the latter has closed his collection in respect of the year ended March 1928. Mr. J.J. Kelly was instructed to furnish the names of surety to replace that of Mr. O'Leary.

Checking Rate Collector's Accounts.

Under date 30th June (G. 45994/1928 Loch Garman Fa.) the Department of Local Government wrote that there was no objection to the assignment of the duties of Rate Checker to Mr. T.A. Frizelle provided the work would not unduly interfere with his services at Headquarters. As regards remuneration it was pointed out that Mr. Frizelle is a whole time official and as such liable to perform such reasonable duties as might be given to him. It was not considered that the centralization of the work under one official should necessarily involve the maintenance of remuneration hitherto allowed. The duties of checking Rate Collector's Accounts might be met by way of a reasonable addition to Mr. Frizelle's salary as Assistant Secretary.

The Council should further consider this matter with

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the object of deciding the amount of such allowance, which would of course include travelling expenses.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy seconded by Mr. Hall:-

" That we recommend the Co. Council to adhere to the resolution fixing the amount for the checking of Rate Collector's accounts in Gorey district at £27 per annum in view of the fact that this amount is to cover travelling expenses and subsistence allowances.

We believe this arrangement to be the most equitable for the Council."

Ex-Rate Collector Fitzpatrick- Claim for Witnesses
Expenses.

Under date 2nd July, Mr. Robert Spencer, 24 Main St., Gorey a witness at the sworn inquiry as a result of which Collector Fitzpatrick was dismissed from office, applied for travelling expenses.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne.

"That Mr. Robert Spencer, 24 Main Street, Gorey, be allowed the sum of £1 to cover all his expenses in connection with his attendance at sworn inquiry into the conduct of Ex-Collector Fitzpatrick.

County Library Service.

The following deputation from the Library Committee appeared before the meeting.

Rev. R. Fitzhenry, P.P. Lady's Island. Miss Nellie O'Ryan, M.C.C. Rev. Brother Carew, New Ross, and E.P. Foley,

Mr. Foley acted as spokesman for the deputation.

Having heard the views of the deputation the following

resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. McCarthy.

" We recommend the Co. Council to approve of the Library Committee being composed of 20 members with the provision that if it should be found that it would be advisable to add the names of persons interested in literature and in the circulation of interesting and instructing books the Council would be prepared to increase the number of the Committee.

We recommend the appointment of the following representatives of the Co. Council.

Gorey District;- Messrs. Hall and O'Byrne.

Enniscorthy District;- Messrs. Culleton and McCarthy.

New Ross District;- Messrs. John Murphy and Thos. Maylor.

Wexford District;- Col. Gibbon. Mr. Corish and the Chairman.

Also the following outside the County Council:-

Rev. R. Fitzhenry, Lady's Island, Broadway.

E. P. Foley, Crossabeg.

J. F. Heffernan, Free Press Office, Wexford.

Wm. Thorpe, Knockroe House, New Ross.

Rev. J. Butler, The Presbytery, Wexford.

Rev. T. Talbot, The Rectory, Horetown.

Miss Eileen Hore, Georges St., Wexford.

Miss A. Fennell, High Street, Wexford.

Rev. Bro. Carew, Christian Bros. Schools, New Ross.

J. Kelly, Esq., Taghmon.

Very Rev. W.F. Murphy, President, St. Peter's College
Wexford.

Proposed Superannuation- Mr. B.J. O'Flaherty,
Solicitor.

Under date 27th May, 1928 the Department of Local Government wrote (G. 42685/1928 Loch Garman Sd) that as regards the claim of Mr. B.J. O'Flaherty for Superannuation in respect of his services as Solicitor to the late Gorey Rural District Council. A careful examination of his claim had been made by the Department. Mr. O'Flaherty submitted bills of costs, totaling approximately £396 in support of his claim. On investigation it was found that only £105-10 of this sum was in respect of personal services rendered during the last three years of his office and £75-3-4 the yearly average. The appropriate Superannuation allowance for Mr. O'Flaherty's services of 27 completed years would be £15-16-6. If the Council proposed passed a resolution granting Mr. O'Flaherty this sum the Minister for Local Government would be prepared to assent thereto.

Proposed by Mr. O'Byrne and seconded by Mr. McCarthy and adopted;-

"That in view of provisions of Section 42 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1925 we recommend the Co. Council to fix a Superannuation allowance to Mr. B.J. O'Flaherty, late Solicitor Gorey Rural District Council at £15-16-6.

Combined Purchasing Act, 1925.

Under date 10th July, (S, 34,883/1928) a demand was received from the Department of Local Government for payment of £140-13-7 assessed upon Wexford Co. Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 10 of above Act;

Proposed by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Shannon and passed:-

"That the Co. Council be recommended to pay £140-13-7

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amount apportioned on the County undersection 10 of the Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act, 1928.

University Scholarship Scheme.

Miss Honor Bolger, Vistoria Place, New Ross applied for renewal of University Scholarship for year 1928-29 in order to obtain the higher Diploma in Education.

Proposed by Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon and passed:-

" That the Co. Council be recommended to extend the University Scholarship of Miss Honor Bolger, New Ross for a further year in order to allow her to obtain the higher Diploma in Education, such extention being provided for by University Scholarship Scheme of the Co. Council.

Childrens Act 1908.

Reports of Mr. Elgee, Solicitor relative to applications for Committal of Children named Cahill, Distillery Road, Wexford to Industrial School were read and approved.

Bovine Tuberculosis Order.

Letters from the Department of Agriculture under date 20th June, 1928 (L. 1050-26) suggesting that in view of the number of cases dealt with in the year by Veterinary Inspectors in each of the five areas in the County during the 6 months ended 31st March, 1928 the amount of work alone during these six months should be the basis of an experimental distribution of the allowance for the various areas. From the number of cases dealt with it would appear that the remuneration of Mr. R. Malone for the period represented an average of £6-13-4 per case and that of Mr. Lynch an average of £3-15 per case, whereas Mr. Taylor received only 8/- 4d per case. Messrs Malone and Hayes

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in whose areas no cases were dealt with were paid £20 and £25 respectively for the period.

After some discussion it was decided that the Secretary communicate with the Veterinary Inspectors concerned and ascertain from them if a mistake had been made as regards the number of cases dealt with. Some members present expressed the opinion that, whereas, the Veterinary Inspectors might have visited cases of Tuberculosis they failed or neglected to furnish the customary reports.

The matter will be further considered at the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

Rates- New Buildings Order 1925.

Application of Mr. Patrick Lennon, Forrestalstown, Clonroche to be rated at a reduced valuation in respect of new building erected by him was agreed to on the report of Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor to the effect that Mr. Lennon had built his new dwelling house on the old foundation. Mr. Cullen estimated the value of the new building at £250.

State of Rate Collection and Irrecoverable Rates.

The state of the Collection of Rate for 1927-28 collection second moiety submitted as follows.

E.J. Murphy 98 per cent; J.J. O'Reilly (No. 13 collection district). 97; J. Curtis 97; T. Rowe, 96; J. Quirke (No. 1) 95; John Doyle 94; M. Deegan 93; S Gannon 92; J. Quirke, (No. 3). 91; P. O'Byrne 91; J.J. Sinnott 90. J. Cummins 90; P. Donohue 89; W. Cummins 88; B. Gleary 88; P. Furlong 87; T. Sutton 85; M.M. Kelly 83. J.J. O'reilly (No. 15) 79. J.J. Kelly 75. M. McCarthy 70.

The Secretary stated that the total of all outstanding collectable rates was £9,000 odd

Payments.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £6072-4-9 was examined and signed.

Proposed by Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Cummins, and passed;-

"That the Minutes of the Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on the 19th July 1928, be received and considered."

County Library Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by MR O'Byrne;-

"That the resolution of the County Council limiting the number of members of the County Library Committee to sixteen, be and is hereby rescinded."

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr Keegan seconded the following;-

"That we dissent from the recommendation of the Finance Committee as regards the appointment of additional members of the County Library Committee, and that new members of the Committee be appointed on the recommendation of the Library Committee."

Col Gibbon held that the position, as regards the outside members of the Library Committee, should be exactly the same as obtained for the other Committees of the County Council, the procedure being that the Committee concerned nominated a member to fill the vacancy and the nomination was considered by the County Council, but with a free hand.

As an amendment, Mr Corish proposed;-

"That when the County Council are filling any vacancy on, or appointing additional members to the Library Committee, the latter be consulted regarding the appointment."

Mr Cummins seconded.

Miss O'Ryan withdrew her proposal in favour of that of Mr Corish which was then agreed to unanimously.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr Brennan;-

"That the Library Committee be consulted as to the proposal to add the name of Miss Kathleen Browne, Rathronan Castle, Bridgetown, to the Committee."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr

O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Cummins;-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 19th July, 1928, be and are hereby confirmed, except in so far as same have been amended by resolution or order made at this meeting."

Roads.

The following Minutes of Roads Committee in respect of meeting held on 23rd July 1928 were submitted;-

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The monthly meeting of the Roads' Committee was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Wexford, on the 23rd July, 1928.

Present. Col. Gibbon, Col. Quin, Messrs. Sean O'Byrne Jas. Hall, Patrick Hayes, T. F. D'Arcy, M. Smyth. Thos. J. Maylor, W. P. Keegan, John J. Culleton, M.M. Roche, R. Corish, James Shannon, Thos. McCarthy and Patrick Colfer.

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

The Chair was taken by Col. Gibbon on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Col. Quin

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Mr. Doyle, Chairman, then attended and presided during the remainder of the business.

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COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT TO THE ROADS COMMITTEE MEETING
On 23rd July, 1928, at 10.30 a.m.

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to report that I have made arrangements with the Assistant Surveyors for carrying out the improvement works for which proposals are on the books at Aughtiguemore, Whitehouse and Kilmuckridge. At each of these places there is a watersplash, and it is proposed to build a bridge. I am constructing a bridge with flat top, and consisting of Jack arches of concrete between Railway Rails. I have the rails to hand, and am getting the materials on the ground to have the work commenced at once.

I have notified Mr. Michael Furlong, Spawell Road, that the County Council is willing to consider offer for the purchase of the premises which he holds of us, and I shall submit to the meeting any reply I receive from him.

I have been in communication with the Assistant Architect Waterford, with reference to laying drainage pipes at the Civic Guards Barracks, Killanne, and I have agreed to the work proceeding ~~provided~~ provided that no sewerage be discharged into ~~road~~ road drains, and that the road drains be properly restored. I believe your formal sanction should be given to this.

I have to report that an Attendant on one of our rollers was the cause of trouble with the Driver, and I have suspended him pending your decision. I submit report from Mr. Treanor regarding the matter.

I have made arrangements with the New Ross Urban Surveyor in regard to the repair and maintenance of New Ross Bridge, and Chilcomb Railway Bridge, and I now have from him notification that the carriageway and footpaths on New Ross Bridge and its approaches have been sprayed and gouted. Mr. O'Neill has

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seen the work, and I, myself, shall inspect it shortly.

I have to report that the Diving Suit and pumping plant for same has arrived at Courtown. As soon as possible I shall arrange for a trial of the apparatus.

There has been a dangerous bulging of the Sea Wall supporting the road at the Old Coastguard Station in Arthurstown. I have made several inspections of the place, and on the 3rd instant met Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, and gave him directions and arranged for its strengthening by an outside buttress. We are getting materials on the ground.

On No. 11W, between Ardcanrisk and Larkins Cross, there was a bad slip some time ago which I reported to the County Council and obtained instructions to make good. I have now carried out some extensive works in draining the upper side of the road, and am constructing or repairing gulleys across the road. This work, when ^{completed} ~~completed~~, will I believe obviate any further slip for many years to come. At a couple of other places there are side slips on the same road, and I shall take steps to have these made good.

Some time ago I reported to the Council regarding the side slip of the sea embankment retaining the road beyond the Coastguard station at Rosslare. I had hoped with comparatively small expenditure I would have been able to maintain the roadway, but now after frequent inspections and thorough examination I am satisfied that we cannot maintain the road without very elaborate and extensive works; probably running into £3,000 or £4,000. At the present time I am protecting the public as well as maybe, and have danger notices up. I consider it would be advisable for the Council to close this section of roadway completely.

I have made arrangements for repairs at Slade Harbour as recommended by the Roads Inspection Committee. I have got

old Railway rails for core of new concrete bollards, and I have had new mooring rings made in our own workshop Enniscorthy. This will be in hands at once.

In the last "Road Work's Scheme" the expenditure proposed by me on the Main Road from Ballyanne to Poulmounty ~~was~~ allowed by the County Council, and accordingly I am carrying out special work on this important road. I have provided an extra quantity of material, and am rolling this in patch work. I expect when the job is completed the road will be very much strengthened and improved.

In the allocation of Grants by the Local Government Department for surface dressing this year there was a reserve fund of £250 for the bitumen dressing of a section of the Wexford-Rosslare Road. It was expected that there would have been further Grant for the strengthening and surfacing of this road preparatory to the dressing. However, no further Grants are available this year, but I have stock of stone and tar provided for this road under a former proposal of the County Council, and with your approval, I propose using this in conjunction with the Grant to improve the road, commencing at the Urban Boundary. I have provisionally arranged with Mr. Raftery, Local Government Inspector, in regard to this, and shall forward particulars to the Local Government Department for sanction on getting your approval.

At a former meeting of the Co. Council the question of a loan for the improvement of Gorey-Wexford Road, for the New Ross Camblin Road was under discussion. Recently, under ordinary maintenance proposals, I have carried out a good deal of tar dressing work in patches, also in filling pot holes, and these roads are now much improved. From recent communication from the Local Government Department it would appear that the Council must take their chance in getting a subsidy to repay any loan instalments as the Local Government Department

will not bind themselves to cover instalments for a period of years. I think, under the circumstances, that it would be more advisable for the County Council to allow a higher expenditure on these roads next year and permit me to distribute increased work where necessary. This will enable the Council to gradually bring up the roads without tying themselves to heavy expenditure. Of course, from my point of view, and ~~from~~ from a road user's point of view, this is not the best system, but a loan will tie up the finances for a number of years "

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

" That the report of the County Surveyor be received and considered "

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Premises at Spawell Road, Wexford. In connection with this matter a letter was read from Messrs. M. Furlong and Sons offering £100 for the premises on the understanding that they are held in freehold and that they would be indemnified against the ~~pay~~ment of any head rent. Messrs. Furlong pointed out that it would be necessary for the Council to spend a further £100 to put the place in ~~proper~~ repair, as roofs, endwall, Sanitary arrangements and sewers would have to be seen to in the near future.

The Secretary stated the rent of the premises was £25 a year, the Council paying rates.

It was decided to inform Messrs. Furlong that the Roads' Committee considered their offer entirely inadequate.

Drainage Pipes. Civic Guard Barracks, Killanne.

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

"We recommend the Council to agree to the laying of drainage pipes at the Civic Guard Barracks, Killanne, by Department of Public Works provided ~~and~~ the work be carried out to the satisfaction of the Co. Surveyor.

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Engine Driver's Assistant.

Under date 10th July, 1928 a letter from the Co. Surveyor to Mr. Treanor, Assistant ^{Surveyor} was read. This pointed out that James Quinn, Camolin Park, who was an Engine Driver's assistant had been with him complaining that he had been discharged from his position. Quinn produced a Medical Certificate to show that he was suffering from a broken rib and from his statement it would appear that he sustained this injury in a fight or wrestling match with the Engine Driver. Mr. Treanor was asked to supply a fully detailed report of the whole circumstances and to let the Co. Surveyor know exactly how the man was injured.

Under date 10th July, 1928 Mr. Treanor wrote that on the 7th July Ganger John Byrne and Driver Hanrahan had complained to him that ~~the~~ James Quinn, the Driver's assistant, had attacked the driver in the living van, afterwards he went in to Gorey and did not return for over an hour and a half. When asked by Mr. Treanor for explanation of his attack he became abusive and there was no alternative but to suspend him. The ganger was instructed to supply a temporary assistant to the driver and the machinery overseer had since appointed an assistant to replace Quinn.

Under date 13th July, Mr. Treanor further reported that he had made further inquiries since learning that Quinn was suffering from a broken rib. Ganger Byrne and Driver Hanrahan could give no explanation for this. Both stated that no violence was used towards Quinn and that their trouble was to get him out of the van and to desist from his attempts on Hanrahan. When he was spoken to afterwards Quinn made no reference to the broken rib although at that time he had just come back from Gorey.

Col. Gibbon proposed:-

"That three members of the Roads' Committee, representing Gorey Electoral area, with the County Surveyor, be appointed a Sub-Committee to inquire into the case of James Quinn, Engine Driver's Assistant, and make a recommendation to the next meeting of the Co. Council.

Mr. Hayes seconded.

Mr. D'Arcy proposed- "That we confirm the suspension of James Quinn, Engine Driver's Assistant, and discontinue his services.

Mr. Roche Seconded.

A show of hands was taken on Col. Gibbon's motion which was regarded as the amendment when it was found that four were in favour and seven against.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The motion of Mr. D'Arcy was then put on a show of hands and carried by eight to two.

Quinn came before the meeting subsequently and stated that the row between himself and Hanrahan originated in his refusing to carry out an order of Hanrahan to sweep out the tubes of the engine which he could not do as he had no room to do the work as an Engine belonging to Mr. Kavanagh was pulled up too closely to the Co. Council Engine. He was attacked by Hanrahan who caught him by the throat. He then held on to Hanrahan's jaw. Two or three fellows including Jack Byrne, the ganger, came into the van and threw themselves on top of him. With their weight on him he heard his rib snap. He then did a kind of faint. He denied he was abusive to Mr. Treanor.

It was with some difficulty that Quinn was induced to retire from the meeting.

Mr. Hall said that if he had realised the condition in which Quinn was he would not have asked the meeting to have reopened the matter.

The meeting decided to adhere to their decision of confirming the suspension of Quinn and discontinuing his services.

Diving Suit. In connection with diving suit which had been obtained principally for Courtown Harbour, Col. Quin asked if fishing boats could get in and out of the Harbour at the moment.

The Co. Surveyor said the Bar was all right at present, Conditions varied from time to time; they depended on the wind.

In reply to Mr. Keegan, the Co. Surveyor said that they spent £150 recently on Courtown Harbour. The work had not been advertised as he considered it would lead to economy to make an arrangement with a local man. It was not carried out by direct labour as expensive plant would have had to be purchased.

Mr. Keegan said he did not consider it fair that everyone should not get a chance.

It was decided that in future, works entailing substantial expenditure as in this case should be advertised.

Road at Coastguard Station, Rosslare. Col Gibbon proposed;-

"That the recommendation of Co. Surveyor relative to road beyond the Coastguard Station at Rosslare be adopted and that the road be closed as it is dangerous to the public. That application be made to the Minister for Local Government sanctioning this proposal.

Mr. Culleton seconded the resolution which was adopted.

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Wexford-Gorey Road. With regard to the reference to this road in the report of the Co. Surveyor Col Gibbon proposed the following;-

"That consideration of this matter be adjourned for a month and during intervening period the Co. Surveyor ascertain the volume of motor traffic passing over this road on certain dates. That the Roads Inspection Committee be asked to visit and inspect this road in as much detail as possible in conjunction with the Co. Surveyor.

Mr. D'Arcy seconded the resolution which was adopted.

Mr. McCarthy said he did not consider the application for the £8,000 was made with the condition that a Grant should be received from the Government. He was surprised at the attitude taken by Col. Gibbon as two months ago the latter had led the Council to believe that this road was dangerous to traffic.

Col. Gibbon said he would vote against the £8,000 so long as the Council had no authority or order to prevent heavy lorry traffic on this road. It was not built to stand traffic of lorries of 15 tons. The expenditure of £8,000 would have to be repeated in a very short time unless heavy lorry traffic could be prevented from passing over the road.

Proposed by Mr. O'Byrne and seconded by Mr. Culleton; and adopted;-

"That the Local Government Department be requested to inform the Council if in the event of the Council obtaining a loan of £8,000 and spending that amount this year on Gorey Wexford road, will the Department agree that this expenditure of £8,000 be reckoned as expenditure under Main Road Grant and will the Department be prepared to recoup the amount to the extent of 30% as provided for by ordinary Main Road maintenance grant.

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

"That the report of the Co. Surveyor be and is hereby adopted subject to any amendments made by resolution at this meeting.

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Roads' Inspection Committee.

The following were appointed Roads' Inspection Committee
on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

Messrs. O'Byrne, Hall, Hayes, Maylor, Col. Gibbon,
Col. Quin, Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, mentioned that the Committee would
be entitled to recoupment of actual amount spent for travelling
expences but nothing would be allocated for subsistence
allowance.

Report of Mr. Raftery , Local Government Engineer.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Col. Quin.

"That we request the Department of Local Government to furnish the Wexford Co. Council with copy of report of Mr. Raftery, Engineering Inspector, as to Main Road Maintenance and which was promised by him at a recent meeting of Roads' Committee.

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KILMORE HARBOUR

The following was submitted by the Co. Surveyor:-

On the 12th instant I visited Kilmore with Mr. Hassard, Fishery Department's Engineer, and examined into the matter of Harbour Entrance.

Mr. Doyle, Chairman, and also, Messrs Hayes, ~~Gale~~ and Roche, M.M.C's met us by appointment. There were present, also, Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, Messrs Furlong, Rochford and ~~and~~ many others, including the Cox of the lifeboat.

At the time of our visit (8.p.m.) the water level was $14\frac{1}{2}$ feet under cope level or $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet over the low water level shown on plans.

We took some rough soundings and found the depth in the entrance (reduced to L.W.) at about $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet. There were two suggestions put forward regarding the entrance:-

(1) To close existing entrance and open a new one at the shore end of the solid portion of breakwater.

(2) To extend pier to cover or overlap the breakwater end.

As regards these proposals I may state that I do not believe either alteration will have much influence in keeping the Harbour free from sand: dredging will always be necessary. Regarding No. (1) there is a gradual shallowing from the sea end of breakwater towards the shore and opposite the proposed new entrance there is about 18 inches less depth of water than at the old entrance. Further, vessels coming in this way will be embayed-with St. Patrick's Bridge on the lee at less than half a mile distance. We have no data regarding depths of the area between breakwater and bridge. Personally I would not favour this alteration.

Regarding No (2) it would appear to give more shelter inside the Harbour from southerly and southeasterly winds and

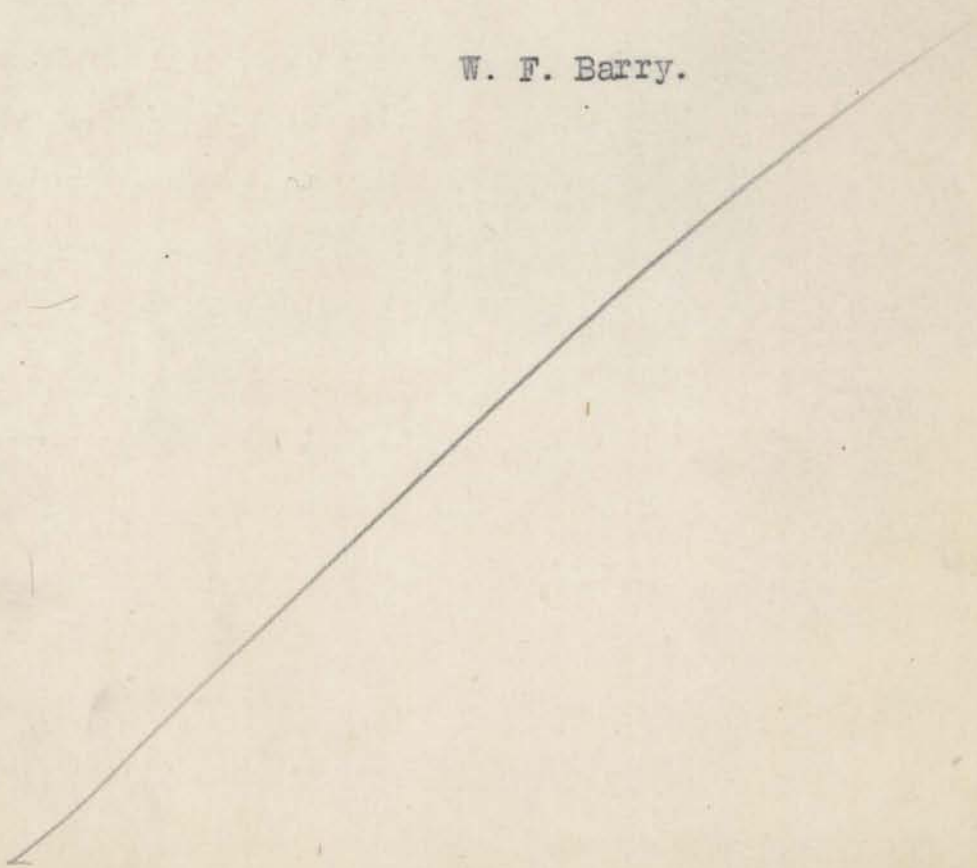
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probably give extra berthage near the entrance. I fear, however, that it would make the entrance more difficult in southerly gales. In discussing the matter with Mr. Hassard he suggested that, if the County Council contemplate any change of entrance, a small sum of say £25 or 30 be allocated to ^{buy}~~buy~~ a rope in the position of the suggested pier extension. The considered opinion of skippers of steamers, schooners and fishing boats should then be obtained. Certainly this must be done and a full survey made before any extensive alterations are put in hands. The ~~cost~~ cost of any alteration will amount to £6,000 or £7,000.

The dredging of the Harbour should be put in hands at once, and the Department should be asked to send a dredger. If possible to obtain suitable plant the Harbour should be cleared by local labour of course having in view comparative costs. This is the view of the local people.

I purpose taking further measurements and compass bearings and shall report further if the Council considers taking up any proposal.

W. F. Barry.



Col. Quin proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following resolution *which was adopted*:—

"That arrangements be made as soon as possible to have the ~~Drainage~~ ^{Dredging} Work at Kilmore carried out. That the Co. Surveyor be empowered to make whatever arrangements he considers most suitable for carrying out dredging work viz., by local labour or by the Board of Works Drédger. That the work be carried out as soon as possible and while the weather is favourable."

Proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. Culleton and adopted.—

^ That the suggestion of the Co. Surveyor relative to Buoying of rope in the position of the suggested pier extension to agreed to, expenditure to be incurred not to exceed £30. That other recommendations relative to this Pier be deferred for the present ^

SOW DRAINAGE.

The Co. Surveyor submitted the following report:-

On the 17th instant, by appointment, I met Mr. Olley, Board of Works Engineer, and made an inspection of these works. Mr. Olley was accompanied by Mr. Le Famu, another Board of Works Engineer, and Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, was with me. We met in the Ballagh, and there were present also Messrs P. Murphy, Walter Mernagh, Charles Mernagh, John Doyle, Peter Cullen and John Mernagh. Later at Ballinkelle Bridge we met Mr. Jn. Mernagh of Clonmore.

We inspected the main drain at several places and there several land owners pointed out defects -from their point of view-inthe recent works. All owners were emphatic in stating that the work was not carried out with proper economy, and no one is satisfied that his land is improved by the recent work to an extent commensurate with the charge. Unfortunately there are no original sections available showing widths and levels of the main drain as first made. Mr. Olley produced a section prepared before recent work was undertaken, and marked on this are the levels to which the drain was recently sunk. I must take these as correct, and from the section I find that the controlling point of all the upper drain was the rock at Killmallock. At this point the bed of the river has been deepened and the channel graded above. I must go more fully into this, and ask the Council to apply to the Board of Works for a copy of the section. Pending receipt of this I shall not go further into the matter except to state that , whatever the reason may be, large areas are not properly relieved from flood.

The Board of Works, I understand, proposes to issue a "Charging Order" immediately, and in view of the extreme local dissatisfaction I consider the County Council should protest

against this being done, I am informed that no "original
award" has been for⁽warded to the County Council: this should
be to hand before the Council *a*cccepts responsibility.

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In reply to Col. Gibbon the Co. Surveyor said he did not notify any member of the Co. Council to be present at the inspection in view of the fact that the Council had decided they would not entertain any ~~proposals~~ as regards this drainage scheme until they have been supplied with the original award.

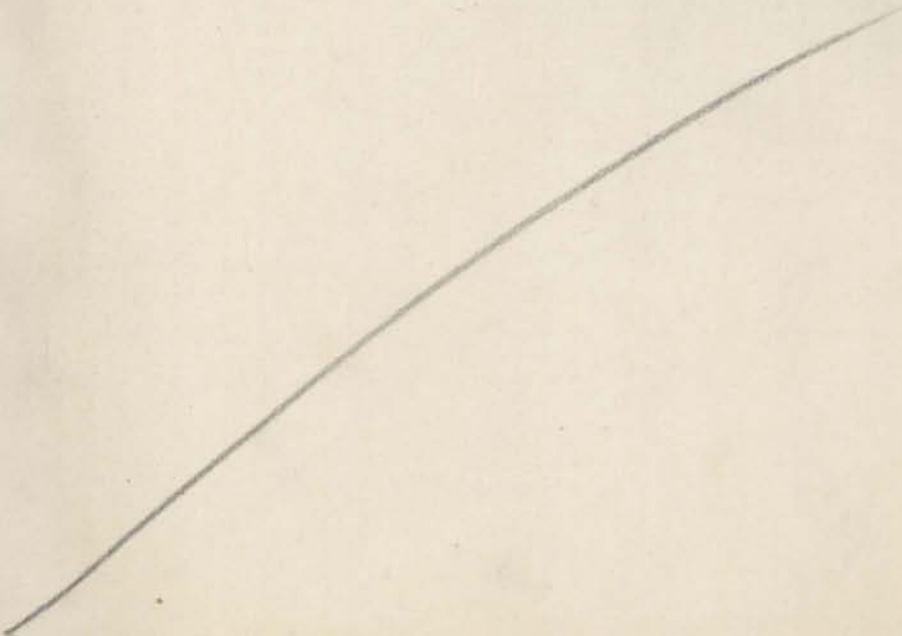
Proposed by Mr. O'Byrne and seconded By Mr, Hall:→

"That we protest against the issue of charging^{Order} as regards Sow Drainage until we are furnished with the original award in connection with this ~~system~~ for which the Council applied so far back as December last. We request the Department of Public Works to supply the Co. Surveyor with the "Section" which was ~~prepared~~ prepared before the recent work on the Drainage system was undertaken and on which are marked the levels to which the drain was recently sunk."

This resolution was adopted unanimously.

Col. Gibbon proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem. con.:—

"That our Secretary request the Office of Public Works to furnish the list of Ratepayers concerned in the Sow Drainage Scheme with their decimal proportions showing the extent of drainage rate on their property."



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Drainage Schemes Generally.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Cullteon:-

"That a Sub-Committee of Roads' Committee be appointed to deal with all drainage matters in the County. The following were appointed on this Sub-Committee.

Enniscorthy District. Mr. Culleton (proposed by Mr. D'Arcy seconded by the Chairman) Mr. Jordan (proposed by Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. Culleton).

Gorey District. Mr. Smyth (proposed by Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Culleton) Mr. Sean O'Byrne (proposed by Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Hayes).

New Ross District. Mr. Maylor (proposed by Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. D'Arcy) Mr. Colfer (proposed by Mr. Maylor seconded by Mr. Hall).

Wexford District. Col. Gibbon (proposed by Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. Hall) Mr. Corish (proposed by Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Hall). The Chairman and Vice-Chairman are to be ex-officio members of this Sub-Committee.

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Rosslare Water Supply.

The Co. Surveyor submitted ~~the~~ correspondence from Mr. John Browne, Contractor for Rosslare Water Supply. He pointed out to Mr. Browne ~~that~~ his application for permission to open the road for the laying of Water pipes was agreed to subject to Mr. Browne maintaining the traffic and also being responsible for the proper restoration of the Road surface.

Under date 13th June, Mr. Browne wrote that he was prepared to comply with conditions laid down by the Co. Surveyor.

The Chairman mentioned that the surface of the road between Rosslare and Tagoat was open for a very long time and he would like to know if anything was being done to expedite the work.

The Co. Surveyor was instructed to communicate with Mr. Browne and call his attention to the fact that in the opinion of the Roads' Committee the work of laying the water pipes on the road between Tagoat and Rosslare should have been completed ^{long} since. It was a very great inconvenience to the Public to have the road torn up for such a length of time.

Rosslare Sewerage.

The Co. Surveyor, submitting correspondence with Mr. John Browne, Contractor, stated he had pointed out to Mr. Browne that the pipe trench which he had filled in beyond the Coast-guard Station at Rosslare was not a proper job. On the 8th June a lorry was embedded to the axle and the road was then so badly gulfed that it was positively dangerous. Mr. Browne was directed to at once restore the surface with well packed gravel and informed that he would be held responsible for any damage that might happen to the public.

In reply to this Mr. Browne stated that the pipe trench was defective for the reason that it was on marly ground and was impossible to ram. The surface had been levelled four times since it was finished. Under the circumstances he thought that the Co. Surveyor would agree that the trench could not be expected to stand ~~under~~ the weight of a lorry. He would be responsible for any damage that might occur and would have the trench attended to again that evening.

Explosive Magazine.

The Co. Surveyor under date 21th June submitted report from Mr. Elgee, Solicitor re the erection of Explosive magazine. Mr. Elgee pointed out that it would appear from the plans that the specified 75 yards radius from the magazine provided by Regulations would embrace the grounds of the Wexford Lawn Tennis Club and that the only question then would appear to be ~~■~~ would the Tennis Club premises come under the description of a Promenade or open place of resort by the public. He was unable to find any decided cases upon the point, but, it was his opinion, that the grounds would come under the definition and that it would be advisable to obtain in writing the consent of the Club before the magazine was erected. end

The Co. Surveyor said he would see about erecting the magazine at Kerlogue as the quarry there was more than 75 yards away from any premises.

The Co. Surveyor's suggestion was agreed to.

Warping Buoys, New Ross Bridge.

The Co. Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. W.J. Farrell, Harbour Master, Waterford, as to examination of ground moorings of above. The letter stated the Waterford Harbour Commissioners do not make any specific price for any work they under took. The Wexford Co. Council would be charged ~~for~~ only the men's wages and a small sum for the use of the plant. He considered the cost in the present case would be about £19.

It was decided to take no action in the matter until next year.

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Cleaning of Wexford Courthouse.

The Co. Surveyor wrote under date 12th July, 1928 that the caretaker of the jail premises had drawn his attention to the very indifferent cleaning that is done in connection with the Court premises at the old Jail. Any sweeping that was done was not thorough and the dirt was left in other parts of the buildings and not taken away. The steps going to the court were left in a very filthy condition and had not been cleaned for weeks. He (Co. Surveyor) understood that the Court caretaker ^{was} ~~was~~ responsible for the cleaning of all parts of the building that were used for Court purposes.

In reply to this Mrs. McNally, Courthouse Keeper, wrote under date 13th July denying emphatically the complaint which had been made. The parts of the building used in connection with the court are cleaned every week in preparation for the District Court, and she was not responsible after that. The cleaning of the District Court Clerk's office was never part of her duty,

The Co. Surveyor said that in his opinion the District Court Clerk's office was part ~~of~~ and parcel of the Court. Undoubtedly Mrs. McNally had not to maintain this office when the court was held in the old premises but she then had to look after the offices of the County Secretary and the Co. Surveyor. If she cleaned the District Court Clerk's office now it would be very much to her advantage as compared to what she had to do in the past.

It was decided that the following Sub-Committee investigate the matter and report to next meeting of the Roads' Committee:- Messrs. Corish, Culleton, Cummins and D'Arcy.

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Railing at Church St. Bunclody.

Under date 5th July, 1928 the Co. Surveyor forwarded a letter from Patrick Mullins asking for permission to erect a railing in front of his house in Church St. Bunclody, as he needed a protection for his children who were subject to grave danger from passing motorists, etc. He would therefore feel very grateful if he were given permission to erect some protection at two and a half or three feet from his house.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, reported that he could not see any objection to allowing Mr. Mullins putting up a railing not more than three feet in front of his house. The roadway was 25 feet wide, and, moreover was masked by a curved boundary wall immediately above it.

Col. Gibbon said he would object to the matter being discussed until a proper scaled drawing had been furnished as provided by an existing order of the Council.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, said the Council had no power to give the permission sought for and it was, on his advice, decided to mark the application refused.

Flooding at Ballinastraw Crossroads.

Mr. Shannon gave notice of motion to move that the resolution of the Co. Council declining to interfere in a dispute between men named Keating and Heffernan in connection with the flooding of the residence of the former be ^{be}reconsidered, and that a Sub-Committee be appointed to visit the place and report as to the most suitable action to be taken by the Co. Council in the matter.

Assistant Surveyor's Remuneration.

Under date 25th June, 1928, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (R/RS/32) forwarding letter from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, asking to be exempted from the terms of the Council's resolution of 10th April last concerning travelling expenses and asking that the Minister should be favoured with the observations of the Council in the matter. Sanction to the Council's proposal in this case was given on the understanding that Mr. Treanor had accepted the Council's proposal.

Correspondence from Mr. Treanor pointed out that his reason for claiming exemption was that in order to give the necessary supervision to the work in this area his average mileage over the past three years was 11,000 miles per year and at a fixed rate of five pence per mile he would be at a loss in accepting £170 per annum to cover his travelling expenses. The Co. Council had admitted this by increasing the salaries of the other Assistant Surveyors as a set off against the loss in mileage but no such consideration was given in his case. It was for this reason that he asked the resolution should not apply in his case.

Col. Gibbon proposed:-

"That, as Mr. Shannon's proposal to pay Assistant Surveyors certain sums to cover salary and travelling expenses has not been accepted in accordance with the terms of the resolution of the Council, ~~that~~ the old rate of payment to Assistant Surveyors for salary and travelling expenses remain in force.

Mr. Treanor said he would withdraw his letter in order that the resolution of the Council would not be allowed to fall through.

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Petrol Pump Licences.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded by Col. Quin:- "That licence for petrol pump be issued to Herbert C. Cooke, 83-84 Main St. Gorey as tank is on his own premises."

Application for renewal of petrol pump licence was received from Mr. Finn, Main St. Gorey.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded by Col. Quin:- "That renewal of petrol ~~petrol~~ pump licence be issued to Mr. Finn, Main St. Gorey, for the coming year but ~~that~~ he be informed that licence will not be renewed next year unless the tank be placed in a position which is not under the footpath or under the public road. This concession was made to Mr. Finn because, when licence to him was issued in the first instance, the Co. Council had not adopted the resolution that they would not grant petrol pump licences in cases where tanks were placed under footpaths or under public roads."

Applications for petrol pump licences were received from Messrs. Bates and Sons, Gorey, In the first case the tank was under the footpath and in the second case it was inside the Applicants' premises.

The following resolution was proposed by Col Quin seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That licence for petrol pump the tank of which is on their own premises be issued to Messrs Bates & Sons, Gorey. "That we refuse to issue licence for petrol pump to Messrs. Bates & Sons Gorey in respect of which the tank is under the footpath."

Mr. Keegan proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following ~~resolution~~ amendment:- "That licence for petrol pumps applied for by Messrs Bates & Sons Gorey be issued from this meeting."

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the amendment:- Messrs. D'Arcy, Culleton, Keegan, Roche, Smyth-5

Against:- Col. Gibbon, Col. Quin, Messrs. O'Byrne, Hayes, Hall, Maylor and the Chairman-7.

Messrs. Cori~~on~~, McCarthy, and Shannon were not present when the vote was taken.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The original motion was then put and passed nem. com.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Gibbon seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That licences for Petrol pumps issue to Martin Maher, South St. New Ross and to Frank J. Doyle, Priory St. Garage, ^{New Ross} as tanks in these instances are not placed under the footpath or public road."

Proposed by MMr. Culleton seconded by Mr. Hayes:-

"That licence for petrol pump issue to J. Carroll, Taghmon, as tank in this case is not under public road or footpath."

Carne Pier

A long correspondence as to repair of Carne Pier was submitted from the Department of Fisheries and Mr. M.J. O'Connor, Solicitor, Wexford, relative to repair of Carne Pier. Mr. O'Connor pointed out that £150 had been spent on the Pier up to the present and that another £200 would be necessary to complete the work which it was very necessary to carry out while suitable weather prevailed.

Under date 20th July, the Department of Fisheries wrote (D/7/11) that following consultations with the Department's concerned it was thought that the obvious course for the Co. Council appeared to be to seek the sanction of the Minister for Local Government to obtaining the necessary accommodation from its Treasurer under section 3(1) and section 9(2) of the Local Authorities (Financial Provisions) Act 1921.

Col. Gibbon mentioned that the Council had been informed by the local people who went to the Department of Fisheries that the latter would contribute half the cost of repair. Later the Department of Fisheries stated they had not been able to obtain any contribution from the Department of Finance and the local people were threatening they would move to compel the Council to carry out their statutory duties as regards the repairs. Mr. O'Connor, Solicitor, Wexford, who had taken a great interest in the matter, had informed the Co. Council Committee on behalf of the residents of Carne Pier that they would undertake-if the expense of putting the Pier in order amounted to more than £350 in all, they would be responsible for anything beyond this amount provided the work was done immediately.

Col. Quin proposed ^{and} Mr. Culleton seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That £200 be withdrawn from the Public Works account to allow of the completion of the work at Carne Pier. That application be made to the Department of Local Government for sanction to the borrowing of £200 from the Treasurer of the Council and which sum is on receipt to be repaid to the Public Works account by way of recoupment. That in the event of the repair costing more than £350 in all viz. £150 already spent and the £200 now voted, the excess expenditure to be made good by the local people concerned and on whose behalf Mr. M.J. O'Connor, Solicitor has given a guarantee to that effect.

Gorey Workers versus County Council.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, reported under date 12th July, 1928, that claim made by one of workers who had been employed by Mr. Treanor Assistant Surveyor, Gorey District on behalf of Messrs. Tarvia Bristowes Ltd was heard by the District Justice on the 11th July, when the case was dismissed without prejudice, the Justice holding that the case was barred by the 52nd Section of Local Government Act of 1898.

In a further letter under date 19th July, 1928, Mr. Elgee wrote that Mr. James J. O'Connor, Solicitor on behalf of workers, was applying to the Local Government Department for an extension of time for payment of the amount sued for. Mr. O'Connor had issued a fresh batch of Processes in respect of claimants, and these would be heard at Gorey on the 27th July.

Oldtown (Rathduff) Crossroads.

Under date 19th July, 1928, letter was read from Messrs. Charles and Thomas Redmond, Rathduff, Killanne, calling attention to the dangerous and unsatisfactory condition of the Crossroads at Oldtown caused by the dumping there of hundreds of tons of stones for road maintainance. They were thrown on the bank by the cross for the purpose of breaking. The work, if proceeded

with, would cause hardship, and endanger lives and property as well as entailing risk and danger to the public traffic as well as to houses owned by Messrs. Redmond, as the stones would be broken within a couple of yards of their corn haggard, and residence, while a stream of pure water would ~~be~~ rendered unfit for human use as it would become polluted with stone-dust, debris, etc. It was unreasonable and unfair to the residents in the locality that that particular crossroads should be used as a depot for road material. Last year, the residents sent a petition to the Co. Surveyor protesting against work being carried out at this particular place.

Under date 21st July, 1928, seven contractors who had been preparing material at the ~~crossroads~~ in question wrote that owing to the complaint of Messrs. Redmond, the work of breaking had ceased. During the years in ~~the~~ which the stones had been broken there the people using the road never made any complaint and they contended that Messrs. Redmond had no grievance. As regards the water pollution, the stream ran through a manure pit, and the water was never used for domestic purposes at any time. They hoped the Co. Council would pay no attention to the complaint of Messrs. Redmond which seemed a matter of "grudge".

The Co. Surveyor stated that he did not consider the ^wbaking of stones at ~~the~~ ^{the} crossroads was a nuisance to anybody.

Mr. Shannon said he believed Messrs. Redmond had worked up signatures to a petition ~~of~~ last year protesting against the use of the crossroads as a depot, but they had been unable to get anyone to make a protest this year. He considered there was no hardship caused to Messrs. Redmond in the matter.

A report was submitted from Mr. T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, stating that stones had been broken at these crossroads in 1915, 1916, 1918, 1924, 1928, and 1927. It was the only place available for the purpose in the Rathduff district. Stones

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for the ~~present~~ year's breaking were being hauled to the place when the complaint was made, and over 100 cubic yards of stone had ~~already~~ been dumped there when the work was stopped. It was difficult to see how Redmonds' property could be damaged as their residence was 40 yards from the depot. The water supply mentioned flows beside the road, then through a cattle shed and covered sewer, passing farther on through more cattle sheds in a partially covered gullet. Cattle were standing and lying around this stream on the day of inspection. A very strong wind in the exact direction would be necessary to carry any of the stone dust into Redmond's house.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Col. Quin that the letter of Messrs. Redmond be marked "read".

Danger Signs in Towns.

Under date 7th July, 1928 a resolution was received from the New Ross Urban Council asking the Co. Council to make representations to the Automobile Association to have Danger Signs erected on the main roads ~~to towns~~ in New Ross town

The Co. Surveyor stated there ~~was~~ no necessity to have Danger Signs erected as suggested by the New Ross Urban Council. He proposed to put a red triangle at all ~~the~~ leading roads into the town which he considered sufficient to meet the case.

The Co. Surveyor's suggestion was approved.

Huts at Courtown Harbour.

Mr. Thomas Kehoe, 10 Main Street, Gorey, applied for permission to erect a temporary hut on Courtown strand for the purpose of selling Ice-cream.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, mentioned that the Council were not owners of the property on which Kehoe had proposed to erect hut, and it was decided that he be informed accordingly.

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A report was read from Mr. Denis Murphy, Harbour Master, Courtown, stating that Mrs. Furlong was putting an extension of 6 feet in length and 6 feet 3 inches in breadth to her hut.

The Secretary mentioned that this matter was previously before the Council on application of Mrs. Furlong to alter the site of hut, and which was agreed to on the understanding that the size of building ~~and~~ would not be enlarged. This information had been conveyed to Mrs. Furlong who wrote under date 14th July, 1928 stating that she was sorry if she had outstepped the permission of the Co. Council. When she made the application, she should have stated that the hut was in two sections and these were the only two which had been erected.

Col. Quin proposed "That the order of Co. Council that this hut should not be extended in size be adhered to. Mr. Hall seconded.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne proposed "That Mrs. Furlong be allowed to retain hut at Courtown Harbour as it stands as he believed that she had made a mistake when making her application by not stating that the hut was in two sections.

Mr. T. D'Arcy seconded.

A vote was taken on this proposal which was regared as the amendment with the following result:-

For- Messrs Keegan, Smith, D'Arcy, Culleton, Shannon, Hayes, Colfer and O'Byrne-8

Against- Col. Gibbon, Col. Quin, Messrs. Hall, Maylor, Corish, Roche, and the Chairman-7

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

When put as the Substantive motion the amendment passed nem. con.

Application for Extention of Footpath North Parade,
Gorey.

Letter was read from Dr. E. G. Connolly, Mayfield, Gorey, asking

the Co. Council to have the footpath from Kehoe's corner in North Parade, Gorey extended to the Gorey Dispensary Residence, a distance of 200 yards approximately. The number of residents who would make use of this path was considerable, whilst it would prove a great protection to children from motor cars, the traffic of which on this road was heavy.

The Co. Surveyor suggested that this application should be put before the Co. Council at their Proposals meeting in November next when all new works would be under consideration.

This suggestion was agreed to.

Wexford Courthouse.

Under date 13th July, 1928, Mr. Michael Horan, Commercial Quay, Wexford wrote on behalf of, and at the request of a number of citizens of Wexford (who sent the memorial to the Co. Council to have the County Courthouse reconstructed on the Quay site) and submitted that when carrying out the resolution of the Co. Council in obtaining full details as to the cost of reconstruction of Courthouse on old site, and at Jail premises the Government should be asked to send down an architect to carry out this work, failing which an independent competent Architect should be employed. It was proposed by Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:-

"That letter of Mr. Horan relative to reconstruction of Wexford Courthouse be marked "read".

Bridge at Edenvale.

Under date 11th July, 1928, letter was read from Mrs. Lennon Edenvale, Wexford complaining that when the Bridge at Murphy's house at Edenvale was being repaired the stones of the broken arches were left in the river bed, choking the eyes of the bridge and preventing the passage of boats up the river through the vale. In Summer she entertained a large number of visitors who came there by boat to her Restaurant. As the boats could not come

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up the river at present, she suffered great loss as a result of the blocking of the bridge. She requested the Council to remedy this defect and thus ~~restore~~ the river to its former usefulness.

The Co. Surveyor stated that the necessary work of removing the stones from the bed of the river at Edenvale was being carried out.

Irish Tourist Association.

Letter was read from the Secretary of Irish Tourist Association requesting the Co. Council to nominate a representative to act on the Board of Association for the current year.

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

"That Mr. Thomas McCarthy, MCC, 11 Rafter Street, Ennis-corthy be appointed as Representative of the Co. Council on the Board of Irish Tourist Association.

Gullet at Mount Elliott.

Under date 19th July, 1928, ~~Mr. D.H. J.~~ Mr. D.H. J. Williams, Mount Elliott, New Ross wrote that he agreed to have the gullet at the entrance to his premises extended by three feet and to have the size of the opening reduced and the sides rounded. This is in accordance with the recommendation of the Sub-Committee of the Co. Council which inspected the place.

Opening of Roadways for Post Office

Purpose.

The Co. Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. F.W. Robinson, Sectional Engineer, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, Waterford District giving notice of the intention of the Minister ~~for~~ to open and break up the roadway at the following points:-

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Ballywilliam, Ballinabole, Killutin, Macmine, Ferns and Gory,
for the purpose of placing telegraph wires underground at the
points where the electric Power wires crossed the telegraph
lines.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr Col. Quin
the following resolution was adopted:-

"That permission to open ~~the road~~ the roadways as set out
in letter of Sectional Engineer, of Department of Posts and
Telegraphs, Water, ^{ford} under date 13th July, 1928, be acceded to on
the understanding that the road surface in all cases will be
restored to the satisfaction of the Co. Surveyor."

Telegraph Poles- Spawell Road Wexford.

Under date 11th July, 1928 (S. 20) the Chief Engineer,
Department of Posts and Telegraphs, wrote that the four tele-
graph poles in the footway on Spawell Road, Wexford between
the Loreto Convent and the County Hospital would be lagged
and painted as soon as possible.

Ford of Lyng.

Under date 13th June, 1928, the Commissioners of Public
Works wrote that official reports of their officers were con-
fidential, and it was not in accordance with their practice
to supply copies of same as had been requested by the Wexford
County Council in connection with the Ford of Lyng. The
general effect of the report of the Valuer who inspected this
district was ~~estimated that~~ that if suitable work were carried
out the benefit to the occupiers might be worth £60 or £70 per
year.

No action was taken.

Maintenance Main Roads Wexford Urban District.

Under date 19th June, 1928 letter was read from the Town

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Clerk, Wexford, stating that Wexford Corporation on the 16th April, 1928, had agreed to undertake the upkeep of the Main roads in the Urban District of Wexford in the current financial year for the sum allowed by the Wexford County Council viz., £855.

Accommodation for Stamping Bottles at New Ross.

It was decided to approve of payment of 10/- per week as rent to Mr. Thomas J. Costello, Trinity ~~Street~~ ^{Place}, New Ross, for premises for use for the stamping of bottles under the Weights and Measures Regulations, as it was found that it was objectionable to carry out such work in the Courthouse premises. ~~Therefore~~ The place would be used for a very limited period, and it would not be necessary to rent these premises at any future time.

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

"That the Minutes of Roads Committee in respect of meeting held on 23rd July 1928, be received and considered."
County Surveyor's Report- Courtown Harbour.

Mr Keegan mentioned that the County Surveyor should at once consider the position of Courtown Harbour with a view to improving the place, so that the fishermen would be able to get in and out of the harbour.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr D'Arcy, seconded by Col Quin;-

"That an inspection of Courtown Harbour be made by a sub-committee of the County Council immediately, and that this sub-committee report to the Council what, in their opinion, are the best steps to be taken as regards improvements."

It was decided that the following be appointed on the sub-committee;- Messrs Sean O'Byrne, ^{Col Quin, J.F. D'Arcy} ~~James Hall~~ and Wm P. Keegan with the County Surveyor, to meet on Friday 3rd August, 1928, the County Surveyor to arrange the hour.

Rosslare Sea Road.

It was decided that no steps be taken for the closing of this road until after 1st September when the seaside season will have terminated.

Gorey-Wexford Road.

In connection with this matter, the following report of the sub-committee was read;-

"The Inspection Committee met at County Council Offices, Wexford on 28th July 1928.

There were present;- Col. Gibbon, Messrs Hayes, Hall and O'Byrne.

Accompanied by the County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyor, Birthistle, the Committee proceeded via ^{Wexford Bridge} ~~Wexford~~

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and carefully inspected the road as far as Curratubbin Cross Roads seven miles from Gorey. At Castle Ellis Cross Roads, the party was joined by Assistant Surveyors, Cullen and Ennis, whose districts are to the north of this point. Assistant Surveyor Treanor was on the road at Ballycanew, but did not meet the Committee who returned without going into his district.

The County Surveyor accompanied Col Gibbon, and the Assistant Surveyor was with the other members. Each pointed out the places requiring more particular improvement, and frequent stoppages had to be made to examine the road.

Between Wexford new bridge and Castlebridge, the road is sound, but the surface is rough and uneven. In places the sides are high and interfere with the drainage. The Co. Surveyor recommended that these sides should be lightly scarified and levelled down, and the surface treated with a coating of tarred stones. Owing to the limitation by Wexford Bridge, there can be no heavy lorry traffic over this section, and the Committee considers there should be no heavy expenditure on it. However, if the sides can be lowered at a cost of less than £100, as the County Surveyor estimates, the Committee recommends doing so.

The application of tarred stones and screenings is gradually levelling up and improving the surface, and the Committee recommends that this work be continued as far as the maintenance proposals permit.

The complete surfacing of this section will cost about £1600.

Beyond Castlebridge a stop was made to examine the "flooded hollow." Mr J. Nunn, Castlebridge, met the Committee here and gave a good deal of useful information. The flooding is only occasional—two or three times a year—and dependent on the concurrence of high spring tides, south easterly wind and flood in the river. The period of flooding is between six and nine A.M., and six and nine P.M., and the greatest depth a foot or thereabouts. Pedestrians can get across to the upper parallel road without much difficulty, and only a few people on the lane running off to the eastward are temporarily inconvenienced, and even these

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people can get around. Under these circumstances, the Committee does not recommend the proposed expenditure of £500.

From Castlebridge to Garrylough, there is a length of about three-quarters of a mile, the foundation of which is weak and should be strengthened, and the surface in places is rough and uneven.

The recent tarred stone and screening work is of great advantage and should be continued, but at the present time, lack of funds prevents the Committee recommending the expenditure on strengthening foundations at £550 and surfacing this three-quarters of a mile at £450.

At Garrylough Mill, the Committee inspected the site of a proposed building extension to the Mill premises. This is on a bye road, and though it comes within thirty feet of the road centre, it would not cause obstruction to the view or otherwise.

On the Main Road a timber shed projects and is a decided obstruction, and if this be removed as a "set off," no action should be taken in regard to the proposed building.

Between Ballyfarnogue and Castle Ellis the road is narrow in places—not more than 15 feet. In all about 500 perches would require widening. Some members of the Committee, however, did not consider this essential. In places the road has been widened and the surface better shaped and the road is improving. Again as regards this section, lack of funds prevents the recommendation of expenditure on widening amounting to £470.

From Castle Ellis to the old Gorey Rural District bounds at Kilnamanagh, a distance of 775 perches is very weak. Sections of this were patch-rolled last year but now the foundations show signs of giving way. In all about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of this section should be strengthened and properly surfaced and will cost in or about £2,300.

From old Rural District bounds to Kilnamanagh only requires surfacing and haunching at a cost of £400. Continuing on to the School Cross should be strengthened and surfaced, and this will cost about £1,900. To Ballyedmond is mostly sound, but a small section

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of about ten perches requires widening~~ing~~ and all should be surfaced - cost £2,600.

These three sections may wait over till funds are available.

From Ballyedmond to Court turn is very weak and bad. It must be thoroughly strengthened and surfaced. The cost will be £1,500, and the Committee recommend the work.

The next section to the turn near Ballinastraw is fairly sound but narrow for most of the length, and the Committee does not recommend the expenditure of £1000 which would be required to widen and surface. The widening on this section was not considered essential by some of the members. The section to Curratubbin is weak and nearly all of it requires strengthening and resurfacing at a cost of £1,840. The Committee recommends this work.

There is a proposal on the books for improving a double corner at Ballinastraw, and the Committee inspected the place.

It is a bad and dangerous corner and the proper way to deal with it would be by diverting the road. The cost of this, however, is prohibitive at present and it must wait until the entire line is made good. In the meantime, the County Surveyor should be directed to lower and round off the fences and erect a wire paling as he had already arranged.

The Committee did not travel the section from Curratubbin to Gorey. The Co. Surveyor reports that none of the section between Curratubbin and Gorey requires strengthening. There are a few short lengths that require widening, and some further lengths require special surface treatment.

In all, the County Surveyor estimates the cost at £700.

The recommendations of the Committees are as follows;-

To strengthen and surface and tar spray the three sections as under;- (1) About $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles between Castle Ellis and the District bounds at a cost of £2300. (2) About $\frac{3}{4}$ mile north of Ballyedmond Cross at a cost of £1500. (3) About $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles to south of Curra-

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tubbin at a cost of £1840. (4) Lowering sides to Castlebridge £100.
Total £5,740.

A long discussion took place as to the flooding at Castlebridge and it was decided that the following Notice of Motion, given by Mr Corish in connection with the matter, should be dealt with in conjunction with the report of the Sub-Committee;-

"That we take advantage of the offer of our Treasurer to carry out the improvement work at Castlebridge to obviate flooding, and that a sum of £500 be borrowed for this purpose."

Mr Corish having proposed his motion, it was seconded by Mr Shannon.

Several members including the Chairman, Mr Jordan and Mr D'Arcy pointed out that, in their opinion, there were other parts of the County much more affected by flooding than the portion of the ~~the~~ road at Castlebridge, and there was no proposal for the Council to deal with them.

After discussion, a vote was taken on Mr Corish's motion with the following result;-

For;- Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne and Shannon.----- 12

Against;- Miss O'Ryan, Col Gibbon, Col Quin, Messrs Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Hall, Jordan, Maylor, Murphy, Roche, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman.-----15.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

The meeting then resumed the discussion on the report of the Sub-Committee.

Mr D'Arcy proposed;-

"That the consideration of the matter be adjourned until a reply has been received from the Department of Local Government as to subsidy of 30 per cent from Main Roads Maintenance Grant."

The Chairman seconded.

As an amendment, Mr O'Byrne proposed and Mr Gaul seconded;-

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"That the report of the Sub-Committee in connection with Gorey-Wexford Road be approved and adopted on the understanding (1)that the Government are prepared to give the usual 30% Maintenance Grant on Main Roads; (2)that the Treasurer is prepared to advance the necessary loan."

After considerable discussion, Mr D'Arcy and the Chairman withdrew their motion, and the proposal of Mr O'Byrne was adopted.

Roads Inspection Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cummins seconded by Mr Colfer;-

"That the Roads Inspection^{Committee}/arrange for an inspection of the roads in New Ross district including the piers and harbours therein."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Hall seconded by Mr Gaul;-

"That the Roads Inspection Committee be requested, when inspecting the roads, etc., in New Ross district, to invite the members ~~representing~~ representing New Ross County Electoral Area to accompany them."

Kilmore Harbour.

Under date 27th. July 1928, the following letter^{No D/73/1} was read from the Department of Fisheries;-

"With reference to previous correspondence on the subject of certain proposed alterations to the harbour at Kilmore; I am directed by the Minister for Fisheries to state that he has received the report of the Department's Engineer who estimates that it would cost between £6,000 and £10,000 to carry out the suggested work."

The Minister is not prepared to recommend the payment of a grant from State funds towards the cost of any project, beyond the contribution of one moiety of the cost of the proposed dredging, ~~or of any project, beyond the contribution of one moiety of the cost of the proposed dredging,~~ or of £200, whichever is the less, on the ~~conditions~~ conditions referred ^{to} in this Department's communication of 9th of December last. Arrangements will be made with the Commissioners of

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"of Public Works to make a dredger available for this work at as early a date as possible, on receipt of an intimation that the County Council wish the dredging to proceed and is still willing to pay a moiety of the cost of these operations."

Sow Drainage.

The following letter, received from the Chairman, Secretary and Trustees of the Sow Drainage System was read:-

"We beg to bring under your notice that Engineers from the Board of Works visited the Sow Drainage area on July 17th 1928.

Of course, we are unaware of the nature of their report, if any, which may be supplied to the County Council, but we wish to emphasise the fact that we received very little satisfaction.

Our complaints were met with the reply that 'if we wish to put our hands down in our own pockets, a complete job could be done on the Sow Drainage area.' We can only describe such a reply as this as a piece of officialism, in view of the fact that the Board of Works' Engineer, Mr Olley, distinctly stated at his first inspection, that the Sow Drainage area (Rivers and Drains) was to be restored to its original state, and that anything else would be a waste of money in the circumstances. It was under this condition that we accepted and agreed to repayment of the Loan.

We claim that this restoration work has not been carried out and we demand the production of the original depths and levels for verification by the County Council's Surveyor to disprove our contention.

The depths and levels are set forth in the original award 1853, not the depths and levels set up for the purpose of the restoration work.

We may observe that the Engineer who visited the Sow Drainage area on July 17th 1928 was the same who certified the job as complete. Now, it is not in accordance with human nature, as we know it nowadays, to condemn one's own handiwork. We have already supplied the Secretary of the County Council with a copy of our correspondence with the Board of Works, as also other details bearing on the matter.

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"We respectfully request to have same read at next meeting of the County Council, so that each member may understand our position, as also the reasons for our protests.

We may add that the interest on the Loan will be roughly 2/6 per acre. In the present condition of the River Sow, the maintenance rate must be necessarily high, so that with rent and poor rate, we are convinced that the land will be valueless.

Please let it be distinctly understood that we are not endeavouring to shirk our obligations re payment of Loan and Maintenance Rate, according to the Agreement- that the Sow Drainage area (River and Drains) was to be restored to its original state.
Drainage Schemes.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Col. Quin;-

"That application be made to the Board of Public Works for copies of the reports of their Engineers in connection with Drainage Schemes in the County."

Rosslare Water Supply.

The County Surveyor explained that he had had an interview with the contractor as to the length of time for which the road from Rosslare to Tagoat had remained open. It had been caused owing to the testing of the pipes. One section had failed and this entailed considerable delay.
Wexford Courthouse.

It was decided that the following letter from Mr Elgee, and also letter from Messrs O'Keefe & Lynch to Mr Elgee, be discussed in committee.:-

"I enclose copy of a letter received this morning from Messrs O'Keefe & Lynch, Solicitors for Capt. Redmond, from which you will see that all the parties concerned in Capt Redmond's Estate are now prepared to agree to a sale to the County Council at 20 years' purchase of the profit rent received by them out of the Courthouse premises

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provided Capt Redmond's costs, which are estimate at about £40, be paid.

They estimate the nett profit rent at £64-18-0, and 20 years' purchase on this would be £1258, and the costs of showing title would be £40 as above mentioned, so that the price would be just £1300.

Before proceeding further with the purchasing out of Capt. Redmond's interest, I think it would be well, having got so far with him, to approach the other parties who also receive rents out of the premises to see if they would be prepared to sell on the same terms as Capt. Redmond."

The following is copy of the letter from Messrs O'Keeffe & K Lynch to ~~Capt~~ Mr Elgee;-

"Referring to your letter of 22nd May last further, we have to express our regret for the delay in letting you hear definitely in reply thereto, but we have only just now been able to obtain the views of one of Capt Redmond's co-owners, and we are glad to be able to inform you that all the parties concerned are now prepared to concur in a sale to your clients at 20 years' purchase of the profit rent, provided their costs of carrying out the transaction are paid in addition. We expect this will only mean the addition of a little more than a half year's purchase, and we therefore feel that your clients will not be inclined to raise any objection. Assuming that the sale is to be subject to the small tithe payable out of the property, we calculate the net profit rent as £64-18-0, twenty years' purchase of which would be £1258, and the costs of showing title will be a little under £40.

We will be glad to hear from you at your early convenience that your clients are agreeable to purchase on above terms, so that we may prepare and send you draft Agreement for approval."

After discussion, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Quin seconded by Mr Shannon;-

"That the correspondence in connection with Wexford Court-house, read at this meeting, be fully considered at next meeting of Roads Committee, and that the particulars of rents paid to each of the

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head landlords, be brought before this meeting with a view to making an offer on the same terms as those which Capt Redmond's Solicitors stated they were prepared to accept."

Petrol Pumps.

Mr Keegan intimated his intention to have the following Notice of Motion considered at next meeting of the Council;-

"That the recommendation of the Roads Committee, confirmed by the County Council, refusing to grant licence for petrol pump to Messrs Bates & Sons, Gorey, and in respect of which tank was under the footpath, be rescinded and that licence issue for same."

Carne Pier.

The meeting discussed at some length the advisability of furnishing the £200 necessary to complete the repairs at Carne Pier from Contingencies Fund, instead of borrowing the amount, as interest and law charges would entail a total payment of £240 for a £200 Loan.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Quin seconded by Mr O'Byrne;-

"That the £200 proposed to be spent on completing the repairs at Carne Pier, be taken from Public Works Account, and that the County Surveyor exercise sufficient economy to allow of this money being spent from the Public Works Account to avoid borrowing."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr D'Arcy;-

"That Mr M. J. O'Connor, Solicitor, Wexford, be requested to confirm in writing the guarantee made by him on behalf of the local people that, in the event of the repairs to Carne Pier costing more than £350, any excess expenditure would be provided under that guarantee."

Gorey Workers versus County Council.

Under date 23rd July 1928, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (R/RM/32), forwarding copy of letter and Order made by the Minister for Local Government which had been sent to Mr J.J. O'Connor, Solicitor, 79 Main Street, Gorey, in the case of Doyle and Others v

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The Order extended the time within which the Council might pay any sums due to any of the ten persons whose names were set out in the Order to a time not more than two years from the time at which the sums became due.

Under date, 27th July 1928, Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, wrote that the Civil Bills by the Gorey Workers against the County Council in respect of their alleged claim for three days' pay in the month of August 1926, were before the District Justice at Gorey on that date, but as none of the Plaintiffs appeared in Court, he applied to the District Justice who dismissed all the Civil Bills.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Col. Quin;-

"That the Minutes of Roads Committee in respect of meeting held on 23rd July 1928, be and are hereby confirmed, except in so far as same have been altered by resolution or order made at this meeting."

NEW ROSS -CAMBLIN ROAD.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cooney seconded by Mr Murphy;-

"That Messrs Jordan and Corish T.D's. be requested to interview the Minister for Local Government as to obtaining the usual 30% Grant for the repair of the New Ross-Camblin-Duncannon Road, which is at present in a most dangerous and unsafe condition."

DISMISSAL OF MEN FROM CLONHASTON QUARRY.

Mr Hall raised the question of the dismissal of four men who were married and had families, from Clonhaston Quarry, because they were not members of a Trades Union, while single men were retained. He was informed that other men who were retained were not members. Carty who is timekeeper, was stated to be a non-member. He wished to know was it because these were four countrymen that they were dismissed and the townsmen retained.

The County Surveyor pointed out that there was a resolution on

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on the Minutes of the Council that quarry and road workers were to be members of a recognised Trades Union, and he left it to the Union ~~Officials~~ Officials to notify him as to whether employees ceased their membership, in the event of which he intimated to them that they would lose their employment, in view of the resolution of the Council, unless they continued members of the Union.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor, was asked if a decision, recently given in the London Chancery Division by Mr Justice Maugham, that it was illegal to compel employees of a Corporation to be members of a Trades Union by reason of the Trade Disputes and Trade Unions Act, 1927, applied to Ireland.

In reply, Mr Elgee stated that, so far as he knew, the Oireachtas did not pass any legislation similar to the Act in question, and, in his opinion, it was quite legal for the County Council to adopt a resolution that only members of a Trades Union should be employed on roads and in quarries.

Mr Jordan gave notice of his intention to move at the next meeting of the County Council;-

"That the resolution of the County Council compelling workers to be members of a Trades Union be rescinded."

Mr Jordan Proposed;- "That the men who had been dismissed from work at Clonhaston Quarry be reinstated immediately without prejudice pending the decision of the Council on his notice of motion".

Mr D'Arcy seconded.

As an amendment, Mr McCarthy proposed and Mr Keegan seconded;-

"That the men, dismissed at Clonhaston Quarry be reinstated temporarily at once. That a Committee of Inquiry be set up consisting of the Chairman and Messrs O'Byrne and Hall with full power to terminate the men's employment or keep them on as the circumstances warranted, pending the next meeting of the County Council."

After some further discussion, Mr Jordan withdrew his motion and the proposal of Mr McCarthy was adopted.

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GOREY UNEMPLOYED.

The following resolution was received from Gorey Unemployed;-

"That the County Council be called upon to provide work either on roads or quarries to the unemployed in the town. We, the unemployed, agree to accept "to break stones by hammer" at the rate of eight shillings per yard, the present cost of stonebreaker, and so end starvation so rampant in Gorey at the present time."

The Chairman stated he had received the following resolution from Gorey Unemployed;-

"That we, the unemployed, respectfully ask the County Council to have removed from its books the rule debarring any person from seeking employment temporarily or otherwise under the County Council or Public Health Board except members of a Trades Union organisation. We believe that the above rule as long as it remains on the books is very detrimental to the large number of unemployed in Gorey at the present time; and we also ask for a fair distribution of all public work carried out by either the County Council or Public Health Board."

Mr Keegan proposed;-

"That road material in quarries in Gorey district be broken by hand."

Col Gibbon asked Mr Keegan would he agree to add the following words to his motion;- "provided the cost be not in excess of that which the Council is already paying for machine-breaking, and secondly so far as it is possible to use stones broken by hand for the work on the roads in the neighbourhood."

The County Surveyor pointed out that where heavy work was to be done on roads, they could use hand-broken stones, but for such as patchwork, which was really the majority of the work they had to do nowadays, hand-broken stones would not be suitable.

The Chairman stated there was a resolution already on the books to the effect that, where possible, the Co. Surveyor and his Assistants should have stones broken by hand, and he did not think it

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it was necessary to add a superfluous resolution to the records of the Council, which he considered Mr Keegan's motion to be.

After further discussion, Mr Keegan stated he would withdraw the motion he had made and proposed the following;-

"That hand-breaking of material be carried out at Gorey Hill and Carriganeagh Quarries"

Mr D'Arcy seconded.

The County Surveyor stated that he considered Carriganeagh would not be suitable for any experiment in hand breaking.

A lot of screenings was required from this quarry, and no ~~screen~~ screenings would be available if material was broken by hand. The fine material they had obtained at this quarry had improved the road from Gorey to Curratubbin immensely. As a matter of fact, they were unable to obtain sufficient fine stuff and almost every road had been held up for want of it.

As an amendment to Mr Keegan's motion, Mr O'Byrne proposed;-

"That the County Surveyor be asked to make a trial of hand-breaking material in Gorey Hill Quarry."

Mr McCarthy seconded.

After further discussion, Mr Keegan withdrew his proposal and the motion of Mr O'Byrne was passed unanimously.

Mr Cooney mentioned that there were other quarries outside Gorey in which hand-breaking could be suitably carried out. Palace in the New Ross district was one of them, and he thought there would be ~~other~~ others if investigation into the matter were made.

FLOODING OF PREMISES AT CROSS OF MYE, GLENBRIEN.

Mr Shannon moved the following of which he had given previous notice;- "That the resolution of the County Council declining to interfere in a dispute between men named Keating and Heffernan in connection with flooding of the premises of the former, be rescinded, and that a sub-committee be appointed to inspect the place and report to Council."

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Mr Cline seconded.

Mr Elgee pointed out that this matter had been before the Council two years ago. He was instructed to attend at the premises with the County and Assistant Surveyors. He did so, and came to the conclusion that the whole matter arose owing to a dispute between Keating and Mr Heffernan. He recommended the Council at the time, as it was a private matter, not to take any further action. He was still of the opinion that the Council should not interfere.

A vote was taken on Mr Shannon's proposal with the following result;-

For;- Messrs Armstrong and Cline-----2.

Against;- Miss O'Ryan, Col Gibbon, Col. Quin, Messrs Corish, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Doran, Gaul, Jordan, Maylor, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne Roche, Smyth, Walsh, and the Chairman-----18.

Did not vote;- Messrs Brennan, Colfer, Hall, Hayes, Shannon, Cooney and Keegan.-----7.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR FOR NO 15 DISTRICT.

Under date 24th July 1928, the following letter (No G51626/1928, Loch Garmain Sf) was read from the Department of Local government;-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 18th inst. regarding the proposed appointment of a Rate Collector for No. 15 Collection District, and to state that the Minister approves of the proposed conditions of remuneration, the position to be temporary and non-pensionable."

It was decided that the appointment of Rate Collector for No 15 District be made at the next meeting of the County Council.

NO 3 COLLECTION DISTRICT.

Under date 19th July 1928, the following letter No G50535/1928 Loch Garmain Fa, was read from the Department of Local Government;-

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"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 12th inst. and to state that he approves of the appointment on a part-time non-pensionable basis of Mr P. Doyle as Rate Collector for the No. 3 Collection District, subject however to the condition that one penny of the remuneration of 7d in the £ should be regarded as a bonus payment contingent on the lodgment of the full amount of his warrant on or before the 31st of March in each year."

Under date 24th July 1928, Mr Philip Doyle, Junior, the recently appointed Rate Collector for No 3 Collection District, wrote that he was willing to agree to the proposal of the Department of Local Government as regards remuneration.

FINANCE OF DRAINAGE SCHEMES.

Under date 12th July 1928, circular letter (No 50168/1928 Ilgn. B.C.T.) was read from the Department of Local Government, giving instructions as to the manner in which Drainage Committees were to be financed to enable them to meet expenditure incurred in maintenance work under the Drainage Maintenance Act, 1924.

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

"That copies of Circular Letter of Department of Local Government, under date 12th July 1928 (No 50168/1928 Ilgn. B.C.T.) relative to finances of Drainage Schemes, be supplied to members of Drainage Committee."

TEMPORARY OFFICERS.

Under date 16th July 1928, the Department of Local Government wrote (G43823/1928 Loch Garmain Se) stating that, as extensive Road Grant Work would come to an end shortly, and as there was no guarantee that the ordinary maintenance would be carried out by Direct Labour, the Minister for Local Government saw no reason for altering his decision in regard to the permanent appointment of Messrs John Moloney and P. Hawkins, temporary clerical officers of the Council.

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PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE.

UNDER DATE 26TH JULY 1928, the Department of Local Government wrote(G52096/1928 Loch GarmainFa) stating that the Minister for Local Government raised no objection to the payment of poundage as follows;-

90 per cent of total poundage on amounts collected to date to Messrs E.J.Murphy, J.J.O'Reilly, T. Rowe, Ml Deegan, John Doyle, John Curtis, and James Quirke.

80 per cent of total poundage on amounts collected to date to Messrs P.O'Byrne, Sean Gannon, J. Cummins, J.J.Sinnott, Walter Cummins, B. Cleary and Philip Furlong.

REPRESENTATION AT CONFERENCE.

UNDER DATE 27th July 1928, letter(No 52589/1928 (Ilgn. M) was read from the Department of Local Government forwarding copy of Order entitled "The Local Conferences Order 1928" empowering local Bodies to send representatives to Conferences held under the Local Government Act, 1925, and to pay the expenses of such representatives.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT(RATES ON SMALL DWELLINGS) ACT, 1928.

Under date 31st July, 1928, letter(No G 46353/1928 Ilgn) forwarding copy of the Local Government(Rates on Small Dwellings) Act 1928 was submitted to the meeting.

COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTHPROTEST FROM ENNISCORTHY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The following resolution was received from Enniscorthy Urban District Council;-

"That we, the Enniscorthy Urban District Council desire to express our surprise with the action of the County Council in forming the County Board of Health, in that the town of Enniscorthy has no representative on the Board. The member who represents the Enniscorthy District does not reside in the town and therefore is not in a position to attend to the matters requiring attention in the town. We demand that some representation for the town be given on the County Board of Health

It was pointed out by Messrs O'Byrne and McCarthy that South Wexford had seven members on the County Board of Health, while North

Wexford had only three, and there were no members representing the important centres of Enniscorthy and Gorey towns.

The Chairman stated that nothing could be done unless some member of the County Board of Health would withdraw, or in accordance with Article 6 or 8 of the Second Schedule of the Local Government Act, 1925.

POISONS & PHARMACY ACT.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr D'Arcy, renewal of licence under Poisons & Pharmacy was granted to Messrs W.H. McGuire, Quay, Wexford, Edward Redmond, The Harrow, N. Thackaberry, Bunclody, Ml Doyle 70 Main Street, Gorey, J. Roche, Camolin, H. Hill, Ballycanew, L. Harpur, North Main Street, Wexford Edward Brennan, Taghmon.

REPORT OF ANALYST.

Report of Analyst for quarter ended 30th June 1928 was submitted.

Of a total of 151 analyses made, 105 were for foods, 45 for drugs and water, one.

DEFAULTING LAND PURCHASE ANNUITANTS.

Lists of defaulting Land Purchase annuitants, showing arrears amounting to £12744-17-5 were submitted to the meeting.

CAMPAIGN FOR RENUNCIATION OF WAR AND FOR DISARMAMENT.

Synopsis of a Scheme for the renunciation of War and for disarmament initiated by Capt F. Fitzcurrie French, whose offices are at 4 Eustace Street, Dublin was submitted to the meeting.

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County Library Service.

The following which has been furnished to the Local Government Department on the 20th July by Miss Nora Connolly, Librarian and Secretary was submitted:-

"Since my appointment as Librarian to County Wexford Rural Library Service, four months ago, I find that Miss Doyle has performed all her duties in a highly capable and efficient manner, and I have the utmost confidence in recommending her permanent appointment as Assistant Librarian.

Prior to my taking up duties, she filled the Office of Librarian for two months and had complete charge of the scheme.

During this time work was promptly done, and both Committee and readers expressed their appreciation of her efficiency.

M. Doyle

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF MEETING.

HELD ON 10th September, 1928.

N.J. FRIZELLE.
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Consideration of Minutes of Committees.

The monthly meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 10th September, 1928. Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, the following Minutes of Finance Committee held on 1st August, 1928

were confirmed. Present:- Mr. Michael Doyle, Chairman, presiding; also:-

Messrs. John Brennan, James Cline, Patrick Colfer, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, John Doran, James Gaul, Col. C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, William P. Keegan, Thomas Mayler, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, M.M. Roche, James Shannon, Myles Smyth, and James E. Walsh.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 1st August, 1928.

Present:- Mr M Doyle (Chairman) presiding; Also:-Colonel Gibbon, Messrs Sean O'Byrne, James Shannon, M M Roche, John Murphy, J E Walsh, John Culleton, James Hall, and T McCarthy.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4660 : 2 : 2 was examined and signed.

The following minutes of Finance Committee meeting
in respect of meeting of 16th August, 1928 were submitted:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 16th August, 1928.

Present:- Mr. M. Doyle (Chairman) presiding; also;- Messrs. Sean O'Byrne, John Murphy, M.M. Roche, John Culleton, James Hall, J.E. Walsh, James Shamon and Thomas McCarthy.

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

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Apology for Non-Attendance.

Colonel Gibbon wrote, under date 11th August, 1928, that, as he was going to Belgium he could not attend the meeting of the Finance Committee.

Rate Collection.

The state of the Rate Collection, showing the following amounts outstanding in respect of the 1928 Rate, was considered:-

J. Quirke, £168-14-4; T. Sutton, £365-11-3; J. Quirke (No. 3) £392-13-1; P. Furlong, £352-6-6; M. McCarthy, £895-14-7; M.M. Kelly, £451-1-4; M. Deegan, £313-5-7; J. Cummins, £252-4-2; P. O'Byrne, £364-12-11; S. Gannon, £212-0-5; W. Cummins, £282-5-7; P. Donohoe, £273-9-1; J.J. O'Reilly, £21-3-5; J.J. Kelly, £969-19-2; J.J. O'Reilly (No. 15), £1254-0-5; J.J. Sinnott, £194-1-8; E. J. Murphy, £50-8-11; T. Rowe, £41-8-9; J. Doyle, £137-1-6; J. Curtis, £71-7-1; B. Cleary, £437-4-9; total, £7501-14-6; the percentage of the 1928 rate outstanding in each being:- J.J. O'Reilly (No. 15), .28; E. J. Murphy, .75; T. Rowe, .83; J. Curtis, 1.29; J. Quirke (No. 1), 2.45; J.J. Sinnott, 2.58; M. Deegan, 3.16; J. Doyle, 3.64; J. Cummins, 3.68; S. Gannon, 4.57; W. Cummins, 4.70; T. Sutton, 5.13; P. Donohoe, 5.39; P. Furlong, 5.44; J. Quirke, (No. 3), 5.67; B. Cleary, 6.62; P. O'Byrne, 7.14; M.M. Kelly, 11.34; M. McCarthy, 11.62; J.J. O'Reilly, (No. 15), 12.93; J.J. Kelly, 15.31; average 5.56.

Arrears of Rates outstanding in respect of previous years amounted to £1860-12-4.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Walsh, that the surties of Collectors M.M. Kelly, J.J. Kelly, and Charles McCarthy be called upon to lodge amounts of bonds (£200 in each case) owing to the large amount of rate outstanding in these Collectors' areas.

It was further decided, to ~~xxx~~ notify the three Collectors

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concerned that, unless their collections are in a satisfactory state at next meeting of the Finance Committee, the County Council will be recommended to take drastic action in their cases.

Mr. John Curtis, Rate Collector, submitted correspondence he had received from Mr. Cadogan, Newbawn and Mrs. Maria Murphy, Corderraun, asking for an extension of time for payment of rates due. The ratepayers concerned promised payment on the 1st September. Mr. Curtis stated in his letter :-

If the Finance Committee wishes me to distrain on these lands for outstanding amounts, I will do so, but then I will never get rates on these holdings again".

It was ~~decided~~ decided, in the special circumstances to agree to an extension of time to 1st September, Collector Curtis to secure an Order on the Auctioneers for the payment of rates in these cases by the 1st. September.

Industrial Schools.

Under 8th August, 1928, Mr. D. Doran, District Court Clerk, Enniscorthy, wrote, stating that an application would be made at Enniscorthy District Court on 16th August, 1928, for the committal of James Gahan, Ross Road, Enniscorthy, to an Industrial School.

Bovine Tuberculosis Order-Remuneration of Veterinary Inspectors.

Letter from Department of Agriculture, regarding the re-distribution of the allowances to the five Inspectors for the various areas under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order, on the basis of the work done during the six months ended 31st March, 1928, was considered. The Department stated that the present remuneration in each case was:- Mr. T.A. Mernagh, W.S. Gorey, £40 per annum; Mr. P.J. Hayes, V.S., Enniscorthy, £50 per annum; Mr. R. Malone, V.S.

Wexford, £40 per annum; Mr. J. Lynch, V.S. New Ross, £22-10. per annum; Mr. F. W. Taylor, V.S. New Ross, £12-10-0. per annum. The number of cases dealt with was :- Mr. Mernagh, V.S. Nil; Mr. Hayes, V.S., nil; Mr. R. Malone, V.S. 3; Mr. J. Lynch, V.S. 3; Mr. F. W. Taylor, V.S. 15.

A letter was received from Mr. Hayes, V.S., stating that the Department were in error in stating that no case was reported in his area as he had ~~a~~ dealt with five cases which had been duly reported to the Department.

Mr. Malone, V. S. , forwarded particulars of ten cases dealt with by him and reported on.

Mr. Lynch, V.S., gave the names of the owners of five animals which had been inspected and reported on by him.

Mr. Taylor, V.S. stated that the number of cases dealt with in his area was 16.

Mr. Lynch in his letter stated that, if there was to be a re-distribution of allowances under this Order, the distances travelled should be considered.

It was pointed out that, as regards New Ross Urban area, a considerable number of animals had been returned from Waterford Port as showing suspicious symptoms of tuberculosis, and, in the vast majority of cases, on inspection by Mr. Taylor, V.S. were found to be non-tuberculosis.

It was decided to submit the correspondence to the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction and ask them to make representations to the Department regarding the number of non-tuberculosis animals returned from Waterford Port and the hardship thereby inflicted on stockowners and exporters.

Secondary Scholarships.

A letter ~~was~~ from the office of National Education under date 10th August, 1928, with the result of the recent examination for the

award of Scholarships from Primary to Secondary Schools, was submitted.

The following are the names of the candidates who passed:-

James, Donnelly, Katie Doyle, Johanna Cooney, and Patrick Sheehan.

It was pointed out that Patrick Sheehan lived within ~~two~~ two miles of a recognised Secondary School, and he would be entitled only to a bursary.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall, that Scholarships in accordance with the conditions of the scheme be awarded to James Donnelly, Katie Doyle, and Johanna Cooney, and ~~h~~ that a bursary of £15 be awarded to Patrick Sheehan.

The Committee on examining the list of candidates noted that there were 13 approved applicants and that the scheme of the County Council allowed of six Scholarships being awarded.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Hall, that the Secretary of the Irish National Teachers' Organisation be informed that the County Council are greatly surprised at the standard of education ~~being~~ being so low in the County, judging by the results of the recent examination for the award of County Council Scholarships from Primary to Secondary Schools, conducted by the Department of National Education, when only three scholarships were awarded although six were provided under the scheme.

It was ~~revised~~ decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall, that continuing Scholarships be awarded to the following students, subject to sanction of the Department of Education:-

Eileen Cadogan, Patrick Doyle, Thomas Cogley, J.F. O'Brien, Joseph Flynn, Thomas Higgins, R.T. Doyle, Laurence J. Butler, Miss Mary Kavanagh, Patrick J. O'Reilly, and renewal of bursary to James Hargadon.

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University Scholarships.

Letter was read from Mr. T.F. White, Wexford, holder of University Scholarship, asking for balance of first year Scholarship. Mr. White stated in his letter that there was no reference in the University Scholarship Scheme as to non-payment of Scholarship money in case of illness, neither was there any stipulation as to the money being for board in Dublin.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman that the balance of the Scholarship be not paid until Mr. White resumes lectures at University College, when amount of balance will be paid by ~~instalments~~ instalments, as Scholarships are ~~tenable~~ only at a University, and the Finance Committee cannot see their way to make payment of Scholarship except for period during which Scholarship holder attends University lectures.

Letter was read from Mrs. McAuliffe, Mother of Mr. Donald McAuliffe, third year Scholarship holder, stating that, owing to illness, her son had been unable to sit for University Examinations in June or in September, and that she was asking University Authorities to recommend renewal of his scholarship for a fourth year with a view to his attending lectures for the Higher Diploma in Education, and sitting both for the latter examination and B.A. degree next Summer.

It was ~~decided~~ decided on the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Shannon, that Mr. Donald McAuliffe's scholarship be extended for a fourth year to enable him to secure the Higher Diploma in Education, subject to the approval of the University Authorities.

Advance, Registration Account.

Mr. J.N. Scallan, County Registrar, applied for the sum of £250 to meet the expenses of the preparation of the 6th Register of Electors.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Murphy, that the application be postponed ~~xxx~~ until the next meeting of the Finance Committee, Mr. Scallan to furnish statement of account in support of his application.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of
Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-
The Minutes of Finance Committee of 30th August, 1928 were
submitted as follows:-

"That the minutes of Finance Committee in respect of
meeting held on the 16th August, 1928, be and are hereby
confirmed.

The Minutes of Finance Committee of 30th August, 1928 were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held on 30th August, 1928.

Present:- Mr. J. Shannon, (Vice-Chairman) presiding;
also: Messrs. T. McCarthy, M.M. Roche, J. Culleton, James Hall,
and Sean O'Byrne.

The Assistant Secretary was also in attendance.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

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Apology for Non-Attendance.

Under date 25th August, 1928, Colonel Gibbon wrote that, as he would be busy at the Wexford Show on 30th instant, he could not attend meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on that date.

Rate Collection.

The state of the Rate Collection was submitted showing the following amounts of 1928 Rate outstanding in each district:-

J.J. O'Reilly, (No. 13), £19-7-2; T. Rowe, £41-8-9;
E.J. Murphy, £50-8-11; J. Curtis, £71-7-1; J. Doyle, £134-14-10;
J. Quirke, £158-17-3; J.J. Sinnott, £172-7-11; S. Gannon, £204-15-11;
P. Donohoe, £241-11-2; J. Cummins, £252-8-6; W. Cummins, £274-11-9;
M. Deegan, £291-17-6; T. Sutton, £334-17-5; P. Furlong, £346-17-6;
P. O'Byrne, £356-19-1; P. Doyle, £370-18-0; B. Cleary, £429-8-2;
M.M. Kelly, £448-0-8; M. McCarthy, £816-14-7; J.J. Kelly, £886-12-4;
J.J. O'Reilly, (No. 15), £1209-18-9. Total £7114-5-3.

Under date 29th August, 1928, the following letter was read from Collector M.M. Kelly:-

"With reference to your letter of the 20th inst. re state of my Collection, I have done everything possible to collect the amount outstanding. I handed a list to Mr. Bolger, Solicitor, to proceed against them but in nearly all cases he advised me not to proceed against them, as there is nothing to ~~seize on~~ seize on, and I would only be putting expense on myself as I have done in the past. The majority of the defaulters promised to pay me when they thresh. In a good many cases I am compelled to wait until the places are sold out.

Hoping you will not deal too drastically with me and my Securities, as I am honestly doing my best to collect."

Under date 29th August, 1928, the following letter was read from Collector J.J. Kelly:-

I have called on all Ratepayers whom are outstanding in my district and I have received numbers of promises to pay on Friday and

Saturday next, Fair Days in Gorey.

Please acquaint Finance Committee of this fact."

Under date 28th August, 1928, the following letter was read from M.M. Ryan, Surety for Collector M.M. Kelly:-

Re yours of the 23rd, I was speaking to Mr. Kelly and I understand from him that he left no stone unturned to collect rates, but as the people in his district will soon have their corn to sell if he got a little time he could make it all right.

Fully recognising the difficult position the Council is in for funds we would deem it a great favour if this request could be granted.

The Assistant Secretary stated that Collector M. McCarthy attended and stated that he had been promised sums amounting to between £400 and £500 on 3rd September, the date of Wexford Fair.

The meeting having considered the amounts collected by each Rate Collector during the past fortnight, and also the particular circumstances in each collector's district, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hall:-
"That the state of the Collection in the districts of Messrs. M.M. Kelly, M. McCarthy and J.J. Kelly be specially considered at next meeting of the Finance Committee.

That these three Rate Collectors be instructed to attend said meeting and that they be warned that definite action will be taken on that date, unless, in the opinion of the Finance Committee, their collections are in a satisfactory state. That these collectors be further informed that the Finance Committee will insist upon the lodgements of the amounts of the Bonds of the personal sureties in each case, immediately after the next meeting, unless all collectable rate has been lodged.

Mr. W. Cummins, Rate Collector, ^{wrote,} asking for instructions regarding rates on a holding formerly in the occupation of

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James Kavanagh at Ballycoursey Big, Glenbrien. The rates had not been paid for the holding for the past six years, and it was now derelict. Mr. Colfer, Solicitor, New Ross, had made an offer to Mr. Cummins of one year's rates on behalf of Kavanagh's step-daughter, who intended to go into possession of the premises.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall, to notify Mr. Cummins that the County Council would be in favour of his accepting three years' rates in the special circumstances.

Under date 25th August, 1928, Mr. M. Jordan, M.C.C., wrote forwarding the following letter which he had received from Mr. James Fenlon, Raheenahene, Bree :-

I am writing to ask you to do me a favour by asking Mr. Gannon to hold over my rates as I have no means in which to pay. I have 11 children and I have a good crop sown and would be able to pay if I get time.

Sorry for having to trouble you.

It was decided to take no official action, the Secretary to communicate with Mr. Sean Gannon, Rate Collector, to use his discretion in the matter.

The following letter was read from Mr. James Hogan, Main Street, Gorey.

I have received a Demand Note from the local Poor Rate Collector for £5-10-0, Rates due by me. I am absolutely unable to pay this amount all at once, as I have a large family to support. I am willing to clear off the debt in weekly instalments of 5/-. I have done this before in the payment of my rates and the matter was considered satisfactory. I would be grateful if you would accept this offer or instruct Mr. O'Reilly to do so. I will pay the instalment each week into the office

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of Mr. O'Reilly's Solicitor, or anywhere he wishes. Failing this I cannot do better and would be very grateful for your kind intervention in the matter. Please let me know if my offer is acceptable to you.

It was decided that Mr. Hogan be informed that the Finance Committee cannot interfere with the arrangements which Collector O'Reilly makes regarding his collection as he is bound under bond to close his warrant within the statutory period.

The Department of Local Government wrote, under date 22nd August, 1928, (No. G. 58021/1928, Loch Garman, Fa) stating that the Minister raised no further objection to the proposed allowance of £27 per annum, to Mr. T.A. Frizelle for checking the Rate Collectors' Accounts for Gorey Area.

Poundage.

Under date 29th August, 1928, the following letter was read from Rate Collector P. Donohoe:-

I beg to make application for Poundage as I have only received £31. for the last eight months. I would like to know why my poundage is held back as I claim to have my collection in as good a state as the majority of Collectors. I have all the old Rates that it is possible to get at the present Collection, and I don't see why the Council can expect me to work for nothing. It is poor encouragement to a man that he can't get treated the same as others when he is doing his best.

Please being this under the notice of your Finance Committee, and oblige.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, that the Department of Local Government be requested to sanction payment of 80 per cent of poundage to Collector P. Donohoe on lodgments made to 31st July, 1928.

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Control of Rate Collectors.

Circular letter under date, 24th August, 1928, No. G. 59042/1928, Ilgh.(L). was read from the Department of Local Government regarding the control ^{of} Rate Collectors and setting forth the suggestions of the Minister ^{to} as the best means to be adopted to prevent defalcations on the part of Rate Collectors; also recommending that the County Secretary should swear an information immediately there is any default in the lodgment of rate monies. The Minister further suggested that the County Secretary should be authorised to suspend from duty any Rate Collector whose conduct proves unsatisfactory.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, that the Secretary be authorised to swear an information against any Collector who fails to lodge amount ^{of} rates collected by him without direction from the Finance Committee or the County Council.

Industrial School Applications.

A letter was read from Mr. J. Leacy, Inspector, R.S.P.C.C., stating that he intended making application on 30th August, 1928, at Enniscorthy District Court for the committal of three children, named Thompson, to an Industrial School.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, be requested to communicate in all cases with the nearest Councillor in order to secure information ~~regarding~~ with a view to opposing all cases in which it is considered committals should not be made.

The Assistant Secretary pointed out that the contributions payable by parents of children committed to Industrial Schools were paid in to the Exchequer under Section 75 (7) of the Children's Act, 1928.

Mr. O'Byrne suggested that steps should be taken to secure that sums received from parents should go to the relief of rates.

Scholarships.

A letter was read from Dr. Coffey, President of University College, Dublin, stating he had great pleasure in recommending Mr. D. McAuliffe for an extension of his Scholarship for a fourth year to enable him to take the Higher Diploma in Education this year.

Approved.

The following letter was read from the Secretary, University College, Dublin:-

The following are the results of the Summer Examinations of students holding Scholarships from your Council in the Session 1927-28:-

Bolger, Honor M.A.	Passed the Subsidiary Subject for B.Comm. Degree. Further Report after the Degree Examination in the Autumn.
Stedmond, Michael G.	Report will be sent after the Autumn Examination.
Bolger, Kathleen M.	Passed the Higher Diploma in Education Examination.
Quirke, Vincent C.	Passed the First University Examination in Arts.
Hall, Kevin	Passed the First University Examination in Arts; also passed the First University Examination in Science.
Keegan, Thomas, B.Comm.	Passed the Higher Diploma in Education Examination.

Thomas F. White was prevented by illness from presenting ^{himself} for the First Year Commerce and Science Examinations. Owing to illness also Donald McAuliffe was unable to sit for the B.A. Degree. Margaret Berney did not enter for the Second year College Examination in Commerce.

The following letter from Miss Berney, who failed to sit for the examination was read:-

Re your letter received today I could not do the Second Year Commerce Examination, as I had a severely burned right hand with which it was impossible for me to write. I was attending

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St. Vincent's Hospital with it and got a Medical Certificate which I gave to Mother Eucharist to send to you. Perhaps she did not do so. I was, as already stated, unable to write myself at the time.

I went to my Professors and they were all satisfied with my year's work and willing to recommend me for renewal of my Scholarship without the formality of the Second Year Examination, and to allow me to proceed with my course. I understood that the President, Dr. Coffey had also sanctioned this.

As I could not do the examination, through no fault of mine, and as I hope I have always been a satisfactory pupil of the County Council, I hope for favourable consideration, and renewal of my Scholarship which I duly appreciate.

Thanking you for past favours and for notification.

The Assistant Secretary stated he had forwarded copy of Miss Berney's letter to the Secretary, University College, for his observations.

It was decided that reply of University College be submitted to the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

Irish Tourist Association.

The Secretary, Irish Tourist Association applied for an advance for current year in respect of rate struck for tourist development.

It was decided that the application be adjourned until the current Rate Collection is more advanced.

Advance, Registration Account.

The following letter was read from Mr. J.N. Scallan, Registration Officer:-

Referring to my application for a further Advance of £250, to meet some current expenses of the preparation of the sixth Register.

I would like to point out the total cost of the Register

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will be £1411-9-10 and this will leave a balance still to be paid. I may point out that it is the practice in all other Counties for the Registration Officer to receive the full advance before proceeding with the Registration work, and, I presume this will be done, when the seventh Register comes to be prepared.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Roche, seconded by the Chairman, that a further advance of £250 be made to Mr. J.N. Scallan, Registration Officer, to meet expenses incurred in the preparation of the sixth Register of Electors.

Duplicate Paying Order.

It was decided that duplicate Paying Order issue to the Representatives of Catherine Rath, Carrigeen, Ferns, for No. 2608, issued on 10th July, 1928, and which had been lost, the Bank to be notified to cancel original Order.

Library Van.

A letter was read from Colonel Gibbon, stating that, at the last meeting of the Library Committee, the Carnegie Trust had offered £250 for the purchase of a Library Van. Colonel Gibbon stated that, in his opinion, not only would a saving be effected by its use in cutting net travelling expenses of the Librarian but also in the carriage of books. The Library ^{Committee} decided to accept the offer of the van subject to the approval of the County Council.

A similar communication was read from Miss Connolly, Librarian.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Culleton, that the County Council be recommended to approve of the acceptance of the offer of the Carnegie Trust of £250 for the purchase of a Library Van.

It was proposed by Col. Gibbon, seconded by Mr. Corish and adopted:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee of 30th August, 1928 be received and considered."

Primary School Scholarships. The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Gibbon, seconded by Mr. Roche:-

"That we ask the Department of Education to furnish the Wexford County Council with copies of the examination papers set at the recent examination for Scholarships from Primary to Secondary Schools."

Rate Collection. Mr. Hayes moved:-

"That as previous discussions in respect of ~~R~~ate Collection hampered the collectors in the discharge of their duties the Council resolve itself into Committee for the purpose of considering the present position as regards the ~~R~~ate Collection."

This motion was not seconded.

The following letter was read from the Local Government Department:-

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Department of Local Government & Public Health.
Custom House, Dublin,

NWNo G 59042/28. Ilgh. (S)

24th August 1928.

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I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has had under consideration the general question of the control of officers entrusted with the collection of public revenue. The cases of default which have arisen have given rise to considerable anxiety and the circumstances disclosed indicate a necessity for the adoption generally of effective measures to secure the prompt collection and immediate lodgment of all monies collected as well as the accurate and careful checking of the accounts of the Collectors at frequent intervals.

Rate Collectors have in many cases been in the habit of lodging public funds to their own accounts and then transferring such sums by way of personal cheques to the Local Authority to close their warrants. Apart from the loss of the immediate benefit of the revenue by the Local Authority the procedure enabled certain defaulting Rate Collectors to convert substantial sums to their own use. This practice must be discontinued and Collectors must understand definitely that any public monies received by them should be lodged without delay in the nearest branch of the Bank keeping the account of the Local Authority. It may be in some cases that a branch of the County Council's Bank is not within easy distance and that for this reason a Collector may have been in the habit of lodging rate monies to his own account in a local Bank. In such circumstances he should arrange with his Banker to receive such monies for transfer to the credit of the Local Authority at their Bank. If necessary the general circumstances should be explained to the Manager of the Bank acting as Treasurer to the Local Authority with the object of arranging through him for the receipt in outlying localities of rate monies in Branch Banks for transference through them to the Local Authority's account and the issue of a usual lodgment docket to the Collector as a voucher for the money so lodged.

The arrangements for checking Collector's accounts have not in all cases proved satisfactory. A mere perfunctory reconciliation of the cash lodged with the total of the counterfoils of the receipts ascertained to have been issued since the previous checking will not be sufficient. A complete scrutiny should be made at each checking to insure that no receipts are missing since the last previous checking which are not covered by cash lodged. An intelligent check will take cognisance of the periodic progress of the collection while scrutiny of the unissued receipts might enable a wide awake Inspector to form an opinion as to whether there is a likelihood of any of the ratepayers concerned having paid their rates without receiving the official receipt. It is realised that an Inspector will find difficulty in detecting the over holding of monies by a Collector where the receipt remains unissued and every effort should be made to ensure that ratepayers will insist on getting the official receipts without delay. A press notice warning ratepayers of the importance of this and of the consequences which may follow their failure to do so might be inserted if the Council considers such a publication to be necessary. The Demand Notes might contain a notice that payments by cheque, money order or postal order

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should be crossed and made in favour of the Local Authority. When issuing receipts for rates paid in this manner the Collectors would do well to record on the receipts and counterfoil that the payment was made by cheque or otherwise. The receipt should be issued without delay. If it is not convenient to deliver the receipt personally it should be posted immediately. If an unclosed envelope be used $\frac{1}{2}$ d. postage would suffice.

The requirements of the Public Bodies Order in regard to checking should be stringently observed. There should be close co-operation between the Inspector entrusted with the checking of the Collector's accounts and the County Secretary particularly in regard to the issue of form 60 to ratepayers whose rates appear to remain unpaid at times when it might reasonably be expected that the sums due should have been lodged. The Inspector should pay due regard to the promptness with which the Demand Notes are issued and the subsequent periodic progress of the collection. Any dilatoriness should be specially reported and Collectors should understand that regular and progressive lodgements of rates will be expected from the dates they receive their warrants until closed.

A feature of the cases of default which have come to notice has been the delay in swearing informations against the officers concerned owing to hesitation on the part of superior officers to take such course without the express authority of the Local Authority. The Minister does not consider it necessary to stress the consequences which have ensued from this procedure but takes this opportunity of requesting the Council to adopt at their next meeting a resolution empowering and directing their County Secretary to make an information against any Collector who may fail to lodge monies collected on behalf of the Council to their credit. In the past it has been observed that on occasions Local Authorities have received cheques from Rate Collectors purporting to account for rate monies received by them which on presentation have been dishonoured. The unauthorised nature of the practice of lodging rate monies to a Collector's private account has already been adverted to and the Minister would regard a transaction of this nature as a clear indication that the money in question had been wrongfully converted to the Collector's use. Once a County Secretary is satisfied that a Collector has misappropriated money he should immediately swear the necessary information to secure the apprehension of the offender. It would be well that the County Secretary should also be authorised to suspend from duty any Collector whose conduct proves unsatisfactory.

Cases have been observed where the sureties of defaulting officers have proved to be worthless and the Minister desires that the Council should where personal sureties are to be accepted first satisfy themselves by Banker's references that such sureties are of sufficient substance for the undertakings guaranteed. Rate Checkers should be required to furnish adequate bonds for the due and faithful discharge of their duties.

A copy of this circular should be issued to each Rate Collector for his guidance and strict compliance with the requirements outlined.

The Secretary of the Board of Health should also be supplied with a copy for the application of the principles to Rent Collectors and other officials in the employment of the Board.

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E P McCarron
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To Each County Council.

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The Secretary stated that copies of the circular letter from the Local Government Department had been furnished the Rate Collectors and Secretary of the County Board of Health.

Col. Quin moved, and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem con :-

"That our Secretary be empowered to take up the collecting books of any Collector who, in his opinion is guilty of any malpractice, or who is not discharging his duties as to issue of official receipts, pending reporting the matter to the next available meeting of the Finance Committee.

An Order was made that the Secretary issue an advertisement in the three local papers pointing out to ratepayers the necessity for obtaining official receipts of the County Council for any payments made for rates.

In connection with collection district 15, the following resolution was moved by Mr. McCarthy and seconded by Col. Quin:-

"That Collector Charles McCarthy be called upon to resume duty by the 8th October."

Col. Gibbon proposed and Mr. Keegan seconded the following:-

"That collecting books for current rate collection be furnished Mr. Michael McCarthy, deputy for his brother, Mr. Charles McCarthy, and that Mr. Charles McCarthy be informed that if he does not take up duty within two months from this date the Council will not extend his sick leave, but will proceed to a new appointment.

After discussion ~~the~~ Col. Gibbon withdrew his motion and proposed the following:-

"That collecting books for current rate collection be furnished Mr. Michael McCarthy forthwith with a direction from the Council that if his collection does not progress to the satisfaction of the Finance Committee and in accordance with the

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progress made by other collectors the Council will proceed to the appointment of a temporary collector pending the appointment of a permanent collector. That Mr. Charles McCarthy be informed that if at the end of two months from this date he does not return to duty the Council must decline to grant him further sick leave, and will have to proceed to the appointment of a new Collector.

This motion after discussion was also withdrawn.

Col. Gibbon then moved, and Mr. Keegan seconded the following:-

"That the question of Rate Collection in No. 5 District be left in the hands of the Finance Committee with power to issue collecting books for the current collection to Mr. Michael McCarthy. Should Finance Committee decide not to issue books to Mr. McCarthy we request them to make a recommendation to the Council which will allow of the current rate being put into course of collection at as early a date as is possible.

Mr. McCarthy and Col. Quin withdrew their motion in favour of the proposal of Col. Gibbon to place the matter in charge of the Finance Committee which then passed without dissent.

Col. Gibbon proposed and the chairman seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That Mr. Charles McCarthy, Rate Collector for No. 5 District be informed that if he does not return to duty by the 1st November, 1928, ^{his} ~~his~~ sick leave must be cancelled and the County Council will proceed to appoint a new collector in his place."

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 30th August, 1928 be and are hereby confirmed except in so far as same have been altered or amended by

resolution adopted at this meeting.

Roads' Committee. The Minutes of Roads' Committee in respect of meeting held on 3rd September, 1928 were submitted as follows:-

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The monthly meeting of the Roads Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 3rd September, 1928.

Present:- Colonel Gibbon, Colonel ~~Quin~~ ^{Byrne}, Messrs. R. Corish, Sean O'~~Gibson~~, T.F. D'Arcy, P. Hayes, J. Culleton, P. Colfer, M. Jordan, W.P. Keegan, J. Hall, T. McCarthy, M.M. Roche, T. Maylor and M. Smyth.

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

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall, the chair was taken by Colonel Gibbon.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

The Chairman (Mr. M. Doyle) attended after the minutes of last meeting had been read and signed and presided during the remainder of the business.

Mr. J. Shannon (Vice-Chairman) also attended after the reading of the Minutes.

Report of County Surveyor.

The following report was submitted by the County Surveyor:-

"During my absence on holidays the County works have been carried out by the Assistant Surveyors in a satisfactory manner and there is little requires special mention.

There were a number of special works for which proposals were approved and these have now nearly all been completed, and the others are well in hands.

The road maintenance work is proceeding and I am now getting a great deal of side cleaning of drains done, in preparation to meet the Autumn floods. As far as possible the material is got out on the roads for the Winter maintenance but in many places I have carried out Summer work with tar or other similar binders using gravel or screenings, and in some places broken stone, and this will materially assist in the Winter

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maintenance though it leaves very little to cover any special break-up that may happen. I have found that, with the great increase of traffic, the Summer work is essential and is the only way in which we can maintain the roads, as ordinary stone spreading will not bind without the iron shod traffic which is much reduced now.

The bitumen spraying work has been carried out as far as possible but the very broken weather materially affected ~~the~~ progress. The Rosslare road, beginning at the town boundary No. 23W, is now being coated with tarred stones which had been provided by the County Council previously; the finishing of the surface by the spraying and treating with screenings is being carried out under the spraying grant. This work I believe will be satisfactory and I consider that such treatment if carried out on the length of the Rosslare road will make a good job at a reasonable cost. The road at present is very fair considering we had no special expenditure on it, but, it must be put in hands at once either under grant or direct proposal from the County Council or by loan. The grouting work from the end of the quays in Wexford town to the Meat Factory is nearly completed and, as already reported, the section at the other end of the town had been done in concrete. When this is finished the Urban Grant for County roads will be completed. The Grant for the quays which is not a County Road but under the Harbour Board is nearly completed. At present I am putting up small retaining wall with post and chain guard on top where road runs around the Crescent and there is a section of the surface opposite the end of King Street still to be concreted.

The three grants under the National Road Scheme- from Gorey to Ferns through Camolin, from Scarawalsh to Enniscorthy, and from Enniscorthy to Palace, are progressing as well as the bad weather would allow. The first section has been completed to

Camolin and I am now working back from the finished road surface at Bay Bridge towards Camolin. Between Scarawalsh and Enniscorthy the work has been carried down to the bend at the Cemetery but possibly I ~~may~~ not be able to run to the Urban Boundary with the money available, and, if so, there will only be a small length not completed which will be dealt with later. From Ballymackessy to Palace has been completed so that now there is a good road right into Ross. The grouting work on the section between Enniscorthy and Ballymackessy has been commenced at the Leap working towards Ballymackessy and preparation work has been done on the remainder.

Item 16 on the Agenda for the meeting refers to the condition of the road between Ballymackessy and Ballybrennan. I have frequently inspected this road and have men constantly engaged levelling up the bad cuts and so forth. On the 31st ult., I inspected the road and found it, as expected, still bad but until the heavy traffic from Ballybrennan to the grant work on the Enniscorthy road is completed we cannot deal with the road.

The repair work at Kilmore Harbour has been completed and work at Courtown, Slade and Carne is in satisfactory progress. At Ballyconigar and Cush Gap I have completed the protection work by placing large concrete blocks, The protection work at Bannow Bay, on 197W at Barrystown, and at St. Kearns, are either completed or nearly so. The improvement work at the corner at Fethard is complete and the work at Duncannon at the end of No. 36R is delayed waiting the removal of a Telegraph pole.

As directed by the Council I have obtained statistics on the Gorey-Wexford Road, and, judging by them, the traffic does not appear to be really abnormal. There is one point obvious, and that is the comparatively small number of horse drawn vehicles, and the conclusion I arrive at is the necessity for rolling work or using a tarred binder. If a loan be obtained for improvement work on this road, special treatment at weak places, with general

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attention to surface with tarred stones, will put the road in a reasonable condition, provided of course we do not have the very heavy lorries travelling the road after a continuous wet period.

Mr. Cullen reports to me that he interviewed Mr. Gallagher in regard to compensation for the corner at Verona Bridge. The County Council made an offer of £8 but Mr. Gallagher will not accept less than £10.

The rolling work that I was carrying out under County Council proposal on No. 83R between Bally^{na}banogue and Poulmounty is nearly completed and this road is much improved. The road from Poulmounty to Ballywilliam, No. 81R, will require special attention as it is subject to a traffic with beet. It is not a Main Road though it takes a good deal of traffic and I consider that some provision should be made to meet the case.

Some time ago complaint was made in regard to a retaining wall on No. 125E between Ballycarney and Strahart. I have had a special inspection made of the place by Mr. Ennis and he reports that it will be necessary to at once deal with it at a cost of £44. A further length of road also should be protected by a retaining wall of 28 feet and this will cost about £47. I suggest now that the repair work be at once put in hands and that I bring forward a proposal for the extension at the November Meeting.

The repair work to the side slips on the Road No. 11W between Ardcandrisk and Larkin's Cross is now nearly completed. Sometime ago I was ordered to carry out the job by the County Council but no allowance of money was made and I now ask to have £150 allocated for the work.

On a recent inspection of New Ross Bridge I was informed that there were possibly defects in the under structure but at the time I was not able to make an inspection, the tide not serving

I directed Mr. O'Neill to examine the Bridge and he reports to me that there is nothing seriously wrong though the water appears to be coming through in a couple of places. I shall myself make a further thorough examination at an early date.

On the 1st inst. I visited St. Helen's Harbour with Mr. Birthistle and met Col. Gibbon by appointment. We inquired into the local conditions and took measurements regarding the proposed improvement. The local representative of the fishermen, Mr. O'Leary, was present and informed us that the local people will do the carting of sand, gravel and cement from Kilrane Station which will be a saving on the work and I estimate that it will cost more than has been suggested, namely £500. I am satisfied that if £750 is put at my disposal I can make a satisfactory job.

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

"That the report of the County Surveyor be received and considered.

Road between Ballymackessy and Ballybreman.

Mr. Hall mentioned that he had been requested by some people interested to bring before the Roads Committee the condition of this road. It was in a very bad state and the ganger or the Assistant Surveyor was asked on several occasions to fill up the pot holes with large stones, but this had never been done.

The County Surveyor stated that the practice of putting down large stones to fill pot holes had been carried out during the whole summer, but the road was in such a bad condition that new holes were constantly appearing and had to be dealt with.

Corner At Verona Bridge.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. McCarthy:-

"That the County Council be recommended to make an offer of £10 to Mr. Gallagher as compensation for land taken in order to ease corner at Verona Bridge, this being recommended by the County Surveyor."

Road 81R (Poulmounty-Ballywilliam).

On the recommendation of the County Surveyor, a resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, agreeing to provide from the Contingencies Fund, a sum of £25 to put this road into repair.

Road 125E (Between Ballycarney and Strahart).

Mr. O'Byrne proposed:-

"That a sum of £44 be taken from Contingencies Fund to repair retaining wall on this road, as the wall was a source of danger to the public."

Mr. D'Arcy seconded. Passed.

Road 11W (Ardcandrisk and Larkin's Cross).

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

"That a sum of £150 be taken from Contingencies Fund to make good the repair work necessary/owing to side slips on Road 11W."
Stt. Helen's Harbour.

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

"That consideration of the reference in County Surveyor's report to St. Helen's Harbour be adjourned to next meeting or until such time as official application is received from those concerned for the County Council to deal with the matter."

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

"That the report of the County Surveyor, as submitted to this meeting, be and is hereby approved."

Attendance of Assistant Surveyors at Roads Committee Meeting.

Colonel Quin called attention to the fact that two of the Assistant Surveyors were not in attendance to answer questions arising out of the County Surveyor's report.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the

Chairman, seonded by Colonel Quin:-

"The Roads Committee desire to point out to the Assistant Surveyors the necessity for their attendance ~~in~~ due time at the meetings of the Roads Committee etc".

Subsequently the two Surveyors concerned (Messrs. Ennis and Cullen) attended and explained their delay in attending the meeting arose owing to the fact that they had some urgent work to ~~be~~ attend to on the morning of the meeting.

Flood at Carriganeagh, Gorey.

In connection with this matter a letter was read from Mr. T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, under date 1st. September, 1928, that the road at Carriganeagh had been under water on ~~at~~ least two occasions within ten days, due to Millowner's neglect in not having gates kept open. Mr. Treanor recommended Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, to proceed against William Cousins, Ballycale to compel him to have "Spillway" made in dam wall to obviate any future flooding.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Quin, seonded by Mr, Hall:-

"That Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, be instructed to proceed against William Cousins, Ballycale, in conformity with the report made to this meeting by Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor".

Flooding at Ballymore, Killinick.

Colonel Gibbon called attention to the flooding of the road between ~~the~~ Ballymore and Mountfield.

It was decided that the matter be referred to Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, to see ~~what~~ can be done ~~to~~ remedy the matter.

Obstruction by Road Material at Inch Creamery.

The following was ~~received~~ from Mr. G.W. Kinlay, Manager of Inch Co-operative Dairy Society, under date 31st ~~Agust~~^{Aug}, 1928:-

We beg to inform you that the following resolution was ~~a~~passed

at the last meeting of our Committee:-

"Proposed by Mr. B. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. ^T~~T~~. D'Arcy and passed:-

"That we the Committee of the Inch Co-operative Dairy Society Ltd., call on the County Council to remove the piles of stones outside the creamery at Inch and to erect danger signs at both sides of the Railway Bridge. In the meantime we hold the County Council liable for any accident that may occur to the suppliers or their carts."

It would be advisable to remove the stones for a distance of 100 yards to either side of the Creamery Entrance, and to continue the water table on the South side of the Creamery gate.

We would also thank you to convey the surface water into the river which is at present flowing into the Creamery Residence.

A member of the Council, Mr. D'Arcy, very kindly came to inspect the road in question and doubtless will be able to advise you on the matter. The road measures approximately 17 feet from one pile of stones to the other.

Mr. D'Arcy pointed out that 175 carts used this Creamery every morning and the pile of stones was really blocking the traffic.

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to hire a roller in order to utilise the stones which are at present causing inconvenience and obstruction at Inch Creamery; further, that he deal with the drainage so as to prevent flooding of the premises in the occupation of the Creamery Manager".

Employment of Men.

The following, passed at a meeting of Gorey Unemployed Organisation, held on 1st September, 1928, was submitted:-

"That each District Surveyor be made primarily responsible for the employment of all men, either by day's work, carting, Contract, or otherwise."

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The six Assistant Surveyors stated that men were employed by them but in consultation with the ganger. They thought it very necessary that they should have the opinion of the ganger in each case as to whether a proposed employee was likely to give satisfaction.

Mr. Keegan proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded:-

"That the Assistant Surveyors be made directly responsible for the employment of all men on roads and in quarries."

As an amendment, Mr. McCarthy proposed:-

"That the Secretary to the Gorey Unemployed Organisation be informed that the resolution which he had submitted, was already in the books of the Council. That the Assistant Surveyors be instructed to exercise all care in having provisions of this resolution strictly observed in the future."

Mr. Hall seconded.

After discussion Mr. Keegan withdrew his motion, and Mr. McCarthy's amendment was adopted.

Carrigbyrne Quarry.

James Murphy, James McGrath, ~~and~~ Patrick Murphy and James Miskella, wrote that they were prepared to undertake to work at Carrigbyrne Quarry on piece work the price to be fixed by the County Surveyor.

Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, stated that the present gang employed in this quarry would be able to provide the material necessary for the present season.

It was decided to take no action on the application.

Road at Rectory, Inch.

It was decided that the following sub-Committee should inspect road at the Rectory, Inch, and report to the next meeting of the Roads Committee:-

Messrs. D'Arcy, Smyth, O'Byrne, Keegan, Hall and Colonel Quin, with the Assistant Surveyor for the district.

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Road at Carley's Bridge.

Under date 23rd August, 1928, Mr. G.J. Owens, Carley's Bridge, Enniscorthy, wrote asking that something be done with the road from Carley's Bridge to Enniscorthy. The breakage of the pottery which he manufactured and which was of a fragile description, was something terrible owing to the jolting on this rough road.

Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, stated that the road "ravelled" as fast as it was repaired. He was treating it with tar as well as the money set apart allowed.

It was decided to inform Mr. Owens that the Assistant Surveyor was endeavouring to keep the road in as good order as possible.

Courtown Harbour.

The following report was submitted:-

The Sub-Committee appointed by the County Council at their meeting on 1st August, 1928, for the purpose of reporting on the present condition of Courtown Harbour and of making suggestions as to its improvement, met on 3rd August, 1928, at the Harbour.

The following were in attendance:- Messrs. Sean ^{O'Byrne} ~~Quinn~~, T.F. D'Arcy, W.P. Keegan, and Colonel Quin.

The County Surveyor, the County Secretary, and Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, were also in attendance.

The Committee spent considerable time in their inspection and in considering their report, concentrating on the three following heads:-

1. - The Sluice Gates.
2. - Provision of grab dredger.
3. - Dredging the Inner Harbour.

and which are set out in the order in which they require attention.

Sluice Gates. These were erected over half a century ago, and, owing to wear and tear, require replacement. They are unable in

their present condition to hold the water for sluicing. One of the paddles on the village side is unworkable, the bottom timbers under water allow of considerable seepage, the north heel-post has gone completely, and the gate rollers, one of which became broken some time ago, have not been replaced, the condition of the structure preventing this. The new diving suit was used for the first time in an inspection of the portion of the sluice gates under water, the diver reporting that it is not possible to get the gates properly "home" when opened, owing either to the floor having worn or on account of detritus from the river depositing at this particular point.

The Sub-Committee were unanimous in recommending that new sluice gates with the necessary opening machinery should be provided as soon as possible. The County Surveyor estimates that this will cost about £500. The Sub-Committee further recommend that a skilled contractor should be obtained to carry out this work. Owing to the manner in which the "shocks" for damming timbers were constructed, peculiar difficulty is presented in drying out the site for new gates and, unless proper plant and necessary technical knowledge are employed, the work cannot be carried out in the most effective and economical manner. The Sub-Committee would be glad if it had been possible to recommend the Council to repair the gates but they feel that any money spent in further patching up these old timbers would accomplish very small result and would not be the means of providing the necessary flush to keep the harbour free of sand.

Grab Dredger. When the wind blows in a certain direction, a bar of sand is formed just outside the mouth of the harbour, and remains until the wind shifts to the opposite point of the compass when it disappears. Some of the local people believe that with new gates the increased flush would be sufficient to clear the bar. This, however, is problematical, and would certainly not hold if any development in the fishing industry at Courtown can be calculated on.

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A further suggestion as to arrangement to be made in the flush so that portion of the main current could be directed on to the sand bar was considered, but the Sub-Committee did not consider this would be successful in clearing the Bar at all stages. The only alternative is the grab dredger which can be worked at any time and at any stage of tide. Consideration must be given to the type of grab dredger to be obtained, and the County Surveyor promised to make enquiries as to the most effective and cheapest apparatus.

Dredging the Inner Harbour. This is necessary owing to the fact that its present silted condition is a source of danger and delay to the fishermen in moving their boats. If the work were carried out, it would not give any stronger flush through the sluice gates, but the flow of water would ^{be} for a longer period, and would in this way be more effective.

The ~~Sub~~-Committee, while recognising that this work is necessary, feel that, with all their present financial engagements, the County Council should not be asked to take it up until times improve.

However, the question of providing new gates is one which brooks no delay, and the ~~Sub~~-Committee feel that nothing can be gained by any further postponement in this matter. Putting it off will mean increased outlay later.

In the circumstances they recommended the Council to adopt a resolution to have this most pressing work carried out without delay, and suggest that the Council should approach the Minister for Fisheries with a view to obtaining a moiety of the expenditure, viz., £250.

The County Surveyor submitted the report of the diver, Patrick Hobbs as follows:-

I examined the Gates and floor under the Gates at Courtown Harbour on the 3rd of August, and again on the 9th August. I found the bottoms of Gates in a very bad way. They are completely decayed. There is a stone sill 1 foot 6 inches high, with a piece

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of wood bolted on top of it which the Gates fit against. The water bursts through the joints of these sills. Bottoms of styles are gone also; one paddle is gone altogether and the others are anything but water tight. The Gates are all fallen to hanging sides and the wheels that were under the adjusting rods are gone altogether. The flanges of the adjusting rods on which the wheels travelled have torn the floor which the gates worked on. The iron work is rusted as at some parts can be seen above the water. I would recommend a pair of new Gates and New floor for at present when the gates are closed there is more water going than is getting held. It is only when the tide is up against the back of them that they hold any water and that is no good as you want a low tide for flushing.

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

"That the report of the Sub-Committee in connection with Courtown Harbour be received and Considered."

In reply to Colonel Gibbon the County Surveyor stated it would not be possible to complete the work recommended by the Sub-Committee this year.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed:-

"That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be carried out. That the Department of Fisheries be asked to contribute half the cost of the estimate of the County Surveyor, viz., £2130. That the moiety of the expenditure to be provided by the County Council viz., £1065 be raised by loan from the Treasurer".

Mr. D'Arcy seconded. Passed.

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

"That, prior to the meeting of the County Council, to be held on 10th September, 1928, the County Surveyor prepare technical estimate report as to the practicability of the carrying out of

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the recommendations of the Sub-Committee, and also have drawings, explanatory of the work to be done, made."

Piers and Harbours Generally.

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

"That, as occasion allows, Composite plan to cover all the Piers and Harbours under the control of the County Council be prepared by the County Surveyor and placed in the County Council Chamber, for the information of the Councillors, particularly ~~when~~ works in connection with these piers and harbours are under consideration."

Site of Wexford Courthouse.

Under date 17th August, 1928, the Town Clerk, Wexford, wrote, forwarding the following resolution adopted at the meeting of Wexford Corporation on that date, with one dissentient, and 21 members out of a possible 24 being present:-

"That the Wexford County Council and the Minister of Finance be requested to have the destroyed County Courthouse rebuilt on its original site, on Commercial Quay, as the compensation awarded for the damage done on the building is ample for the purpose."

Colonel Quin mentioned that the County Council should ask the Corporation if they were prepared to provide the £5000, over and above the compensation awarded, necessary to restore the Courthouse on the old site.

The Secretary stated the following were the ground rents payable in regard to the Old Courthouse premises at Commercial Quay, Wexford:-

St. Vincent De Paul Society	£13 - 16 - 8.
Barry Estate.	12 - 0 - 0.
Redmond Estate.	136 - 10 - 4.
Hatchell Estate.	18 - 9 - 0.
Total.	£180 - 16 - 0.

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

"That the plans and estimates prepared ~~to~~ in connection with the proposals to restore the old Courthouse on Wexford Quay site, and to provide Courthouse at the old Jail premises be submitted to the following Sub-Committee:-

Colonel Gibbon, Messrs. Corish, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Hayes and the Chairman.

"That the attention of this Sub-Committee be drawn to the fact that the Council had already made an offer for the purchase of the interest of the Redmond Estate- 20 years purchase of the profit rent plus £40 for costs, total £1298, and that the question of a similar offer ~~for the~~ for the profit rents of the other ground landlords of the premises had been under consideration."

It was also decided that the Sub-Committee would deal with the complaint as to the manner in which the caretaker of the Courthouse premises at the Old Jail had been carrying out her duties as regards cleaning, etc.

New Ross-Camblin-Campile-Duncannon Road.

The following letter, under date 9th August, 1928 (R/RG/32), from the Department of Local Government (Roads) to Mr. Corish, T.D., was submitted:-

With reference to your representations in the matter, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he cannot commit the Road Fund in respect of the Loans proposed to be raised by the Wexford County Council for the improvement of the roads from Gorey to Wexford and from New Ross through Camblin to Campile and Duncannon. The matter was explained to the County Council in this Department's letter of the 16th May last, a copy of which is enclosed. I am, at the same time, to state that the Minister is prepared to consider the question of sanctioning a loan if application is made in the ordinary way by the County Council and on being furnished with the usual particulars

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in such cases. The necessary forms are enclosed.

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded:-

"That a sum of £4000 estimate of the County Surveyor for repair of New Ross-Camblin-Campile-Duncannon road, be raised by loan from the Council's Treasurer, period of repayment to be ten years, at the usual rate of ~~Interest~~ allowed to public bodies."

After a long discussion a vote was taken with the following result:-

For- Colonel Quin, Messrs. Corish, O'Byrne, D'Arcy, Hayes, Colfer, Jordan, Keegan, McCarthy, Maylor and Shamon- 11.

Against- Colonel Gibbon, Messrs. Culleton, Hall, Roche, Smyth and the Chairman.- 6.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

Gorey-Wexford Road.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hayes Seconded:-

"That the County Council be recommended to borrow a sum of £5,740, to carry out the necessary repairs to the Gorey-Wexford road, as per the County Surveyor's estimate, period for repayment to be ten years, Interest to be usual bank rate as allowed to public bodies."

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

For- Messrs. Corish, O'Byrne, Hayes, Colfer, McCarthy, and Shannon. - 6.

Against.- Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs. D'Arcy, Culleton, Jordan, Keegan, Hall, Roche, Maylor, Smyth and the Chairman. - 11.

Kilnahue Lane, -96G.

Under date 13th August, 1928, Mr. T.E. Ireton, Greagh, Gorey, called attention to two very dangerous corners at above. At one of these he had a narrow escape in his motor car in avoiding a collision with a horse and cart. At this point the road is only twelve feet wide.

Under date 17th August, 1928, Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, for the district wrote, stating he had inspected the road in company with the ganger and gave instructions to have bushes and

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other obstructions cleared away. Mr. Ireton informed the ganger he would communicate with the land agent as to the ownership of the land concerned and furnish what information he received to the ganger. Up to the present, information as to ownership was not forthcoming. The work in question would cost up to £15 but, as the road was subject to a small amount of traffic, he (Mr. Treanor) did not consider it advisable to recommend the work.

It was decided to make no order on the letter of Mr. Ireton.

Tottenhamgreen Bridge-Road 149R.

Letter was read from Mr. J. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, under date 13th August, 1928, stating that part of the wall at Tottenhamgreen Bridge had fallen and required rebuilding. As the foundation was uncertain he considered £25 should be set aside for the work. If the foundation was found to be good, there would not be more than 10 cubic yards of work necessary.

Drainage Matters.

Circular letter from the Department of Local Government, under date 3rd August, 1928, S. 55036/1928, Ilgh. (B.C.T.) relative to the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act, 1928, was read for the meeting; also, petition from residents of Boira, Kilmuckridge; letter from Office of Public Works relative to Sow Drainage Scheme; letter from Ratepayers concerned in this scheme; and letter from Mr. Philip Kelly, Ashfield, Palace, relative to drainage of 27 acres of his land.

It was decided that the above should be dealt with by the special Drainage Committee, recently appointed by the County Council.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:-

"That the Secretary purchase a copy of the Arterial Drainage (minor Schemes) Act, 1928, for the use of each of the members of the Drainage Committee."

Colonel Gibbon stated that he wished to have on record that no County Councillor accompanied the Chief Engineer of the Office of Public Works on his recent inspection of the Sow district although

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this statement appeared in the letter from the Office of Public Works, under date 16th August, 1928, (No. 16109/28.).

Erection of Overground Telegraphic Line.

Under date 2nd August, 1928, the Chief Engineer, Department of Posts and Telegraphs applied for the consent of the County Council to the erection of an overground telegraphic line along the road from Cain to Borough Boundary, Enniscorthy.

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

"That the Roads Committee consent to the placing of an overground telegraphic line along the road from Cain to the Borough Boundary, Enniscorthy, subject to the site of poles etc. being approved by the County Surveyor.

Carne Pier.

Under date 4th August, 1928, Mr. M.J. O'Connor, Solicitor, Wexford, wrote, confirming guarantee that the Committee of Carne Pier were prepared to provide any funds required for the repairs to this pier over and above the £350, allocated by the County Council for the purpose.

Electricity Supply-Shannon Scheme.

Under date 3rd August, 1928, letter was read from the Electricity Supply Board, Dublin, stating that they proposed to supply electricity in the town of Wexford. The necessary extensions and alterations of the existing mains would be carried out on wood poles, the erection of which would necessitate the breaking up of roads and footpaths, but care had been taken in the drawing of the plans and contracts to cause the minimum amount of disturbance. Provision had been made in the conditions of contract to avoid as far as possible damage to persons using the roadway and to the property of the County Council and Wexford Corporation.

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

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"That the County Council be recommended to give the necessary permission to the Electricity Supply Board for the erection of Electric Light Standards, etc., subject to the work being carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor and also as regards Wexford Urban District to the satisfaction of Wexford Borough Engineer.

Messrs. M.J. O'Connor, and Company, Solicitors, Gorey, wrote on behalf of Mr. Terence Breen, Church Street, Gorey, objecting to the site in which it was proposed to erect an Electric Light pole, by the Electricity Supply Board opposite his house and premises in St. Michael's Place, Gorey.

The site selected was just outside his wall on the footpath. Mr. Breen was quite willing that an alternative site should be given at the edge of the footpath about four feet further out.

Messrs. O'Connor and Co. stated that the officials of the Shannon Scheme were satisfied with this site if the County Council agreed.

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

"That permission, asked by Mr. Terence Breen, for change of site of Electric lighting pole at St. Michael's Place, Gorey, be granted, provided the work is carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

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

"That, as regards erection of Electric lighting poles which require support, the County Surveyor communicate with the Electricity Supply Board and point out that struts should be used to strengthen these poles where erected in towns, and not stays."

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

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"That we protest against the practice of erecting poles in connection with the Shannon Scheme on the footpath instead of at the kerb. We also desire to call attention of the Electricity Supply Board to the manner in which their employees are restoring footpaths in towns. In Gorey, for instance, complaint has been made to the Council that no steps were taken to restore broken footpaths to their original condition."

Closing of Road, 166G.

Sealed Order under date 11th August, 1928, was received from the Department of Local Government (Roads) as to the closing of Road 166G, between Cullentra Bridge and turn at Knockadawke for the period from the date of the said order to and including 30th September, 1928.

Proposed Abandonment of Road.

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

"That we apply to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for an Order for the abandonment of portion of road adjoining Rosslare Coastguard Station (No. 235W) as it had become dangerous owing to subsidence caused by coast erosion."

Enniscorthy Pound.

Under date 3rd August, 1928, a letter was received from Miss Katie O'Flaherty, one of the Hon. Secretaries of the Enniscorthy and District Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, pointing out that, as the poundkeeper at Enniscorthy received no remuneration for the keep of stray animals, the latter suffered, and, in her capacity as joint Hon. Secretary of the Local Society she put the matter before the Council in the hope that some satisfactory arrangement would be arrived at. The Nominal poundkeeper would be satisfied with £2 for to cover any cost incurred in dealing with stray animals.

The Secretary stated that this letter had been submitted to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, who held, (as he had already advised) that the County Council had nothing to say to

pounds or the payment of the caretakers thereof.

Ordered:- That a copy of the letter of Mr. Elgee, in connection with Enniscorthy Pound be furnished Miss O'Flaherty for her information.

Erection of Cart House.

Under date 13th August, 1928, Mr. Martin Kelly, Castle Ellis, applied for permission to erect cart house beside the public road at Castle Ellis.

Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, stated that the road at this particular place was 20 feet wide. It was proposed to erect the new building within two feet of the roadside.

It was decided that Mr. Cullen interview Mr. Kelly and explain to him that the County Council cannot agree to the erection of any building which was within 30 feet of the centre of a public road.

Kilnew Lane - Laying of Pipes.

Mr. Peter, Dempsey, Enniscorthy, applied for permission to put down 180 yards of 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " piping in Kilnew Lane, Blackwater, to bring water to cattle on his land. The piping would not cross the road at any point and would be sunk a safe distance.

Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, recommended that the application should be granted.

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

"That Mr. Peter Dempsey, Enniscorthy, be allowed to lay piping at Kilnew Lane, Blackwater in accordance with the terms of his letter of the 6th August, 1928, work to be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

Advertising Hoardings.

Messrs. David Allen and Sons Billposting Ltd., 40 Pearse Street, Dublin, applied, under date 19th August, 1928, for permission to erect two advertising hoardings at Esmonde Street and Arklow Road, Gorey, which, they understood, might encroach on the roadway or

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footpath to the extent of about 9 inches.

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

"That the application of Messrs. David Allen and Sons Billposting Ltd., 40 Pearse Street, Dublin, as to erection of advertising hoardings in Gorey town be refused."

House at Spawell Road.

Messrs. M. Furlong & Sons, tenants of house owned by the County Council at Spawell Road, Wexford, wrote under date 4th August, 1928, that they received the letter of the Council refusing to accept their offer to purchase their dwelling house at £100. They took it from this that the necessary repairs to the premises would be carried out as soon as possible.

Referred to the County Surveyor for detailed report as to repairs to be presented to next meeting of Roads Committee.

New Ross- Wexford Road.

Under date 31st August, 1928, Dr. W.F. Hearn, Bellevue, Newtown, New Ross, wrote as a frequent and constant user of the above road calling the attention of the County Council to parts not steamrolled and on which the surface was very bad. While potholes had been fairly well filled they afforded no relief, since as soon as one was filled, another appeared. Traffic over the road had considerably increased and was still growing. It was urgently needed that steamrolling of the eleven miles still undone should be carried out.

It was decided to inform Dr. Hearn that the County Council were doing what they could to keep this road in order with the money available.

Petrol Pump Licence.

Messrs. Moran and O'Brien, South Street, New Ross, applied under date 31st August, 1928, for permission to erect Petrol Pump Standard at South Street, New Ross. The tank was on their own premises. The carriage way at the particular point at

which it was proposed to erect the petrol pump standard was 40 feet wide while the footpath was ten feet wide.

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

"That the application of Messrs. Moran and O'Brien, South Street, New Ross, for permission to erect petrol pump standard be acceded to."

Side filling-Enniscorthy Road.

Mr. Hall gave notice to the County Surveyor to have for the next meeting of the Roads Committee particulars of the cost of the sidefilling of the concrete road between Wexford and Enniscorthy, giving the cost of material and labour separately.

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Road at Inch Creamery. Col. Quin, on behalf of the Sub-Committee appointed to deal with this road reported in detail as to defects of drainage, the blocking of the road by material for steam rolling and the neglect in removing margins.

The Chairman said all this was covered by the resolution of the Roads' Committee. He thought the Sub-Committee were making a mountain out of a molehill.

The County Surveyor said he would bring^{up}/at next meeting of Roads' Committee a recommendation to carry out some drainage as a tentative measure, and the report of the Sub-Committee could then be more carefully gone into.

This was agreed to.

Road at Rectory, Inch. The Sub-Committee appointed to visit the road at Inch Rectory reported several defects as regards its present condition.

It was decided that the matter be referred to next meeting of the Roads' Committee.

Courthown Harbour. The County Surveyor mentioned that he did not think it possible to change the design of the sluice gates, but he intended putting in three sluice openings in each gate. The work could be done locally.

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Wexford Courthouse.

Under date 6th September, 1928 the following was read from Messrs. Delap and Waller, Northern Bank Chambers, 115 Grafton Street, Dublin:-

In reply to your letter of 5th inst. with reference to above, we beg to forward to you herewith 2 draft schemes, which have already received your consideration, Scheme "A" having been estimated at a cost of £13,000 and scheme "B" at £10,000. Both these estimates are approximations as no detailed estimate was got out pending the decision of your Council with regard to instructions to us to proceed in the matter.

With reference to first estimate, I beg to forward copy of letter to Mr. Barry, dated 23/12/25 which explains itself.

With regard to the second estimate, you will remember that Scheme "B" was got out after consultation with the Local Government Board and the reductions based on their suggestions.

The following is copy of letter from Messrs. Delap and Waller to County Surveyor under date 23rd December, 1925.

Many thanks for yours of the 22nd. I note that you will be able to see me on the 28th, and I shall call at your office with the plans about 10.30. I have been into them very carefully with Mr. Orpen, and I think we have got the accommodation that was decided upon as being necessary. We have made an approximate estimate, going into the thing, as far as possible ~~at~~ this stage, and we find that the cost of reconstructing the building as shown on these plans will amount to about £13,000.

When I met you last, our first draft plans were dicussed, modified and approved, your Committee gave me instructions to go ahead, and I am not quite certain whether they did not intend that we should, without further reference to them get

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out quantities and proceed to ask for tenders for the actual work. Mr. Orpen and I discussed this matter and we decided that we would not be justified in going further than we have done until we have your approval. If we ^{had} gone ahead and asked for contract prices and got out quantities, we would have made the County Council liable for a considerable sum in fees for plans and quantities for a job that might turn out much larger than they had anticipated. Now, having our approximate estimate of £13,000, the County Council, if they give us instructions to go on, will know pretty well what they are rendering themselves liable for, and we will feel much more comfortable.

There is one other point, to which I wish to refer, I rather think it would be more regular if we had instructions under the seal of the Council, as I believe there is some legal difficulty about paying fees for such a job as this unless the whole procedure is absolutely in accordance with the lines laid down by the Local Government Board.

Under date 7th September, 1928 the following was read from Mr. James J. O'Connor, Solicitor, Wexford:-

"I have been instructed by a number of influential ratepayers of Wexford Town to act for them in connection with this matter (Wexford Courthouse). My clients are interested to ensure that the Courthouse will be rebuilt on the site of the old courthouse. I understand the matter has now been referred to a committee of the County Council for consideration. I shall be glad if you will kindly let me know ^{if} ~~the~~ the committee would kindly allow me to appear at its meetings and to submit my clients' views about the matter and evidence in support of their case. I shall be glad if you would kindly ask the County Council to instruct the County Surveyor to let me have copies of the scheme for the building of the courthouse on the Old Jail site, and all plans and particulars and estimates in connection with this and any other alternative scheme for the rebuilding of the courthouse so

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that I ~~may~~ have them examined. I would also be glad to have a copy of the estimate for the reconstruction of the courthouse on the old site. In view of the importance of the matter and of the interest taken in it by the ratepayers and the public generally, I feel assured that the County Council will only be too anxious to supply all the information that my clients may require, so that the whole matter may be investigated before any final decision is made."

In reply to Mr. D'Arcy, the Chairman said the special committee had to go into the matter first and he did not think there was any necessity for the Council to go into it.

Ald. Corish - Might I ask that Messrs. Delap and Orpens's letter that the jail would not be an economic site be submitted to the Committee also?

Ald. Corish, with reference to Mr. O'Connor's application said he did not think there would be any harm to listen to a statement from Mr. O'Connor, even though they could not give him all he asked for.

The Chairman suggested that Mr. O'Connor could call and see the plans, etc.

Mr. Hall-Why should you have the presence of Mr. O'Connor at a special committee meeting?

Ald. Corish-Why not? Don't you hear deputations every day, and you often hear a solicitor on a deputation? I don't suggest that Mr. O'Connor should remain during the deliberations of the special committee, but I suggest that we should hear him.

Col. Quin proposed that all business with regard to the Courthouse be left to the special committee, including Mr. O'Connor's letter.

Miss O'Ryan seonded. Passed.

The Chairman explained that of course, the special committee would only have power to make recommendations to the Council.

Col. Quin proposed that the special committee be allowed to call on Mr. Delap if necessary.

Mr. Keegan seconded and the proposition was passed.

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Room at Old Courthouse for County Registrar.

The Secretary reported that Mr. O'Flanagan, of the Ministry of Justice had called with a view ~~of~~ to obtaining the permission of the Council to use the Judge's room at the old courthouse, Wexford, for the County Registrar for work formerly performed by the sheriff. The County Council were saving the salary of the Sheriff (£200 per annum) by the fact that ~~this~~ work was now performed in the offices of the County Registrar.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor., considered that the County Council were bound to provide premises for the County Registrar to carry out his duties.

The following resolution ~~was~~ adopted on the motion of Col. Quin, seconded by Mr. Roche:-

"That judge's room in old courthouse, Wexford, be made available for County Registrar to enable him to carry out the duties performed formerly by the sheriff.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:-

"That the Ministry of Justice be requested to pay rent for the use of judge's room in old courthouse, Wexford, which is being placed at the disposal of the County Registrar by the County Council to enable him to perform the work formerly carried out by the sheriff.

It was arranged that the Sub-Committee relative to County Courthouse site meet in County Council Chamber, Wexford on 25th September, 1928, at 2.p.m.

New Ross-Camblin-Campile-Duncannon Road. After discussion as to the recommendations of the Roads' Committee in this matter, Mr. Cummins proposed and Col. Quin seconded the confirmation of the minute of the Committee.

Mr. Culleton moved and Mr. Hall seconded the following proposal:-

"That we dissent from the recommendation of the Roads' Committee to borrow the sum of £4,000 for the improvement of New Ross-Duncannon Road.

A poll was taken on the above motion with the following result:-

To confirm the recommendation of the Roads Committee:-

Messrs. Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gaul, Hayes, Jordan, Keegan, Mayler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Quin, Shannon, Walsh and Miss O'Ryan;- 18.

Against:- Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Roche, Smyth and the Chairman;- 8.

The Chairman declared the motion confirming the recommendation of the Committee carried.

Gorey-Wexford Road. Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hayes seconded the following resolution :-

"That we dissent from the recommendation of the Roads' Committee refusing to request the County Council to borrow £5740 for the improvement of Gorey-Wexford Road.

A poll was taken with the following result.

For the resolution:- Messrs. Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes McCarthy, O'Byrne, Shannon:- 10.

Against:- Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Keegan, Mayler, Murphy, Miss O'Ryan, Quin, Roche, Smyth, Walsh, and the Chairman:- 16.

The Chairman declared the resolution lost.

Electricity Supply Poles. The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan, seconded by Mr. Corish:-

That the following Sub-Committee be appointed to inspect

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electricity supply poles in Gorey town and district, in consequence of complaints received by the County Council as to the unsuitability of the sites of said poles in some cases, and to report to the Roads Committee the result of their inspection:- Col. Quin, Messrs. Keegan, D'Arcy, Hall, O'Byrne, Smyth, Mr. James Kelly, Chairman of Gorey Town Commissioners, and Mr. William Walsh, Town Commissioner, in conjunction with Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district. That we recommend the Roads' Committee to consider the advisability of appointing similar Sub-Committees for the three other districts in the County.

Mr. Elgee mentioned that Rev. Canon Willis, The Rector, Gorey, had called his attention to the position of a pole outside the Church and which would necessitate the cutting down of a tree. The Rector was anxious that the position of the pole be changed to the other side of the street.

The matter was referred to the Gorey Sub-Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. McCarthy:-

"That the Minutes of the Roads' Committee in respect of meeting held on the 3rd September, 1928, be and are hereby confirmed except in so far as same have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting.

General Road Matters.

Col. Gibbon proposed:-

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to procure recent books on Road Making and Improvement cost not to exceed £3.

The proposition was not seconded.

Mr. Cooney called attention to portions of the New Ross-Wexford Road which were in a bad state.

Referred to County Surveyor.

Mr. Hayes asked if some arrangement could be made to employ the men recently engaged at hand-breaking on Forth Mountain as they were on the verge of starvation.

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The County Surveyor said he would look into the matter and see at next meeting of the Roads' Committee if anything could be done to meet the request of Mr. Hayes.

Mr. Gaul called attention to dangerous corner at Clonard Cross near Wexford.

The County Surveyor stated he had a note to deal with this matter as soon as practicable.

Gorey Hill Quarry.

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

"That the County Surveyor be directed to put in force the resolution of the Council as to hand-breaking of material in Gorey Hill Quarry.

Clonhaston Quarry.

Mr. Shannon proposed and Mr. O'Eyrne seconded the following resolution:-

"That the suspension by the County Surveyor of the four men in Clonhaston Quarry who have refused to become members of a recognised trades union, be confirmed.

A show of hands was taken when it was found that six were in favour and six against. The other members had left at this stage.

The Chairman gave ~~xxx~~ his casting vote against and then declared the motion lost.

Mr. Shannon said that the Chairman was guilty of an illegal act in voting against this resolution until such time as the resolution of the Council, making it obligatory on workers to be members of a recognised trade union had been finally annulled.

The Chairman said that Mr. Shannon could take any action he desired as regards his (Chairman's) action in this matter.

Notices of Motion.

Tuberculosis Hospital.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice

was moved by Mr. Gaul, seconded by Col. Quin, and adopted:-

"That the Wexford County Council hereby consents to the borrowing by the County Wexford Board of Health of a sum of £3,052 for the purchase and equipment of Brownswood Buildings as a Tuberculosis Hospital for the County".

Col. Quin seconded the motion which passed without dissent.

Petrol Pump at Gorey.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. Keegan, and seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:-

"That the resolution of the County Council refusing to grant Messrs. Bates and Sons, Gorey, licence for petrol pump (the tank of which is under footpath) be rescinded and that said licence issue. Messrs. Bates and Sons are selling a cheap grade of petrol from pump in question and which ~~is~~ a great convenience to a large section of the public".

A poll was taken on the motion with the following result:-

For-Messrs. Clince, Cooney, Cummins, D'Arcy, Doran, Jordan, Keegan, Murphy, Shannon, Smyth, Walsh, and Miss O'Ryan..... 12.

Against-Messrs. Brennan, Corish, Culleton, Gaul, Gibbon, Hall, Hayes, Mayler, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin, Roche and the Chairman;- 13.

Mr. Colfer declined to vote.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr Hall :- That steps should be taken to authorise Inspectors under Weights and Measures Acts to test the accuracy of supplies of petrol from petrol pumps

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Road and Quarry Workers as Trade Unionists.

Councillor Jordan moved the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That the resolution of the County Council compelling workers to be members of ~~any~~ ~~trade~~ union be rescinded".

In moving his motion Mr. Jordan said he was influenced principally by the fact of the dismissal of men because they ~~did~~ not belong to a union. He maintained that they had no right to force men to join any organisation, and even if they had they should not force them to do it.

Mr. Hall seconded.

Mr. Shannon said it appeared very strange to him that Mr. Jordan or any member of his party should move such a resolution when they had stated from public platforms that every farmer in the County should be a member of the Farmers' Union. The resolution referred to had been passed when the farmers were in the majority and at a time when it was not fashionable to be a member of the County Council. Stranger still he saw in the papers a few days ago that the chairman, at a meeting of the Beet Growers' Association, proposed that the Beet Factory put into their next agreement with the Growers that they should be members of the Association. He held that the Association ~~and~~ the union were kindred associations, and, therefore, he was surprised at his friend and colleague moving that motion.

Mr. Hayes said he held that there was very little use in saying anything in defence of the resolution, for, to his mind, it was ~~an~~ ~~foregone~~ conclusion, that it would be removed. He had been closely connected with the union the resolution applied to, and it should be borne in mind that the resolution

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had served the best interests of the County Council, and that there had not been one moment of a hold-up from the inception of the direct labour scheme to the present day. They could contrast that state of affairs with other counties, where work was suspended. He knew well that the representatives of the farming community on the County Council had no love for the Transport union, but there was no use in anyone going to get into his mind that the rescinding of the resolution would be the death knell of trades unionism, in the county. Trades unionism would live on. It would be detrimental to the County Council to remove the resolution, and it was a very retrograde step to move that it be rescinded. He held that there was no hardship to any man that was employed, and that it was an honourable thing to be a member of a trades union and an honourable thing for a farmer to be a member of a farmers' union.

Miss O'Ryan said it was the old Sinn Fein County Council that put the resolution on the books, believing it was fair and right, and she still held that Labour should have the protection of such a resolution. As it was put on in good faith she would like to see it continued, but she wanted to say that the Labour Party abused the power given them, and turned it into a political ^{weapon} ~~power~~ to fight their campaign in elections. She had the case of one man she ^{knew} ~~was~~ ~~put on~~ to be a road worker, and because he was a Republican they said he could not continue on.

Chairman-We don't want to develop into politics.

Miss O'Ryan-We all have a right to our own politics.

Continuing, Miss Ryan said that another man in Tara Hill district applied for membership and was refused, being told that they had enough men on the roads. She held that the Labour Party had abused their power, but hoping that they would come back and use it in the right direction, she thought it would be only right that the resolution should remain on the books.

The Labour People should get protection, and should have their Union

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Mr. Keegan said he thought Mr. Jordan never moved his motion to injure the worker. He (Mr. Keegan) was going to take no part in the discussion owing to the fact that it was a quarrel between two trades union bodies, of neither of which he was a member. He could bear out Miss O'Ryan's statement with regard to the penalisation of people, but at the same time there was no reason why the resolution should be taken off the books. There was no doubt that it had been abused, but, perhaps the farmers' union abused each other too. He wanted to have unity between all parties, and he did not think the people who sent him there would want him to create dissension between employers and employed. There had been a certain amount of abuse, but he had to say that if men of the type of Alderman Corish and others knew what went on in outlying branches they would not tolerate it.

Alderman Corish said one wondered whether it was worth while to say anything as to whether the resolution should be left on the books or not. Certainly he would not hesitate to give a bit of his mind to any official of the Union who would abuse the resolution. He remembered well the day the resolution was passed, immediately subsequent to a County Council election. Even though on that Council were certain men belonging to both Labour and the Farmers' Party, they were all certainly Sinn Fein in outlook, and the resolution to have trades unionist workers in connection with the direct labour scheme was passed unanimously. The Council at that time recognised the value of organised labour. They recognised that organised labour did its part every time it was called upon to do so, and it should be recognised by farmers that it was organised labour with Sinn Fein that prevented their sons from being dragged out to fight for England, though there were men present who, perhaps, would be against organised labour, because they did that. He did not think that organised labour

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as a body abused any power. There might have been occasions when Union Secretaries did what they should not have done, and he had abused them for that. He did not think it would be any harm to ask Mr. Jordan to adjourn his motion for three months, and in the meantime there could be an inquiry into matters. They never insisted that a man should pay down money to the union before he was employed, but afterwards they asked that he should contribute to the association. He would ask Mr. Jordan in the interests of everybody concerned-in the interests of the Council and the workers and people at the moment not working with the Council- to let an independent investigation be made, and he thought it would be found that organised labour was anxious to co-operate with the Council in the best interests of the Council.

Colonel Gibbon said he wished to state that when they had big agricultural troubles he was one of the parties that came to an agreement with the Transport Union, and that agreement was faithfully carried out. As a director of the Carlow Sugar Factory, he also had dealings with the union, and he had always found them carry out their side of the bargain. However, from the County Council point of view he was not quite certain that the arrangement with regard to labour was quite sound. They were compelling their workers to belong to an organisation which was represented on the County Council by the elected representatives of the Transport Union. Those representatives were in the County Council in a dual capacity- they were there primarily looking after the interests of members of their union, but they should be there primarily looking after the interests of the ratepayers.

Mr. Hayes-So we are.

Continuing, Col. Gibbon said that there was too much of a tendency for the Labour representatives to, rightly or wrongly vote for increases of money to be spent to keep the members of their union going, as opposed to the interests of ratepayers.

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He thought that was a false position for the Labour representatives to be putting themselves in, and he thought they should welcome a standing up in the Council and not being compelled to vote for what they might see, in the interests of the Council, was wrong.

Mr. O'Byrne, said that Col. Gibbon was there in a dual capacity in the same way as he mentioned that the members of the Transport Union were, as he was looking after the interests of the Farmers' Union. He challenged Col. Gibbon to show that the Transport Union advocated the spending of money without value for it. He held that they got value for the money spent, and he did not think that anyone would care more for value than the members of the Union. The biggest cause of the trouble with the union now was that the union stood for efficiency, and it was the inefficient man who was kicking up the row. They had always stood for a day's work for a day's wages. They ^{made} ~~was~~ not case for a man who was brought up for inefficiency, and they did not back up a man when it would be shown that he was not giving satisfaction. They hammered into the people who were working the necessity of giving value for money, and they held out that they got that. They held that they got better value for money in the County than in any other County in Ireland, and the man working on the road and the man who represented him on the Council were as anxious for success as any member could be. He believed if they took the resolution off the books they would not be glad for having done so.

Mr. Roche held there was no similarity between the Transport Union and the Beet Growers' Association.

Mr. Shannon—They are kindred associations.

Mr. Roche said that men were paid by the Beet Growers' Association to look after their produce in the factory. Ninety-two per cent of the growers were in the association, and eight per cent were not, and the eight per cent were having their work done for nothing. Did Mr. Shannon think it fair to have beet

handled and sampled without paying for that work? He could not see how that compared with the Transport Union at all.

Mr. Jordan said there was not much to say in reply to the references to his motion. Most of the remarks were irrelevant. They went back eight or nine years, but he did not see what that had to do with the matter at all. The impression would be taken from the speeches that he was against trades unionism.

Ald. Corish-I did not say that.

Mr. Jordan said he wanted to get freedom for the men to join or not join the union as they wished. He did not see how that was against trades unionism. He thought that some one made a statement that no one was asked to pay money before being taken on in employment, but he could mention cases where men were asked, and one case of a man who was out of employment for twelve months.

Mr. Corish proposed:-

"That consideration of Mr. Jordan's notice of motion be adjourned for three months; in the meantime that the Council make any investigations they may consider necessary to ascertain any hardships which it is alleged were inflicted on workers, and as to how the resolution to employ only trades unionists had affected road and quarry work generally in the County."

Mr. Gaul seconded.

A poll was taken on Mr. Corish's amendment with the following result:-

For-Miss O'Ryan, Ald Corish, Messrs. Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Kedgan, McCarthy, O'Byrne and Shannon.....	12.
Against-Col. Quin, Col. Gibbon, Messrs Brennan, Colleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Hall, Walsh, Jordan, Mayler, Murphy, Roche, Smyth and the Chairman.....	14.

The Amendment was declared lost.

A poll was then taken on Mr. Jordan's motion with the following result:-

For:- Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall
Jordan, Mayler, Murphy, Quin, Roche, Smyth, Walsh, and the
Chairman..... 14.

Against:- Messrs. Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins,
Gaul, Hayes, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Miss Ryan, and Shannon..... 11.

Mr. Keegan declined to vote.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. O'Byrne gave
notice of motion to rescind Mr. Jordan's resolution, and the
secretary mentioned that Mr. Jordan's proposition could not be
effective until Mr. O'Byrne's motion was disposed of, and no
steps could be taken to interfere with the resolution on the
books in the meantime.

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Membership of County Board of Health.

The following motion of which previous notice had been given stood in the name of Mr. Shannon:-

"That we, the County Council of Wexford County, consider the present constitution of Health Boards, as far as numbers are concerned, inadequate to properly deal with the work entrusted to them. A membership of ten spread over a large area cannot have that personal knowledge of many matters which is essential. We ~~there~~^{therefore} call on the Government to introduce legislation to have the membership increased to twenty so ~~that~~ all districts will have proper representation. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Local Government Minister, the five T.D.'s for the County and all County Councils in the Saorstát and the General Council of County Councils".

Under date 6th September, 1928, the following was read from the Town Clerk, Enniscorthy:-

" I am directed to acknowledge your letter of the 4th August, relative to the representation of Enniscorthy town on the County Board of Health, and in reply to state that my Council desire to protest in the strongest possible manner on the constitution of the Health Board on which Enniscorthy is not represented, and requesting one of the Wexford Representatives to resign to allow a representative from Enniscorthy to be elected. "

Mr. Shannon, in proposing the motion, said it was impossible for the present Health Board in the County to do all its work because of the large area which had no representation. There was a membership of twenty on the Mental Hospital Committee. In connection with the County Health Board they had the administration of the County Hospital, the County Home, and auxiliary hospitals and cottages. He believed his resolution would be favourably considered by the Government when it was dealt with by the other public bodies in the Saorstát.

Mr. W.P. Keegan, seconding, said that Gorey as well as Enniscorthy was without a representative on the Health Board.

In Gorey the nearest representative was Col. Quin, who lived three miles from the town, and Mr. Hall, who lived 12 miles away, and which consequently involved a certain amount of hardship on the people.

Mr. Jordan, Chairman of the Heath Board, said it was his opinion that the present membership of that body was quite sufficient, and it would be agreed that more efficiency was obtained by having small membership. The work of the Health Board was of a general character, and he could not see any advantage in increasing the membership.

Mr. P. Hayes supported the motion.

In reply to Mr. T.F. D'Arcy, the Secretary stated that the Mental Hospital Committee and the County Committee of Agriculture comprised twenty and twenty-five members respectively.

Mr. D'Arcy-Do you say those bodies have more to do than the Health Board.

The Chairman (Mr. M. Doyle) said he had no desire to stop the increase of membership, but if they increased the number of members they would require four days a month instead of two, as at present, to do the work of the Board. He knew what the work of the Board was, and that it had been found difficult to do it with ten members in two days. If the membership increased it would probably take another day or two to do that work. At the present time they had an excellent staff of officials. The interests of the people were not being neglected, and he would not have it said that they had been neglected. At the meeting of the General Council of County Councils, when the matter of increasing the membership of the Health Board was discussed it was advocated that they be made smaller. He did not mind if they increased the membership, but in his opinion the work of the Board would not be as efficiently done.

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The following candidates failed at examination:-

Messrs. Patrick Tobin, Marshallstown, Enniscorthy;
 James French, Ballyshane, Camolin.
 Robert Moulds, Camolin.
 Mrs. Margaret Doyle, Ballycoursey, Enniscorthy;
 Denis Kenny, Ballyconran, Craanford;
 Charles T. Smith, 63, Main Street, Gorey;
 Peter Connolly, 8 Pearse, Street, Gorey;
 Michael Breen Timashrule, Ferns;
 Morgan Murphy, Railway Cottage, Camolin;
 Peter Somers, Killowen, Gorey;
 Philip O'Neill, Ballyconran, Craanford and
 Michael Condren, Killybegs, Inch.

It was decided that a poll be taken between all eligible candidates.

This resulted as follows:-

For Forde-Nil.

For Doran-D'Arcy, Keegan, O'Byrne, and Walsh... 4.

For Kealy- Messrs. Cooney, Corish, Hayes and Shannon... 4.

For Dunne:-Messrs. Brennan, Cline, Culleton, Doran, Gaul,
 Gibbon, Jordan, Mayler, McCarthy and Murphy... 10.

For Smith-Messrs. Smyth and the Chairman... 2.

For Funge- Miss O'Ryan... 1.

For Bolger-Messrs Colfer, Cummins, Hall and Roche... 4.

Forde and Funge having dropped out a poll was taken between
 Messrs. Doran, Kealy, Dunne, Smith and Bolger with the following
 result:-

For Doran- Messrs. D'Arcy, Keegan, O'Byrne, Walsh, and Miss
 O'Ryan... 5.

For Kealy-Messrs. Cooney, Corish, Hayes and Shannon... 4.

For Dunne-Messrs. Brennan, ~~Smith~~ Cline, Culleton, Doran,
 Gaul, Gibbon, Jordan, Mayler, McCarthy and Murphy 10.

For Smith-Smyth and the Chairman... 2

For Bolger-Messrs. Colfer, Cummins, Hall and Roche... 4.

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Smith now dropped out and a poll was taken between Doran, Kealy, Dunne and Bolger with the following result:-

For Doran-Messrs. D'Arcy, Keegan, O'Byrne, Smyth, Walsh and Miss O'Ryan.....6.

For Kealy-Messrs Cooney, Corish, Hayes and Shannon.....4.

For Dunne-Messrs. Brennan, Cline, Culleton, Doran, Gaul, Gibbon, Jordan, Mayler, McCarthy and Murphy.....10.

For Bolger-Messrs. Colfer, Cummins, Hall, Roche and the Chairman.....5.

Kealy now dropped out and a poll was taken between Doran, Dunne, and Bolger with the following result:-

For Doran-Messrs. D'Arcy, Keegan, O'Byrne, Smyth, Walsh and Miss O'Ryan.....6

For Dunne-Messrs. Brennan, Cline, Culleton, Doran, Gaul, Gibbon, Jordan, Mayler, McCarthy, Murphy and Shannon.....11

For Bolger-Messrs. Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Hall, Hayes, Roche, and the Chairman.....8

The final poll which was between Dunne and Bolger was then taken with the following result:-

For Dunne-Messrs. Brennan, Cline, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gaul, Gibbon, Jordan, Mayler, McCarthy, Murphy, Shannon and Walsh13.

For Bolger-Messrs. Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, O'Byrne, Roche, Smyth, Miss O'Ryan and the Chairman.....12.

Col. Quin had left before any vote was taken.

The Chairman declared Mr. Dunne elected.

Mr. Dunne thanked the members for his election and promised to do all in his power to give satisfaction in the discharge of his duties.

In reply to the Chairman he said he would reside in the District if necessary.

The following is a copy of Mr. Dunne's application for the

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position.

I beg to apply for the position of Rate Collector for No. 15 district (Gorey Urban, Rural etc.).

I possess a fairly good standard of education, and if appointed shall endeavour to fulfil my duties in a conscientious and efficient manner.

I enclose copy of reference from Rev. R. Gaul, C.C. Court-nacuddy.

Old Age Pension Sub-Committee No. 7.

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

"That Mr. James E. Walsh, M.C.C. be appointed to fill the vacancy existing on the No. 7 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee.

University Scholarships.

The Committee of the Academic Council of University College, Dublin, wrote under date 5th September, 1928 recommending the award of University Scholarships to the following:-

Thomas B. Larrissey, Duncannon. 1073 marks.

Margaret Frayne, Courtnacuddy, Enniscorthy. 1034 Marks

Patrick Hickey, 7 O'Neill's Terrace, Enniscorthy. 967mark

The following resolution was proposed by Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted:-

"That University Scholarships be awarded T.B. Larrissey, Margaret Frayne, and Patrick Hickey in accordance with recommendation of the Academic Council of University College, Dublin, and also in accordance with the application forms of these students."

"That the University Authorities be requested to consider the desirability of recommending the Council to award University Scholarship to Joseph, G. Cullen, 16 Monck Street, Wexford, (687 marks) the Council being of opinion that he would benefit by a University course.

St. Helen's Harbour.

The following signatures

was read:-

"We the undersigned would respectfully ask a few moments of your attention. We live in the district between Rosslare and Carnsore and the great majority of us derive or did derive a good portion of our living from fishing.

In our grandfathers' and even in our Fathers' time a brisk trade was done in fishing in this locality. The Harbour of St. Helen's was in good order, so that fishing boats might enter or leave at any state of the tide.

When it is stated with truth ~~that~~ years ago almost a hundred persons were engaged at fishing here: when Wexford town had a large fleet of boats which often had to run here for shelter: when all necessaries were supplied to The Tuskar after its being built over a hundred years ago, the importance of this fishing port can be imagined.

It is the nearest point of land to the Tuskar which is looked upon as one of Ireland's greatest fishing grounds,

For a variety of reasons St. Helen's for the past thirty years or more had been gradually going into disuse. The landing from the sea became every year more difficult-until at last the Harbour is completely blocked up.

The Minister of Fisheries visited the place recently in company with Mr. Michael Doyle, M.C.C. and was much impressed with what he saw. We have both his oral and written promise that if the County Council would be willing to put up a certain amount he also would be willing to put an amount in proportion.

We therefore appeal to the Wexford County Council to look upon the project with favour. We do not wish to be in the position of lookers ^{on} whilst the work would be in progress. We would do all in our power to facilitate the work such as carting of material etc.

As through want of landing facilities the fishing declined it would be but natural to expect that, were the Harbour improved

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the fishing would improve in proportion, thereby finding remunerative employment for a great number of persons.

A deputation from our body will wait upon the County Council and will be prepared to give all the information in their power.

(Signed). James D'Arcy, C.C. Kilrane, (Chairman).
Patrick O'Enien, Ballywell, (Secretary).
James Stafford, St. Helen's, Kilrane.
Patrick Furlong, Churchtown, Kilrane.
Patrick Hagan, Ballygillane Little.
Michael Ferguson, Ballygillane.
John Pierce, Boher.
John Wickham, Waddingsland.
William McCormack, Bing.
Richard McCormack, Bing.
John Pitt, Bing.
Joseph Pitt, Bing.
William Codd, Bing.
John Cleary, Ballyknockan.
James Hagan, Ballygillane.
William Doyle, Ballygillane.
Nicholas Pierce, Kilrane.
William Tobin, Churchtown, Kilrane.
Mathew Hayes, Harristown, Kilrane.
John Hayes, Harristown, Kilrane.
Walter McCormack, Bing, Kilrane.
John Hore, Boker, Kilrane.
William Ferguson, Tenacre, Kilrane.
William Leary, Killalane, Kilrane.
John Lambert, Killalane, Kilrane.
Thomas Furlong, St. Helen's, Kilrane.
John Carr, St. Helen's, Kilrane.
Richard Leary, Killane, Kilrane.
James Wickham, Rosslare Harbour.

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Thomas Purcell, Waddingsland.

Gerald Hore, Boker, Kilrane.

Thomas Codd, St. Helen's Kilrane.

Richard Fenlon, Kilrane.

The following ^{attended} deputation/to support the memorial:-

P. O'Brien, Secretary to Fishermen's Association, Mr. Wickham, Coxwain of Rosslare Life Boat, and Mr. O'Leary, a local fisherman.

The Chairman explained that some years ago there was a flourishing industry in connection with the harbour but fishing lapsed during the war as work on the land was more remunerative. Now things had altered and work on the land not being so profitable the fishermen had returned to their own avocation. There were 15 families dependant on the industry and the Minister for Fisheries had promised ~~this~~ that his Department would provide £300 towards the repair of the Harbour if the County Council would put up £200, as it was calculated that the repairs would cost £500.

Mr. O'Leary stated that some years ago 40 families derived a living from fishing in connection with the Harbour.

Col. Gibbon said that the pier was originally maintained by the Landlord who gave a certain amount of assistance himself with free labour from all the fishermen living in the locality. That method of keeping the pier in repair lapsed a good many years ago, and now, of course, as the land had been purchased out there was no landlord to help. One man who lived near the place promised to put the pier in order with the help of the fishermen, but, unfortunately he died a week after he made the promise. He (Col. Gibbon) agreed with the estimate of the County Surveyor that it would cost £750 to put the place into a proper condition. With all the goodwill in the world the Minister for Fisheries could not do anything until the money had been provided in the new National budget.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, said that the pier was not scheduled under the Act of Parliament and the County Council could not

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spend money on any pier which was not scheduled by statute.

Col. Quin proposed and Mr Culleton seconded a resolution referring the matter to the Roads ' Committee.

Mr Keegan proposed the following which was seconded by Mr Gaul:-

"That this Council are prepared to contribute 40 per cent of the cost of repairs to St Helen's Harbour on a total expenditure not exceeding £750, and provided any legal difficulty in the matter can be overcome."

After discussion, Col. Quin withdrew his motion, and that of Mr Keegan was agreed to without dissent.

County Library Service.

The County Librarian forwarded copy of the following letter from the Local Government Department, under date 4th August, 1928, (No G 52211/1928, Loch Garman P.F.)::-

Adverting to your letter of the 20th ultimo, transmitting copy of report on the manner in which Miss E.M.Doyle, Assistant Librarian, discharged her duties since appointment, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he assents to the appointment of Miss Doyle on a permanent basis as Assistant Librarian.

In connection with the new library premises, the Local Government Department forwarded copy of the following letter (G.60012/1928, Loch Garman P.F.), which had been forwarded to the Library Committee:-

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo, and to draw your attention to Sections 9 and 13 of the Public Libraries (Ireland) Act, 1855, as adapted to County Councils by Section 65 of the Local Government Act, 1925. The acquisition of new library premises is a matter for the County Council in the first instance, and will require the prior sanction of this Department. Particulars of the specific proposal should be submitted through the County Council for the Minister's consideration.

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

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"That we hereby confirm the following resolution adopted by this Council on the 11th June, 1928:-

"That the County Council agree to the Library Committee renting the premises on the Quay, Wexford~~ark~~ recently occupied by Messrs. Thompson Brothers, rent to be £65 per annum, premises to be held free of all ^{rates} ~~rent~~ and taxes, tenancy to be determinable at any time by six months' notice in writing on either side.

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

"That, as recommended by Library Committee, the names of Miss O'Ryan, M.C.C. and Miss Kathleen Browne, Rathronan Castle, Bridgetown, be added to the Library Committee".

Superannuation, Mr. B.J. O'Flaherty, Solicitor
to late Gorey Rural District Council.

Under date 22nd August, 1928, the Local Government Department wrote (G.58020/1928 Loch Garman Sa) that the Minister had consented to the superannuation allowance of £15-;6-6 to Mr. B.J. O'Flaherty in respect of his services as Solicitor to the late Gorey Rural District Council.

Auditor's Report.

Under date 1st August, 1928 the Department of Local Government wrote (A.S. 53377/28 Loch Garman F.b.) forwarding the following copy of the report of their Auditor on his audit of the accounts of the County Council:-

"I beg to report that I have audited the accounts of the Wexford County Council for the two half-years ended 30-9-27 and 31-3-28. Certified copies of the abstracts are forwarded herewith.

The following table will permit a comparison of the rate struck for the service of the year 1927-28 with the rate struck for the year 1923-14.

	<u>Enniscorthy</u>		<u>Gorey</u>		<u>New Ross</u>		<u>Wexford.</u>	
	1913-14	1927-28	1913-14	1927-28	1913-14	1927-28	1913-14	1927-28
Rate in the £. (General)	s.d. 4/6	s.d. 8/8	s.d. 4/4	s.d. 8/8	s.d. 5/2	s.d. 8/8	s.d. 4/2	s.d. 8/8
Rate in the £. (Separate Charges Leviable off the entire rural district)	3	1/0 $\frac{1}{4}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	6 $\frac{1}{4}$
Total.	4/9	9/8 $\frac{3}{4}$	4/7 $\frac{1}{2}$	9/5 $\frac{1}{2}$	9/4 $\frac{1}{2}$	9/5 $\frac{1}{4}$	4/4 $\frac{1}{4}$	9/2 $\frac{3}{4}$

In so far as the occupiers of Agricultural land are concerned the above rate was reduced by an average amount of 1/7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in the £. in respect of each of the four districts in 1913-14; and in the year 1927-28 by the sum of 2/4 in the £. the said reductions representing the division of the Agricultural Grant applicable to the respective years. The Agricultural Grant in 1927-28 would have permitted a rebate of 3/3 in the £. but provision for the repayment of the loan raised under the Rates on Agricultural Land Act which would have entailed a levy of 11d. in the £. on agricultural land was made by deduction from the rebate allowable. The Council's records for 1913-14 and some previous and subsequent years were destroyed in 1922 and as a consequence a comparison of the items making up the rates for the years given in the table is not possible.

The Rate Collector for Number 15 district failed to account for the sum of £832.12.6. collected by him and I have charged this sum against him in accordance with the provisions of ~~the~~ section 20 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1902. The Collector was however covered by a fidelity Bond, and the issuing Company has now admitted liability and will, it is expected, reimburse the Council in the course of a week or two to the full extent of the amount embezzled.

All insurance renewal premiums have been paid to date. The accounts were well kept and presented for audit in satisfactory manner.

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Road Grants.

The Secretary reported that since last meeting of the Council Road Grants amounting to £15,030 -12-8d had been received from the Local Government Department.

Food and Drugs Act.

Under date 11th August, 1928 the Department of Agriculture wrote (L. 2653-28) stating that an officer of the Department had obtained twenty samples of butter for analyses at the following places:-

New Ross 4: Enniscorthy 4: Ferns:4: Buncloody 4:
and Gorey 4. The Public Analyst certified that all samples taken proved to be genuine.

County Insurance Committee.

Under date 14th August, 1928, the National Health Insurance Commission wrote (9847/28) that Mr. Sean O'Byrne, M.C.C. was already a member of the County Insurance Committee and the Council were accordingly requested to appoint a representative in his place.

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

"That Mr. James Gaul, M.C.C., Carrigeen Street, Wexford, be appointed a representative of the Wexford County Council on the County Insurance Committee.

Poisons and Pharmacy Act Licences.

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

That new licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act issue to James Hennessy, South Street, New Ross and renewals of licences under said Act issue to Laurence Codd, 25 and 26 Main Street, Enniscorthy; Joseph J. Haughton, Ferns, and Robert Rackard, Killanne, Enniscorthy.

Motor Taxation.

The following resolution was received from Westmeath County Council:-

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"That this Council call on the Government to abolish the present system of Road taxation as the present system is very unfair and that we ask our T.D.'s to support us in the matter.

It was decided that the ~~resolution~~ be marked read as it suggested no alternative to the present method of taxation.

Land Commission Annuities.

The following resolution was received from Kerry County Council:-

"That the County Councils of the Free State be asked to co-operate in forwarding a requisition to the Dail with the view to see the annuities are kept and spent in this Country."

"RESOLVED:- That the Kerry County Council ask the Land Commission to accept not less than 10% yearly of arrears from defaulting land annuitants together with current rent with a view to allowing them let their land for grazing or meadowing or for obtaining a loan from the local co-operative Society, as such Societies, it is understood will be asked in the near future to lend some of the funds of the Agricultural Credit Corporation. Those defaulters have no hope of any relief at present until the arrears question is arranged. The individual, the ratepayers, and the State are losing at the present time. That copies be forwarded to the other Councils of the Free State."

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. McCarthy proposed as an amendment the adoption of the resolution with the omission of the first paragraph. Mr Culleton seconded.

On a show of hands this was carried by nine to five.

The other members had left at this state of the proceedings.

Republican Prisoners.

The following resolution from Galway County Council was proposed by Miss O'Ryan and seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:-

"That the Council demand of the Free State Government

the immediate release of all Republican Prisoners in Irish Jails. That copy of resolution be sent to each County Council in Ireland."

The Chairman declined to accept the resolution~~as~~ he stated it was political.

Women Prisoners' Defence League.

Miss O'Ryan proposed:-

"That the leaflet forwarded this Council by the Women Prisoners' Defence League be forwarded to the Press through the County Council.

Mr. Hayes seconded.

Mr. McCarthy ~~proposed~~:-

"That the Council proceed to the next business.

Mr. Hall seconded.

The Chairman declined to accept the proposal of Miss O'Ryan and said he would rule the matter out of order..

Meetings of Committees.

It was decided that Drainage Sub-Committee should meet at 10.30 on the 25th September, 1928., Courthouse Sub-Committee on the same day at 2.0'clock and the Scholarships Sub-Committee on the 29th September, at 10.30.a.m. all at County Council Chamber, Wexford.

Campaign for Renunciation of War etc.

Letter from Dublin Committee re above was laid before the meeting, but no action was taken.

*Mr. McCarthy
Oct. 8th 1928*

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF MEETING.

HELD ON 8TH OCTOBER, 1928.

The monthly meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 8th October, 1928.

Present: Messrs. J. Brennan, J. Clince, P. Colfer, T. Cooney, R. Corish, J. Culleton, J. Cummins, T.F. D'Arcy, J. Doran, J. Gaul, Colonel Gibbon, J. Hall, P. Hayes, M. Jordan, W.P. Keegan, T. Mayler, T. McCarthy, J. Murphy, Sean-O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Colonel Quin, M.M. Roche, M. Smyth and J.E. Walsh.

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

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Quin, the chair was taken by Mr. Thomas McCarthy.

Subsequently Mr. Doyle, Chairman, attended (after the minutes had been read and signed) and presided for the remainder of the business.

Mr. Shannon (Vice-Chairman) also attended at the same time and was present for the rest of the business.

Confirmation of Minutes of Committees.

Finance Committee. The minutes of meeting of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 13th September, 1928 were submitted:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 13th September, 1928.

Present:- Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman (presided)

Also present:- Messrs. Sean O'Byrne, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy, J.E. Walsh and James Hall.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Killenagh Dispensary.

Mr. Hall gave notice of intention to move at the meeting of the County Council to be held on the 12th November, 1928, that the County Council consent to the County Board of Health borrowing £190 for the purpose of building a new dispensary at Killenagh, Gorey District.

Rate Collection.

The following shows the amount of Rates outstanding in connection with the collection of rate for year 1927-28:-

J.J. O'Reilly, (No. 13 District) £19.17.2; Thomas Rowe £41.8.9. E.J. Murphy £49.13.6; J. Curtis £71.7.1; J. Doyle £132.14.0; J.J. Sinnott £161.13.4; J. Quirke £183.9.3; Sean Gannon £204.15.11; P. Donohoe £225.17.11; J. Cummins £235.2.0; W. Cummins £245.14.6; M. Deegan, £260.1.6; T. Sutton £334.17.5; P. Furlong £338.1.4. P. O'Byrne £353.1.5. P. Doyle £357.8.3; M.M. Kelly £435.3.1. B. Cleary £433.6.7; M. McCarthy £816.14. 7.; J.J. Kelly £847.10.3; J.J. O'Reilly (for No. 15 District) £1152.17.4.

Total 1928 rate outstanding £6890.5.4.

Under date 12th September, 1928, Collector J.J. Kelly (No. 14 District) who had been summoned to meeting of Finance Committee wrote that he would not attend as he had to be present at the Enniscorthy District Court. He ^{asked} ^{that} the Finance Committee should be informed that he required a further eight days to

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complete his warrant when he guaranteed he would have all collectable rate in by 20th September, and anything outstanding would then be placed in the hands of his Solicitor for collection

The following order was made:-

"That Collector J.J. Kelly be given ~~to~~ to 20th September, 1928, to close his warrant by which date the Finance Committee direct that all collectable rate will be lodged to the credit of the Council and a detailed statement be received from Mr. Kelly, giving in detail all items which he considers to be temporarily irrecoverable.

Collector McCarthy (deputy for his brother Charles in No. 5 District) also attended and explained that he had expected to collect between £400 and £500 at last Wexford fair but all he collected since last meeting of the Finance Committee was £100.

The following order was agreed to:-

"That Mr. Michael McCarthy be directed to close his warrant in No. 5 District for year 1927-28 by 24th September, 1928 when Finance Committee direct all collectable rate to be lodged to the credit of the Council and to furnish in detail a statement as to temporary irrecoverable items. In the event of failure to comply with this direction the Finance Committee will recommend the Council to withdraw their approval to Mr. M. McCarthy as deputy collector.

Mr. M.M. Kelly (No. 6 District) also came before the meeting and explained that included in a large amount of temporarily irrecoverable rates were items due by four ratepayers amounting to over £200.

The following was adopted:-

That Mr. M.M. Kelly, Collector for No. 6 District be called on to lodge all collectable rate in respect of warrant for 1927-28 by the 24th September, 1928, and furnish definite and detailed information as to all items of rate which are temporarily irrecoverable.

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Under date 7th September, 1928, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.61599-1928 Loch Garman Fa) that the Rate Collectors should be called upon to use greater energy in proceeding with their collections. Attention was drawn to the terms ^{of} the Department's letter of the 26th July sanctioning payment of poundage fees to collectors in respect of the 1927-28 collection, and pointing out that none of the Collectors had closed.† The Department asked for information as to what had been done in the matter.

It was decided to inform the Department that the Finance Committee are doing what they can to get in the rates as expeditiously as possible.

Rate Collector Sutton (No. 2 District) wrote asking for payment of poundage on all lodgements up to the 31st July. He considered that he should be paid as all the other Collectors had received poundage fees up to the date mentioned.

It was decided to inform Mr. Sutton that the Finance Committee will not consider any further applications for payment of poundage until warrants are closed.

The following letter under date 5th September, 1928 was read from Collector Cleary (No. 21 District):-

I am sorry to state that I had a fire accident yesterday morning and the most of Collecting books got burned. I was arranging them on Monday night between 10 and 11 O'clock and had a candle lighting on the table without a holder. I must have gone to bed and left it lighting and when it burned down the table got on fire on which I had the books also a book and stand on which I kept some of them. My brother was sleeping directly over this room and he was awakened by the fall of a picture which was burning on the wall. He found all on fire and called me. We did all we could to save them but the books table, bookcase and some other articles were burned.

The following is the list of books burned:-

All 1924 books: 1925-26-27-28 and 4 books of 1923. One book

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E.D. Ballyhack from No. 1 to 231; E.D. Fethard one book from No. 200 to end; E.D. Templetown one book from No. 1 to 186, and all E.D. Rathree book.

I am sorry this happened but I could not help it. I am awaiting any instructions you wish to give me.

The following report under date 4th September, 1928 was read from Mr. M.J. Finn, New Ross, Official Checker of Rates:-

I beg to report that Collector Bernard Cleary called to my office about 10 o'clock a.m. today, and reported that a fire occurred at his house about 5 a.m. this morning in which all his collecting books were burned; except four of those for year ending 31st March, 1929.

On yesterday his books for the latter year were checked by me; and the amount shown on them lodged; less £10.4.9. this latter being a rating omitted, and error in tot by him. The checking of books was not completed until after bank hour, so that he could not lodge this balance yesterday.

He only presented one book of those for year ended 31st March, 1928;- one of Fethard books; on yesterday which I did not examine but directed him to bring all those for that year, and the preceding ones in his possession in to me today for comparison with the list of outstanding ratings furnished by you, and he promised to do so.

I visited the house today and saw the remains of some books, papers etc., but could not recover any except charred portions of one or two blocks of old collecting books which are no use.

His explanation of the occurrence is that about ten o'clock last night he was getting all the books together in order to bring them in for examination today, and thinks he left the candle he was using lighting (without holder) on the table when retiring to bed. He states some of the books were on the table and others of them on a book case adjacent to the table.

I may say the table, and book case are very much burned and also other articles of furniture.

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Mr. Cleary came before the meeting and bore out the statement in his letter. He expressed his regret at the accident which he admitted occurred through his carelessness.

The meeting decided that Mr. Cleary should be responsible for the cost of reprinting and writing up new books.

The Secretary stated that this work had been put in hands on receipt of report from Mr. Cleary.

An order was made that Mr. Cleary be directed to close his collection by the 11th October.

It was also decided that the Secretary write to Mr. Power, a large ratepayer shown as owing rate for half year ended 31st March, 1928 for holding No. 50 E.D. Rathroe, amount £18.14.8.

Letter under date 11th September, 1928, was read from Mr. Art Dunne, Courtnacuddy, Enniscorthy, recently appointed Rate Collector for No. 15 District submitting the names of Peter Murphy, Courtnacuddy, and Denis Dondan, Courtnacuddy, as his personal securities.

It was decided that Banker's references as to the financial standing of the persons named by Mr. Dunne as his securities should be obtained.

The following resolution was adopted:-

That the New Ireland Assurance Company be requested to lodge £832.12.6. amount of default made by Ex-Collector Fitzpatrick, No. 15 Collection District, as already promised.

Rating of New Buildings Order.

Application under above order received from Miss Agnes Doyle, Adamstown, Enniscorthy, and supported by certificate from Mr. J.J. Shortall, Local Appointed Officer for the district was accepted, and it was decided that the usual rebate for rating purposes be allowed.

Bovine Tuberculosis Order.

Under date 3rd September, 1928 the following letter (L. 2414) was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

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I have to refer to your letters of the 10th and 20th instant, enclosing copies of communications received from certain of your Local Authority's Veterinary Inspectors, and to state that it would appear from the communications in question that owing to the fact of the Inspectors omitting to report certain cases which they found on investigation to be outside the scope of the Order, a greater number of cases were dealt with during the half-year ended the 31st March, last, than were indicated in the Department's record. In the circumstances, therefore, and pending a review of the matter at the end of the year, the Department are agreeable to the question of the suggested re-distribution of the allowances for Bovine Tuberculosis work in the County being deferred, provided the Local Authority are so disposed.

As regards the failure of the Veterinary Inspectors to furnish particulars in regard to all cases dealt with by them under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order, I have to request that you will be so good as to take action with a view to ensuring that a report ~~will~~ on Form T.3 is furnished by the Officer concerned in respect of every suspected case of bovine tuberculosis coming under his notice whether found to be within the scope of the Order or otherwise.

It was decided in view of the terms of this letter to recommend the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction to take no further action in this matter for the present.

Scholarship Schemes.

Primary. Letters were read from pupils of primary schools recently awarded Scholarships tenable at secondary schools stating that they had selected schools as follows:-

James Donnelly, St. Peter's College, Wexford;

Patrick Sheehan, Christian Brothers Schools, Gorey;

Johanna Cooney and Katie Doyle, Loreto Convent, Wexford.

Approved as schools mentioned are "approved" schools under

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Department of Education.

Under date 21st August, 1928, the Department of Education (Secondary Education Branch) wrote, sanctioning the renewal of the following Secondary School Scholarships to:-

P.J. O'Reilly, Laurence J. Butler, Thomas Higgins, Joseph Flynn, Thomas Cogley, Patrick Doyle, John F. O'Brien, Eileen Cadogan, Mary Kavanagh and Richard T. Doyle.

Under date 23rd August, 1928, letter was read from the Department of Education (Secondary Education Branch), approving of the renewal of Bursary to James Hargaden.

University. The following resolution was adopted:-

"That renewals of University Scholarships be granted to the following:-

Margaret Berney, Foxcoven, Monaseed (third year)

M.G. Stedmond, Island Road, Enniscorthy (third year)

Vincent C. Quirke, Ballinamona, Campile (second year)

Kevin Hall, Cornmarket, Wexford (second year).

In connection with renewal of Scholarship to Margaret Berney, Mother Eucharist, Loreto Convent, 77 Stephen's Green, Dublin, wrote that owing to an accident, Miss Berney burned her right hand, and in consequence could not sit for examination as the Doctor who was attending her said she would run a risk if she wrote her examination papers. Miss Berney was a satisfactory student, admirable in character and manners, while her diligence and application to study were unflinching.

Weights and Measures Acts.

Under date 3rd August, 1928 the Department of Industry and Commerce, Power Section, 33 Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, wrote, (letter 21440), forwarding copy of letter (21428) addressed to the Treasurer of the County Council, the National Bank.

The latter pointed out that the power vested in the Judge of Assize to order the Treasurers of the County Councils to pay for the provision of necessary requirements under the Acts

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above Acts in cases in which Councils had refused to carry out their statutory obligations, had now been transferred to the Minister for Industry and Commerce,

The Secretary stated that the Council had at all times complied with the requests of the Department of Industry and Commerce relative to procuring sufficient supply of weights and measures.

Sergeant Keenan, Weights and Measures Inspector, New Ross District, wrote, that he could hire a room from John Stevenson, New Ross for ^{10/-}~~12/-~~ per week, Mr. Stevensen supplying fuel and light.

It was decided to accept the proposal, tenancy to be on a ^{tentative} ~~tentative~~ basis to be determined by a week's notice on either side. The Secretary was directed to ascertain from Sergeant Keenan, the length of time for which he would require office.

Proposed arbitration under Workmen's Compensation Acts.

Under date 5th September the following letter was read from Messrs. John A. Sinnott and Co., Solicitors, Enniscorthy:-

We have been instructed by Mr. Philip Roche that on the 16th of February last he met with an accident working in Bally ^{Brennan} quarry and that as a result of that accident he lost the sight of one eye and suffered other injuries.

We understood that for some time he was paid compensation under the Workmen's Compensation Acts; that some negotiations proceeded and attempts were made to settle his claim. It appears that the last offer which was made was to the effect that the Council would take our client back into their employment at his old rate of wages and give him a Declaration of Liability to preserve his right under the Workmen's Compensation Acts, but that he would be required to do work similar to that which he was doing at the time of the accident.

We do not think that this proposition is reasonable: that

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work must now be regarded as unsuitable, as, obviously, another similar accident would have results disastrous to our client. We see no alternative, therefore, but to proceed to arbitration and we are accordingly preparing an application.

It was decided that the County Surveyor communicate with the Insurance Company in this matter.

Illness of Mr. John Fanning, Clerical Assistant

County Council Offices.

Under date 12th September, the following certificate from Dr. S.V. O'Connor, Westgate, Wexford, was submitted:-

"I certify that Mr. John Fanning is under my care suffering from Nervous Exhaustion and I recommend him complete rest for two months."

It was decided that Mr. Fanning be given sick leave for two months from the date of Dr. O'Connor's certificate, and that Mr. Sean O'Kennedy, Friary Street, New Ross be employed during the period at a salary of £5 per week.

Electric Light Supply.

It was decided to recommend the County Council to endeavour to have the checking of electric light supply by meter brought within the ambit of the Weights and Measures Acts for the protection of consumers.

Old Table at Gorey Workhouse.

Offer of George Willoughby, Hill View House, Gorey, to purchase old table at Gorey workhouse for the sum of £2 was accepted.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee, in respect of meeting held on 13th September, 1928, be received and considered. Ex-Collector Fitzpatrick.

Letters under date 6th and 22nd September, 1928, were read from New Ireland Assurance Comapny, stating that they had endeavoured to get a definite decision in connection with the settlement of this claim from the Irish National Insurance Company as some of the discrepancies occurred during the existence of their policy. As soon as they heard from the Irish National Company they would deal with the claim finally.

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

" That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 13th September, 1928, be and are hereby confirmed."

The following minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 27th September, 1928, were submitted:-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 27th September, 1928.

Present:- Mr. James Shannon, (Vice-Chairman) and subsequently Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman, presided (after the signing of the Minutes). Also present:- Messrs. Culleton, McCarthy, O'Byrne. and

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Rate Collection.

The following under date 27th September, 1928 re Collector Bernard Cleary (District No. 21) was submitted by the Secretary:-

In reply to query addressed to him Mr. P. Power, Loftus Hall, Fethard forwarded me Official rate receipts for holding No. 50 E.D. Rathroe, as follows:-

Half year ended 30th September, 1927. Amount £18.14.7^d dated 11th July, 1927.

Half year ended 31st March, 1928. Amount £18.14.8. dated 9th January, 1928.

Half year ended 30th September, 1928. Amount £17.2.5. dated 28th August, 1928.

The only rate accounted for by Collector Cleary up to date of last checking is £18.14.7. viz., rate in respect of half year ended 30th September, 1927.

I received letters as a result of queries (addressed to Ratepayers in the district) from Mr. Cornelius Furlong, Killoggan Castle, Fethard and Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy, Ba llykerogue, Campile that they had paid rates amounting to £21.4.3. and £8.1.4. respectively. These rates have not been accounted for by Collector.

Mr. Furlong states he holds Official receipt.

These letters were received by me on the 26th instant, on which date Miss Finn (daughter of Deputy Checker) was notified. Miss Finn stated her Father was ill and on his

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regaining his strength she will place the matter before him.

She telephoned this morning that on yesterday evening she questioned Cleary about his Collection generally. He admitted having received Mr. Power's rates. He lodged amount thereof this morning, promising her that on tomorrow, the 28th instant, he would lodge full amount of all rates withheld by him.

I notified Collector Cleary to be in attendance at today's meeting.

The meeting approved of the action of the Secretary in referring this matter to the Solicitor to the Council with a view to laying an information for the arrest of Mr. Cleary.

The following order was agreed to:-

That Mr. Cleary, Rate Collector for No. 21 District be suspended from office and his sureties be called upon to close this Rate Collection."

"That our Secretary consult with Mr. John Murphy, M.C.C. as to suitable person to act as temporary collector whose name can be submitted to the sureties for approval. That temporary Collector be paid at existing rate of poundage for the district.

Collector J.J. Kelly (No. 14 District)

At the meeting of the Finance Committee on the 13th September, 1928 an order was made directing Mr. Kelly to close his warrant by the 20th September, so far as all collectable rate was concerned.

The Secretary mentioned that Mr. Kelly since the last meeting of the Finance Committee had collected £67.0.6d, and there was still outstanding in respect of 1928 rate the sum of £780.9.9. This would, of course, include irrecoverable items.

During the course of the meeting a telegram was received from Mr. Kelly stating that he could not be present, but was writing.

The Secretary stated that Mr. Kelly was verbally informed on Friday the 21st that it was impossible for him to make

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arrangements to attend the Finance meeting.

The following order was adopted:-

"That Mr. J.J. Kelly, Collector for No. 14 District be suspended and his books taken up.

"That we suggest to Sureties of Mr. Kelly the advisability of agreeing to the appointment of Mr. J.J. O'Reilly, Collector for No. 13 District, to complete collection in No. 14 District or, in the alternative, Mr. J.J. Sinnott, (No. 16 District).

Deputy Collector M. McCarthy (District No. 5).

At the last meeting of the Finance Committee, Mr. Michael McCarthy acting as deputy for his brother (Mr. Charles McCarthy) was directed to close his warrant by 24th September, 1928.

Mr. McCarthy had lodged since last meeting of Finance Committee £114.17.4. but he had still outstanding £701.17.3.

Mr. McCarthy came before the meeting and stated that he had been working vefy hard but people did not seem to have the mo ney to pay the rates. A great humber promised him payment when they threshed their corn.

An order was made withdrawing approval of the Finance Committee and the County Council to Mr. Michael McCarthy as deputy Collector in No. 5 District and recommending the sureties of Mr. Charles McCarthy to approve of the appointment of Mr. James Quirke (Collector for No. 1 District) to finish the collection in No. 5.

Collector M.M. Kelly (No. 6 District).

At the last meeting of the Finance Committee Mr. M.M. Kelly, was instructed to close his warrant by 24th September, 1928.

In view of the fact that Mr. Kelly had lodged £112 since last meeting of the Finance Committee and reduced the amount outstanding to £300 odd the Finance Committee decided that he should be given a further fortnight to close his collection.

It was also decided that if Mr. Kelly carries out the instructions of the Committee in this regard collecting books for current Rate will be handed him.

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The following gives the amount outstanding in the case of each Rate Collector on 27th September, 1928 for Rate 1927-28.

J.J. O'Reilly, £4.16.9; T. Rowe, £29.18.9; W. Murphy, £48.13.6; J.J. Sinnott, £55.13.0; J. Curtis, £71.3.3; J. Doyle, £127.5.1; J. Quirke, £179.9.9; S. Gannon £204.15.11; P. Donohoe, £209. 10. 11; J. Cummins, £222.7.6; W. Cummins, £231.4.4; W. Deegan, £253.19.9; Philip Doyle, £322.9.4; P. Furlong, £334.10.2; T. Sutton, £334.17.8; P.O'Byrne, £349.14.9; M. Kelly, £383.5.3; B. Cleary, £421.16.5. M. McCarthy £701.17.3.; J.J. Kelly £780.9.9; J.J. O'Reilly, (for No. 15 District) £1126.14.10.

The following gives the percentage of amount of current rate collected by each Rate Collector to 27th September, 1928:-

J. Quirke, 46 per cent. J.J. Sinnott, 38. E.J. Murphy, 36. J. Curtis, 35. J.J. O'Reilly, 35; T. Sutton, 25; J. Doyle, 34; M. Deegan, 31; W. Cummins, 31. P. Furlong, 31. J. Cummins, 31. S. Gannon, 30. P. Doyle, 28. T. Rowe, 28. P.O'Byrne, 21; P. Donohoe, 14.

The following collectors had not received collecting books for current rate:- C. McCarthy, M.M. Kelly, and J.J. Kelly.

Under date 25th September, 1928, the following was read from the Department of Local Government (G.65330/1928 Loch Garman Fa.):-

Adverting to your letter of the 22nd instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he sanctions the temporary appointment of Mr. A. Dunne as Poor Rate Collector for the No. 15 District provided he takes up his residence within the District and subject to the provision of the sureties ^{being} acceptable to the County Council. The Declaration Form which has been noted is returned, herewith, together with one set of queries.

Rating of New Buildings Order, 1925.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of

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Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That claim of Miss Sarah Murphy, St. John's, Enniscorthy, to be rated on reduced valuation in respect of new building at St. John's, Enniscorthy, be agreed to."

County Library Committee.

Under date 21st September, 1928, the following was read from Department of Local Government (G.64271/1928-Loch Garman Pf):-

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th instant, and to state that he sanctions the renting ~~of~~ by the Library Committee, at £65 per annum, of the premises on the Quay, Wexford for County Library Services, on the terms set out in resolution of the Wexford County Council on the 10th instant.

Weights and Measures Acts.

Under date 19th September, 1928 the following letter (21575) was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce:-

I am directed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 18th instant, and to inform you that a new Act was ~~passed~~ this year (Weights and Measures Act 1928) and came into force in July last requiring Weights and Measures Inspectors to test all measuring instruments in use for trade. The term "measuring instruments" includes not alone petrol pumps but also the road tanks from which petrol is delivered at Traders' premises. Revised Weights and Measures Regulations are in course of preparation dealing with all matters to which reference was made in the new Act and furnishing instructions to the Inspectors as to the conditions to be observed and the tests to be applied in the case of various types of measuring instruments. It is expected that these regulations will be in force before the end of next month, and the work of testing petrol pumps and other instruments will then be entered upon by the Inspectors.

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With regard to the question raised by the Finance Committee of your Council as to the testing of electricity meters, I am to inform you that the legislative provisions regarding this matter are included in the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Act, 1899. The administration of those provisions has been transferred to the Electricity Supply Board, and I am to suggest that your Finance Committee should address a communication direct to the Board at their Offices, 62, Upper Mount Street, Dublin.

Alleged Wife Desertion.

Under date 18th September, 1928 Sergeant Lee, Garda Siathchana, Fethard, wrote asking the Council to give a certificate that the Council would pay the necessary expense consequent on the apprehension of Michael Cummins, ^{Late} ~~last~~ of Main Street, Templetown, at present residing at 100 Bridge Lane, Hobden Bridge, Yorkshire, on a charge of wife and child desertion.

The following letter under date 22nd September 1928 was read from Mr. Elgee, Solicitor:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 20th inst, with copy of one from Sergeant Lee, Civic Guard, Fethard, as to the proposed arrest of Michael Cummins, Templetown, Fethard for deserting his wife.

I have looked into the matter of ~~the~~ payment of the expenses in connection with the proposed arrest, and I find that by section 4 of the Constabulary (Ireland) Act it is provided that,

"In every case where any expense has actually been incurred by any County Inspector etc, in Conveying Prisoners etc, ---- or in the pursuit of any person charged with any offence in any part of Ireland, to whatever place in England Ireland and Scotland or elsewhere he may have escaped ----- it shall be lawful for the Justice or other authority before whom such witness shall be taken to deliver such officer a Certificate in writing that he is entitled to his expenses to such an extent

as to the Justice shall appear reasonable.

The County Inspectors were then at certain periods to forward the accounts, to the County Treasurer for payment and the Grand Jury were then bound to pass a presentment for the amount required.

This being so I am of opinion that the County Council cannot undertake to defray the expenses asked for, unless and until the prisoner has been arrested and brought before the Justice, who can then give the certificate as mentioned above, and this being so the Council should not give the undertaking as asked for.

No Order.

Scholarship Schemes.

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

"That as James K. Cullen, Ballytarsna, Ballycullane, secured over 40 per cent gross marks allotted to the six subjects of examination he be refunded 18.6. the necessary expenses incurred by him in attending the examination."

University. Under date 21st September, 1928 the ~~Secretary~~ Secretary, University College, Dublin, wrote that in view of resolution of the County Council the President recommended that a Scholarship be awarded Joseph Cullen, who passed the Leaving Certificate Examination.

Accommodation for County Registrar.

Under date 19th September, 1928 the Secretary, Department of Justice, wrote (297/25) that in connection with the proposal that the Department should pay rent of the room proposed to be placed at the disposal of the County Registrar it should be pointed out that the custody of the Courthouse in Wexford was entirely vested in the County Registrar as successor to the Under-sheriff and the County Registrar is entitled by law to the use of any rooms in the Courthouse which he required for the proper discharge of his duties. The proposal that the Department should pay rent in

respect of such use was therefore one which the Minister was not prepared to entertain.

Overdraft of County Council.

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

"That we apply to our Treasurer for continuance of present overdraft of £40,000, to 31st December, 1928 and that the Department of Local Government be requested to sanction this proposal.

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Mr. McCarthy proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution; *which was passed.* -

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 27th September, 1928, be received and considered.

Rate Collector Cleary. District No. 21.

Mr. Elgee said as this man had been arrested for embezzlement and was at present on bail, it would be advisable that all discussion as regards his position etc. should be taken in Committee.

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

"That the case of Collector Cleary, (District No. 21) be dealt with in Committee."

The following letter under date 6th October, 1928, was read from Messrs. Colfer and Sons, Solicitors, New Ross:-

We have been requested ~~by~~ by Mr. Bernard Cleary of Rochestown, Collector for No. 21 District, to write to you and ask you to place the following facts before your Council:-

For the past two or three years Bernard Cleary through inexperience and want of sufficient care allowed his private monies and the monies received by him from the Rate Payers to become part of a single account with the result that when he was directed to lodge the entire amount of his warrant he discovered that he was between £280 and £300 short.

On our advice he went to you on Friday the 28th ult., to explain the position and to inform you that he would sell his farm and stock and ~~make~~ make good the deficiency, but that meanwhile he would obtain the money from friends and lodge it by 11 o'clock on Saturday the 29th ult. He states that he was given to understand that if the money was so lodged the matter would be dropped.

On the morning of the 29th he called here with two friends who were to raise the money. You then informed us that a warrant had been sworn and Cleary would be arrested and prosecuted.

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This completely changed the aspect of the matter from the point of view of the Sureties who were relying on Cleary repaying them. If Cleary was convicted and sentenced his power of earning would be irreparably impaired and consequently the Sureties withdrew.

Cleary thereupon directed us to sell up everything he possessed and after paying the mortgage on the farm to pay over the balance on our hands to the County Council and delivered himself up to the Civic Guards.

He has now advertised his farm and stock for sale and after payment of the charges there ought to be about £150 to be handed over to the Council. A number of friends have come together and are prepared to pay the remaining money. In fact pending the completion of the sale of the farm, they are prepared to lodge the entire shortage by 3.30 o'clock on Monday the 15th.

We submit that Cleary is doing all that a man can do to make good his error and we feel that his attitude will command the respect of the Council. He is a young man and no further purpose will be served by pressing the case against him as the object of the Council to warn other collectors ^{had} ~~have~~ already been effected by the arrest and publicity of the proceedings.

Therefore if the Council consider that the interests of Justice have been served and if they will not press the case on Tuesday the 15th when it comes before the District Justice, Cleary may be allowed out under the Probation of Offenders Act and thus afforded another chance of making good.

The Secretary stated that he had had no conversation with Cleary when he attended at County Council offices, as he directed him to deal with Mr. Elgee. Cleary admitted defalcations amounting to £279 odd.

Mr. Elgee said he had not given anyone to understand that the matter would be dropped if Cleary lodged the amount of the Defalcations. He mentioned that he would not oppose bail and

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it appeared Mr. Cleary thought he meant bail for the money in the bank. Several members were in favour of adjourningⁿ the matter for a month when full inquiries could be made from all the ratepayers in the District. The Council might then be able to take a certain course if all the money found to be appropriated by Cleary was lodged.

Mr. Elgee said the matter was now the subject of a State prosecution and out of the hands of the Council.

After further discussion Colonel Quin proposed and Mr. Brennan seconded, the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the matter of the prosecution of Bernard Cleary, Rate Collector for No. 21 district, be left in the hands of^{of} Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council.

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

"That the suspension of Rate Collector Cleary (District No. 21) by Finance Committee be confirmed and that the office of Rate Collector for No. 21 District be and is hereby declared vacant.

That the Minister for Local Government be requested to sanction this proposal."

Mr. McCarthy considered there was dereliction of duty on the part of the Official Checker (Mr. M.J. Finn, New Ross) as official receipts had been given in some cases of misappropriation.

Mr. McCarthy then proposed and Colonel Gibbon seconded:-

"That Mr. M.J. Finn, Official Checker of Rates for New Ross district, be asked for an explanation as to how Rate Collector Cleary was able to issue official receipts without detection.

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following:-

"That Mr. M.J. Finn, Official Rate Checker for New Ross

District be requested to attend the meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on 11th October, to explain to the Committee how he dealt ~~with~~ the checking of Mr. Cleary's books.

Mr. Colfer proposed and Colonel Quin seconded the following:-

"That Mr. M.J. Finn, Official Rate Checker for New Ross District, be suspended from office."

After discussion this was withdrawn and the resolution of Mr. Corish directing the attendance of Mr. Finn at the meeting of the Finance Committee on 11th October was unanimously agreed to.

Letters were read from Laurence Kehoe, Rochestown, New Ross, and W. Leacy, Cushinstown, Ballynabola, New Ross, sureties for Bernard Cleary, recommending Martin O'Hanlon, Rochestown, as a temporary Collector for No. 21 District. Mr. O'Hanlon was also recommended by his Parish Priest, Rev. P. Parker, Cushinstown, New Ross, and by Rev. M. O'Connor, C.C. Wexford.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Cooney and adopted nem. con.:-

"That, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department, ~~Thomas~~ Martin O'Hanlon, Rochestown, New Ross, be appointed temporary Rate Collector for No. 21 District at a poundage fee of 7d. in the £ to close Rate Collection in said district and to remain in office until date allowed for closing Rate Collection in respect of periods ending March, 1929.

Rate Collector J.J. Kelly. In connection with recommendation of the Finance Committee to suspend Mr. J.J. Kelly, Rate Collector (No. 14 District), Mr. J.J. Brennan, Solicitor (Hugard, Brennan and Godfrey) appeared for Mr. Kelly and said he understood that Mr. Kelly had been appointed in 1921. At that time matters were in a very disturbed condition, but he understood that for the years 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, and 1925 the entire amount of rate was collected by Mr. Kelly. In 1926 a sum of £5.3.4. was not collected, and Mr. Kelly had told him that with regard to the last twelve months there was roughly about £600 outstanding.

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It was absolutely unnecessary for him (Mr. Brennan) to point out to the Council the difficulty that there was in Collecting rates recently. Mr. Kelly said that possibly in a few instances he might have been a bit too lenient, but he found it exceedingly difficult, ~~if~~ not impossible ~~in~~ in a good many instances to collect rates. On behalf of Mr. Kelly he asked that the suspension be deferred for a month to enable Mr. Kelly to do his best to get in the money. He asked the Council to take into consideration that Mr. Kelly had been a very good Collector, and also to remember the difficulty of the times at present.

Colonel Quin asked if it was correct to say the Collector had collected all up to January, 1926.

Secretary-He was a very good collector up to then.

Mr. Brennan said he understood there was nothing outstanding up to 1926. For the last twelve months Mr. Kelly had had a good deal of illness in his family.

Mr. Keegan said he quite agreed it was almost impossible to collect rates, but the time was coming when people would have money, and after all £600 was not so much. He was quite confident that Mr. Kelly would be able to satisfy the Council.

Mr. Gaul agreed with Mr. Keegan. He thought it was hardly fair to suspend collectors at a time when it would be possible for them to get the money - when farmers would be selling their corn.

Mr. D'Arcy also agreed with Mr. Keegan.

The Chairman said that of course they all agreed that there were no defalcations or anything of the kind against Mr. Kelly.

Mr. Brennan said it was not as if Mr. Kelly was neglecting his duty, as there was only about £600 outstanding out of a total collection of £6,000 or £7,000 warrant for year ended 31st March 1928.

Alderman Corish said he thought they were entitled to take into consideration the position of his collection up to 1927.

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He thought it was very creditable for the collector to be able to state that at the end of 1926 there was only something about £5 outstanding.

On the proposition of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Alderman Corish, it was unanimously decided to allow the collector another month to close his collection for period ended 31st March, 1928.

Deputy Collector Michael McCarthy. With reference ^{to} recommendation of Finance Committee to ^{withdrawal of} approval to the appointment of Mr. Michael McCarthy as deputy for his brother, Charles McCarthy (No. 5 District) the Secretary mentioned that there was a sum of £701.17.3d. outstanding on March 1928 Rate and £299 on Old Rates.

Mr. Hayes said he had been speaking to Mr. McCarthy who said he had not got a fair crack of the whip. He was appointed in his brother's place, and as his brother had collected all the easy monies, he had to take up the hard cases, and he was suspended at an opportune time when the corn would be sold. He thought the Council might favourably reconsider the matter.

Mr. McCarthy was called before the meeting, and stated that at the time he was appointed all the easy rate had been collected. He was also new to the district and it took some time before he could find his way around.

Mr. McCarthy ^{added} ~~said~~ that the time he got the books was the scarcest time in the year with regard to money, and most of the ratepayers had promised to pay the two rates together.

Mr. Keegan-How long would it take you to collect this money now when the harvest is here?

Mr. McCarthy-I should finish ~~up~~ the old rate in a fortnight or three weeks.

On the proposition of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Corish, and supported by Colonel Gibbon, it was decided to allow collector to 12th November, to close collection for periods ended 31st March, 1928.

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Payment of Rate Collectors.

Miss O'Ryan said she thought the question of Rate Collection generally should be reviewed. The present system of paying ~~men~~^{Collectors} must be wrong or there would not be so many men going wrong. She admitted that it was not the fault of the County Council that men were not paid more regularly and she understood that some Collectors had not got poundage fees since last January. She thought they should inquire into the system of having the rates collected through the post office or banks. It was done in County Kerry and it was a saving to the Rates. Otherwise they would have to consider paying the men by the week.

In the course of a long discussion Mr. Corish said he agreed with Miss O'Ryan that the system in force at present was open to abuse. Of course he knew it was not the Council's fault, as it was the absolute order of the Local Government Department that the Council was not allowed to pay a man until he finished his warrant. It was certainly an ^{inducement} ~~incitement~~ to a man to confiscate the Council's money. The matter should be taken up with the Department with a view to going into the question of revision. He was not going so far as to say that the rates should be collected through the Post Office. It might or it might not be wise to have the rates collected through the Post office, but he believed that in the state the Country was in at present ~~no~~ people would be very loath to go there to pay their rates. They all knew that at present collectors had to call four or five times to get the rates from the people. He would go so far as to say that there should be an inspector appointed to make periodical visits to the different collection districts, because it would have a deterrent effect.

Secretary-We have made a few surprise visits.

Alderman Corish suggested that there should be more surprise visits, because if a rate collector knew that an inspector might visit his district at any time it would have a deterrent effect.

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Mr. D'Arcy said there was something very seriously wrong not only with the system in vogue, but there was certainly something wrong with collectors when people willing to pay their rates had not been served with a demand note ~~xxx~~ for the past two years and a half. It was not ^{the} system ~~that~~ was wrong there; it was the man that was wrong. He suggested the Council should recommend to the Government ~~that~~ the men be paid on account of what they collected per week., and that there ~~should~~ always be a certain percentage held over a collector's head to induce him to complete his collection.

The Chairman said he did not think that system would ~~work~~. A Collector might first go to those who paid without trouble and then could afford to throw up his job, and ~~the~~ Council would ~~have~~ trouble with the remainder of the Collection.

Mr. Hayes said the Mr. D'Arcy had stated ~~that~~ he had knowledge of a demand note not being served for two years and a half. He thought Mr. D'Arcy should give the name of the collector concerned.

It was stated that the Collector referred to had left the employment of the Council.

Mr. McCarthy proposed and Mr. ~~C~~orish seconded the following resolution which was adopted without dissent:-

"That a special meeting of the Finance Committee be held to consider the ~~q~~uestion of the Rate Collection and make what recommendations they considered advisable so as to place the Rate collection on a business footing.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy seconded by Colonel Quin;→

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 27th September, 1928, be and are hereby confirmed, except in so far as same have been amended by decisions taken by Council at this meeting.

Roads Committee.

The following minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 24th September, 1928 were submitted:-

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The monthly meeting of the Roads Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 24th September, 1928.

Mr. M. Doyle, (Chairman) presided.

There were also present:- Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs. Shannon, (Vice-Chairman) Corish, O'Byrne, Hayes, Culleton, Colfer, Keegan, Hall, McCarthy, Roche and Meyler.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

County Surveyor's Report.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

As directed by the Council I have had the tolling work put into operation at Inch Creamery. The sides of the road at this place are very weak, and it will be difficult to make a thoroughly satisfactory job without extra material. In regard to the section of the road beyond Inch Village of which complaint was made in regard to the defective drainage I must point out that the sides of the road are in this place very soft. Some years ago along this section of road I put in extensive French Drains, and more recently when we were rolling the road I put in shorter lengths. Now the 'Bus and Lorry traffic is bulging up the sides, and there are only two methods of dealing with this:- By excavating all the soft clay and filling in sides right into the footpath or edge of the road it may be possible to form a haunching, but this will entail a very large expenditure on material, and as an alternative I suggest putting in a concrete kerb sunk some depth below road level, and I suggest that I be authorised to expend a sum say of £100 on this class of work. We will have a clear test then of the ¹efficiency of this method, and later it may be continued if found satisfactory, as I think it will.

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In regard to the proposed new sluices at Courtown Harbour I have made inquiries in regard to obtaining from Castleboro Oak necessary for the work, and I shall be able to obtain this on satisfactory terms if the work is to proceed. Regarding the dredging of the channel I have been in communication with Manufacturers who specialize in this class of machinery, but up to the present I have not any detailed information. One of the Firms I communicated with is an American one, and it may be some time before I get particulars of plant.

On the 21st instant I had an interview with Mr. James O'Connor, Solicitor, Wexford, in regard to the plans for the proposed Courthouse in Wexford, and gave him particulars as was requested at last County Council meeting. Mr. O'Connor was accompanied by an Architect from Dublin, Mr. Moore, and also by Mr. Morris Acting Borough Surveyor for Wexford.

As directed by the Council I have had the Judge's Room at the Old Courthouse prepared as Office for the Sheriff, and the County Registrar is satisfied with same.

On the 21st instant I inspected New Ross-Camblin-Duncannon Line, and discussed with Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor the work to be carried out in the event of the proposed Loan being obtained. I believe that with the £4,000 proposed I shall be able to make a satisfactory job between New Ross and the turn at Slaght where the Fathard Road branches off. The remainder of the road will, no doubt, later require special treatment, but with the ordinary maintenance proposal I shall be able to keep it.

As the County Council rejected the proposal for the Gorey-Wexford ^{Road} I believe it ~~will~~ will be necessary to allow for it a very much increased maintenance expenditure, and I shall bring forward special proposal at the November meeting.

On the 15th instant I met the Special Committee and inspected Electricity Supply Poles in Gorey. I have furnished

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the Secretary with copy of the Committee's recommendations and correspondence with the Electricity Supply Board.

I have made special inspection of the New Ross Wexford Road, and cannot agree with the statements made at a recent meeting ~~that~~ it was in such a bad condition. The two ends and the centre section between Poulpeasty and Raheenvarren are good, and the remainder of the road has been maintained with stones, chippings and tar as far as funds allowed.

As directed by the Council I have had hand-breaking put in operation in Gorey Hill Quarry, and have arranged with the Assistants generally to employ this work where such is possible.

The building of Mountgarrett Bridge is in progress, but delay has happened owing to some of the piles on the Wexford side having given trouble in the driving. All the Piles and Cylinders on the Kilkenny side are in position and timber casing for the beams and decking of this side are now in place, and also most of the reinforcement. The concreting of the work on this section will be started at once.

On the 21st instant I made examination of the under structure of New Ross Bridge and found that ⁱⁿ a number of places the water appears to be coming through. I believe that this is caused on the up stream side certainly by defective water mains, and I shall take immediate steps to have the cause removed. There is no serious defect at present. The recent bitumen coating of the macadam surface will to a large extent prevent percolation of water, but I consider somewhat more extensive work of this nature will be required. I shall bring forward a proposal for this in November. The cost of the work already done is in excess of the allocation made for the job, and I ask for further allocation of £30 out

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of the Public Works fund. I should note that in connection with this that there is a surplus of £15 in the allocation for the caretaking of this Bridge, so that it will mean only an extra £15. The repair of ~~the~~ Chilcomb Bridge in New Ross will amount to an extra sum of £8.18.0d, over and above what we ~~will~~ obtain from the Railway Company and I

ask for allocation out of the Contingencies Fund to meet same. The future maintenance of this Bridge will be within the sum to be obtained from the Railway, and I should point out that the adjoining roadway has been improved under Special Road Fund Grants, and this section should be taken up with the next Grant we obtain.

I submit reports from Mr. Ennis in regard to a number of roads in his Area for which he asks for special allocation from the Contingencies Fund. As the present time I cannot see my way to recommend this in full as it will deplete the Fund too much at this early date. I, however, place ^{the} matter before you as an indication of what may be expected with the continuance of the present traffic.

I submit report received from the Insurance Company in regard to the inspection of our Machinery under working conditions, and you will note that the report states- "The excellent condition of the plant has been fully maintained." This is a highly satisfactory state of affairs.

The Grant work in the County has been progressing well recently during the fine weather, but is, of course, to some extent in arrears owing to the previous wet season.

The proposal for Diving Plant recently purchased did not cover an item which we now must meet and that is the Customs Duty. This has been met by the Manufacturers, but we must now refund it. The amount is £12.16.9d, and it should be obtained out of the Public Works Fund.

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

"That the report of the County Surveyor as presented to this meeting be received and considered."

Road at Inch Creamery.

Colonel Quin complained that no provision had been made for the drainage of this road and no arrangement for proper upkeep of water tables.

Mr. O'Byrne mentioned that the water tables had been destroyed because the sides of the road had been driven into them owing to heavy lorry traffic.

After considerable discussion the following resolution was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. McCarthy and adopted by a majority vote.

"That we recommend the sum of £100 be placed at the disposal of the County Surveyor from the Contingencies Fund to cover the cost of erection of concrete kerb for about 100 yards at each side of road at Inch Creamery."

The Chairman declared the resolution passed.

New Ross Bridge.

Proposed by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and passed without dissent.

"That the sum of £30 be withdrawn from Public Works

Dund to cover excess in allocation made for cost of Bitumen coating of the Macadam surface of New Ross Bridge.

Chilcomb Bridge.

Proposed by Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. McCarthy and passed.

"That the sum of £8.18.0 be withdrawn from Contingencies Fund to make good extra cost of repairs to Chilcomb Bridge in accordance with report of County Surveyor.

Allocations from Contingencies Fund-District of Mr. Ennis.

The County Surveyor submitted correspondence from Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, stating he would require extra money as follows:-

Section E, (Enniscorthy-Moyeady) £150.

" B.8 (Moyeady-County Bounds) £100.

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Section C.2. (Ferns Streets) £60.

" H. 19. (Wexford-Gorey) £80.

" C.34. (Ferns-Bunclody) £80.

" A. 13. (Bunclody-Carnew) £90.

Total £560.

The County Surveyor stated that as pointed out in his report he considered it inadvisable at the present stage to deplete the Contingencies Fund to the extent of the proposal made by Mr. Ennis. He suggested that £250 be withdrawn from the Fund and he would adjust the amount to cover the roads mentioned in Mr. Ennis' report so that the best value would be obtained.

Mr. Keegan proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution, *which was adopted*: -

"That the County Council be recommended to ~~reallocate~~ allocate £250 to cover portion of proposed cost of repairs to roads in district of Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, in accordance with reports from Mr. Ennis under date 20th and 21st September, 1928.
Courthown Harbour.

It was decided to recommend the Council to pay £12.16.9 Customs Duty on Diving Plant recently purchased.

Col. Gibbon proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That we protest against the imposition of Customs Duty on Diving Suit purchased for the use of Wexford Harbours and we consider it to be a straining of the existing law to describe Diving Suit as clothing. In our opinion it never was the intention of the Legislature to impose Customs Duty on articles of this description."

"That Mr. Jordan and Mr. Corish, T.Ds. (members of the Council) be requested to bring this matter to the attention of the Minister for Industry and Commerce."

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, and adopted:-

"That the report of the County Surveyor be and is hereby adopted."

Machinery Plant.

In connection with reference in County Surveyor's report to this matter, the following under date 18th September, 1928 was submitted from the New Ireland Insurance Company Ltd., Dublin:-

We have pleasure in enclosing herewith reports of Examination under working conditions of the Road and Quarry Plant insured under the above Policies.

The excellent condition of the Plant reported on in ours of the 25th May last following Thorough Examination has been fully maintained, and the attendants were found to be very careful and attentive to their Engines, and kept them in a very clean condition considering the nature of their work.

Handbreaking-Gorey Hill Quarry.

Under date 18th September, 1928 the following report was read from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, Gorey District:-

I started four men at above work to-day and was later approached by a deputation representing thirty others requiring to be employed. There are many reasons why a large number of men should not be taken on. To begin with there is already enough material broken in quarry to meet requirements for this year. Again the material broken by hand, however, carefully done is not suitable for maintenance work. In the old days when there was only slow moving traffic it was all right, but now any stone over 1½" gauge does not bond well.

Hand broken stone would serve for rolling, but I have no such work available, and very little prospect of same unless a Grant be got for Courtown Harbour Road, when I could use a considerable amount of such material.

In view of above I have decided not to take on any more than six men until after next Roads Committee meeting when this matter can be discussed.

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Mr. Treanor in dealing with the report stated that the men were able to break about one cubic yard per day for which they were paid 2s.10d. the average cost of machine breaking in the district.

Mr. Keegan said that handbreaking material should be extended to all the quarries of County Council provided the cost did not exceed the cost of machine broken stones.

A long discussion took place in the matter, but no further action was taken Mr. Keegan mentioning that a deputation from the Gorey unemployed would attend at the meeting of the County Council on the 8th October, 1928.

Electricity Supply-Shannon Scheme.

Under date 18th September, 1928 the County Surveyor presented report of Electric Light Sub-Committee for Gorey District setting out the details of the position of 15 poles which required to be moved as they were a source of obstruction in the view of the Committee.

The Committee concluded their report with the following statement: In connection with the setting of these poles the Committee observed that they had been set actually in the flagged footway whereas if they had been put in line with the kerb they would form less obstruction and in any case where this latter could be done the Committee were of opinion that the position of the poles should be altered.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Thomas A. MacLaughlin of the Electricity Supply Board under date 20th September, 1928, stating that he had arranged that the Boards' Engineer would inspect the complaints re poles in Gorey.

The Council should realise that in designing the net work for Gorey every precaution was taken to prevent any obstruction to traffic, or interfere with the amenities of the town.

The County Surveyor said he had arranged to meet the Engineer of the Electricity Supply Board on Wednesday 26th inst. in Gorey.

Colonel Gibbon proposed and Mr. McCarthy seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem.con.:-

"That the County Surveyor in his interview with the Engineer from the Electricity Supply Board be accompanied by the Gorey Sub-Committee appointed to deal with the question of Electric Light poles in that town.

"That Messrs. Jordan and Corish be also requested to attend."

Mr. Meyler proposed and Colonel Quin seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the Electricity Supply Board be asked to furnish plans of sites of all poles which they propose erecting on roads or streets under the control of the County Council."

We believe that consideration of these plans previous to actual erection of Poles will lead to smooth working and obviate in the future all complaints/in this connection.

Wexford- Enniscorthy Road.

Colonel Gibbon mentioned that when the County Council took over this road it was arranged it should be regularly inspected by the Surveyors quarterly and reports made as to how it was standing up to the traffic. He inquired if the road had been examined in connection with such reports.

The County Surveyor stated the road was regularly inspected for cracks by the Assistant Surveyors in whose Districts it ran and they found nothing wrong.

In connection with the cost of sidefilling the following figures were submitted by the County Surveyor:-

Wages and Insurance	...	£1327. 19. 0
Haulage	...	1385. 11. 9
Materials	...	1379. 12. 8.
Roller	...	49.14. 0
Sundry Costs	...	8. 15. 0
Clerk of Works, cement testing etc.		<u>365 . 16.10</u>

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Portion of this had been paid by the Department of Local Government having been taken from an amount allocated for work in Enniscorthy Urban District.

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

"That the Department of Local Government be requested to carry out their promise by forwarding amount outstanding in respect of cost of sidefilling Wexford-Enniscorthy road viz., £2640. This amount has been advanced from Rates on the strength of the promise made by the Department that it would be recouped.

Road Matters Generally.

Colonel Gibbon mentioned that during the last week he had travelled in eleven Counties and he did not think that as regards their main roads the Wexford County Council had anything to be ashamed of. Having travelled over 700 miles he was satisfied their main roads were as good as those in any other County in Ireland. Colonel Gibbon further mentioned that a good many ^{Engines and steam lorries} ~~threshing~~ were filling their engines with water at fixed places on the road where they dropped an enormous amount of oil. This tended to make the road very slippery for horse traffic and certainly oil deteriorated concrete. He considered the County Surveyor should put up warning notices at the places where this practice was in existence.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, to advise the Council as to their powers.

Petrol Pump Licence.

Under date 18th September, 1928 application was received from Mr. James T. Moran, for a licence for second petrol pump at Central Garage, South Street, New Ross.

Report was received from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, stating that as carriage way at this place was 40 feet wide and footpath 10 feet wide he did not think the second pump

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would cause any inconvenience.

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

"That Petrol Pump Licence issue to Mr. James T. Moran, Central Garage, South Street, New Ross provided tank for said pump is on Mr. Moran's own premises."

New Ross Bridge, Etc.

Under date 16th September, 1928, the following was read from Mr. M.J. Finn, Town Clerk, New Ross:-

At a meeting of my Council on the 19th June last the Town Surveyor reported that the County Surveyor discussed with him the advisability of my Council taking over the maintenance of the New Ross (River) Bridge and also the overbridge and approaches at Chilcomb.

A discussion took place on the ^{matter} which resulted in the following resolutions being passed by my Council, viz:-

"That the Council agree to surface-spray, grit, and maintain the surface of the New Ross Bridge for the sum of £70. (seventy Pounds).

"That the Urban Council agree to patch for the ensuing year the section of road from Barrow Boat Club to Mr. Hearn's Gate, with tarred chippings, as required, for the sum of £79. (seventy-nine pounds).

Kindly say if the Council has accepted the proposal of the Urban Council.

Proposed by Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. McCarthy, and adopted:-

"That County Council be recommended to agree to proposal of New Ross Urban Council, as set out in letter from Town Clerk, New Ross, under date 6th September, 1928 relative to maintenance of New Ross Bridge and patching of section of road from Barrow Boat Club to Mr. Hearn's gate at the following amounts respectively:-

£70, and £79.

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

"That the Minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 24th September, 1928, be received and considered."

Handbreaking Material-Gorey Hill Quarry.

Mr. Keegan held that, in regard to work carried out at Gorey Hill Quarry, unemployment had not been relieved. The idea behind his motion was to relieve unemployment.

The County Surveyor pointed out, that when extra work was to be done, they always gave preference to men previously in the employment of the County Council though temporarily out of it.

Mr. Keegan stated that the men referred to by the County Surveyor had their insurance cards stamped and could afford to remain out of employment for a while. The men who had no cards stamped might starve.

Mr. D'Arcy pointed out that, while men at Gorey Hill Quarry were paid 2s. 10d. per cubic yard for breaking, the rate in Annagh Quarry was 4/-. He wished to know why material should cost 7/- a yard while wages and coal had gone down in price. He believed this matter should be gone into thoroughly, as in his opinion, it was one of the greatest leakages in the County Council service. As far as employment was concerned, a certain section and certain men would be only taken on.

After considerable discussion, Colonel Gibbon mentioned that in his opinion, the entire County Council would be too ~~unwieldy~~ ^{unwieldy} to go into the matter. He suggested that Mr. D'Arcy should nominate two members to act as a small Sub-Committee with himself, and Mr. Shannon, Vice-Chairman of the County Council, two others.

Colonel Gibbon then put his suggestion in the form of a proposal which was seconded by Mr. D'Arcy, and agreed to, the following being appointed:-

The Chairman, Colonel Gibbon, Messrs. Keegan, D'Arcy,

McCarthy and Hayes, to meet in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 13th October, 1928, the terms of reference being:-

(1) To report as to cost of ~~pro~~duction of road material in the various quarries, by handbreaking and by machine; (2) Employment of single and married men on road work and in quarries; report of Committee to be submitted to next meeting of the Roads Committee.

Electric Supply, Shannon Scheme.

Colonel Gibbon mentioned that representations should be made to the Electricity Supply Board as to the position of their poles. He suggested that it might be possible to make some arrangement in regard to having the posts put in positions which would not be unsightly. They might be masked by trees and in the case of beauty spots such as Wells, etc., they might be concealed from view. In England, a great deal had been done to avoid interference with their beauty spots, but so far as he could see, as regards the Shannon Scheme, posts were being stuck up indiscriminately everywhere.

Colonel Gibbon's suggestion was agreed to.

Petrol Pump Licence.

In connection with issue of petrol pump licence to Mr. James T. Morah, Central Garage, South Street, New Ross, Colonel Quin challenged the figures in the report of the Assistant Surveyor, who had stated that the carriage way at the site where the pump was to be erected was 40 feet wide and the footpath, 10 feet wide. From an inspection of the place, he (Colonel Quin) held that the carriage way was only about 30 feet wide and footpath, 6 feet. He looked upon it as a very serious matter that one of their own Surveyors should give a false report. He proposed the following resolution:-

"That the County Surveyor be requested to measure the carriage way and footpath at the site of petrol pump of Mr. James T. Moran, Central Garage, South Street, New Ross, and report to next meeting of the Roads

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Mr. McCarthy seconded the resolution which was adopted.
Wexford-Enniscorthy Concrete Road.

Colonel Gibbon referred to the damage which was being done at certain points by oil from traction engines and steam lorries. So far as he knew the Council had no power, to prohibit engines from dropping oil on the roads. He proposed:-

"That the Council request Mr. Quigley, ^{Chief Engineer} /Local Government Department, to inform the Council if they have any powers in this matter and if anything can be done to prevent the practice of engines and steam lorries dropping oil on roads and which was having a ~~deterring~~ ^{deliberate} effect particularly on the new concrete road."

The Chairman seconded. Passed.

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

"That the minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 24th September, 1928, be and are hereby confirmed."

Scholarship Sub-Committee.

The following report of Scholarships Sub-Committee was approved on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Brennan:-

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A meeting of the Scholarships Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 29th September, 1928.

Present:- Rev.W.F. Murphy, President, St. Peter's College, Wexford, Rev. T. Talbot, Messrs. James Hall, Sean O'Byrne, and J.J. Kelly.

The Secretary of the County Council was also in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the chair was taken by Father Murphy.

Primary Scholarships Scheme.

Considerable discussion took place as regards the non-success of this scheme. A very small number of pupils were presented each year for examination and there were not sufficient successful candidates to fill the Scholarships.

It was decided that Mr. Kelly be requested to ask the meeting of the County Wexford Branch of the National Teachers' Organisation at their meeting on 6th October, to consider the present situation and that the meeting consider the advisability of appointing representatives to meet the Scholarships Committee with a view to effecting such amendments in the scheme as will commend it to the Teachers and secure at least reasonable competition for the award of the Scholarships.

University Scheme.

The provisions of University Scholarship^{Scheme} for 1928-29 were considered and agreed to.

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Secretary of the General Council of County Councils and ask him if the Committee appointed to consider the question of post graduate Scholarships had yet made any recommendations or furnished any report.

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Drainage Sub-Committee.

The following minutes of meeting of Drainage Sub-Committee of 25th September, 1928, were submitted:-

The first meeting of the recently appointed Drainage Sub-Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 25th September, 1928.

Present:- Messrs. J. Gulleton, M. Smyth, Sean O'Byrne, and Colonel Gibbon.

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

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Gulleton, the chair was taken by Colonel Gibbon.

Sow Drainage Scheme.

The following trustees of the Sow Drainage Scheme came before the meeting:-

Patrick Murphy, (Chairman), Walter and John Merhagh, Clonmore.

This deputation with the members of the Committee considered the original award made in connection with the scheme also the correspondence between the County Council and the Office of Public Works.

Mr. Murphy contended that, in the recent restoration work carried out by the office of Public Works, the river had not been sunk to its original depth. The main drain was not as deep as formerly and certain side drains had not been cleaned. The restoration work did not dry the land as it should have done if the original levels of the main drain had been maintained. He contended that the side drains cleaned by the tenants had been sunk as deep as the main drain was able to take the water from them.

The Trustees had been promised by the Engineer who came down from the Board of Works that the whole system would be put back in its original condition.

In addition to not carrying out this promise the work had been inefficiently done and value was not got for the expenditure of the £3,200 spent.

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The Trustees were always prepared to pay if the job had been properly carried out.

The Chairman pointed out that the Board of Works contended that they had carried out the work they had agreed upon with the Trustees and they also held that if any Board of Trustees failed to maintain the Drainage Area for which it was responsible and which was created with Public money the Board of Works had a right to take up that drainage area and repair the neglect of the Trustees, spending what they considered necessary without consulting anybody, and, further, after having carried out any work they believed necessary they could hand it over to the County Council for future maintenance and collection of rate for that purpose.

Mr. Peter Cullen, Killesk, representing himself and fourteen other tenants, came before the meeting and said he considered it was very unfair that he and those he represented should have to clean the drains on their own land, without any assistance and still have to contribute to the rate for the maintenance of Sow Drainage System.

The Chairman said that Mr. Cullen would be in a position to claim from the Land Commission on purchase of his holding rebate for his liability in this respect.

The drains on the townland of Killesk according to the original award appeared to have been made directly by the Landlord who was responsible directly to the Government for the repayment of the Loan.

After a very long discussion it was decided that the County Surveyor should examine the main channel and of the Sow system at various points and compare the depths with the datum levels given by the Board of Works and that a further meeting of the Committee be held when the County Surveyor be in a position to make his report, the Trustees of the System to be notified of the date.

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A resolution was adopted recommending the County Council to again point out to the Office of Public Works that they must decline to take over any Drainage system or make themselves responsible for its maintenance in any way unless the local people were satisfied with its condition when it was about to be handed over to the Council.

Proposed Drainage Scheme in Boira.

Under date 29th August, 1928 letter was read from Mr. Thomas Middleton, Ballyatt, Killena, enclosing petition for the establishment of new drainage system in Boira.

It was decided to inform Mr. Middleton that it is necessary for him to supply one inch ordinance map giving a description of the works which were proposed and on which the existing mains should be shown in blue, the proposed improvements marked in red, and holdings of signatories to the petition shown in colours of various washes as convenient.

The land to be improved should be marked out in dotted lines on the map.

That Mr. Middleton be informed that the Committee will not be in a position to consider the petition until this map has been furnished.

Ford of Lyng.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the Office of Public Works be requested to inform Wexford County Council as to what action they intend taking to enforce the law compelling the proprietors of the South Slob who infringe, by flooding, the rights of owners adjoining the South Slob lands, Wexford District.

Application for Drainage Scheme.

Under date 2nd August, 1928, Mr. Philip Kelly, Ashfield, Palace, New Ross, wrote that he required 27 acres of bog or damp land drained; ^{and} also asked information as to repayment of Loan for drainage.

It was decided to refer Mr. Kelly to the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act, 1928 and also to point out to him that at least three persons must apply to the Council for the establishment of a drainage scheme under this Statute.

Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act, 1928.

Circular letter from the Department of Local Government under date 3rd August, 1928 S.55036/1928 Ilgh.(B?C.T.) relative to the above was read.

The various sections of the Act were also considered

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

"That the Department of Public Works be requested to state if the County Council have power to compel owners of property to fence waterways under drainage schemes to prevent damage. This Committee recognises that there must be certain points of access for watering of cattle but in the event of fences being injured at other points of the system have the County Council power to hold owners responsible for repair of damage.

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Colonel Gibbon referred to the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act, 1928, pointing out that the County Council should press for some regulation as to the maintenance of fencing under these minor drainage schemes. He apprehended there would be a great many applications, ~~xxxxxx~~ as it was only necessary for three persons to make application to have a drainage scheme established. If no regulations were provided which would prevent cattle breaking down the fences, the money expended would be thrown away. He was also of opinion that the maps to be provided under the Act should give more particulars than appeared to be necessary, under the ~~the~~ statute. There was no direction, as far as he could see, as to the number of years during which repayment of the expenditure would be made. There was also the question as to the employment of the County or Assistant Surveyors to examine these schemes and he did not think they would be justified in taking into consideration at present any expense anticipatory to schemes coming into being. He was also of opinion that, without the use of modern machinery, it would not be possible to carry out the work of the schemes at a cost which would be within the scope of those concerned to meet.

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

"That the report of Drainage Sub-Committee as presented to this meeting, be and is hereby approved."

County Courthouse Sub-Committee.

The following minutes of meetings of County Courthouse Sub-Committee of 25th September, 1928 and 5th October, 1928, were submitted:-

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The Sub-Committee appointed by Wexford County Council to ~~sonsider~~ consider the question of proposed site of Wexford Courthouse met in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 25th September, 1928.

Present:- Messrs. Culleton, Cummins, Corish, Gibbon, Sean O'Byrne and T. McCarthy.

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

Mr. Culleton moved and Mr. O'Byrne seconded Colonel Gibbon to the Chair.

Mr. James J. O'Connor, Solicitor, Wexford, came before the meeting and asked if they would make arrangements to hear Mr. Moore (Donnelly, Moore and Keating) Dublin as to the probable cost of erection of Courthouse on both sites, viz., Quay, Wexford, and the Old Jail. He also asked the Committee to adjourn to give him a opportunity of bringing Mr. Moore and ~~probably~~ Mr. Delap before them.

The Chairman said the Sub-Committee did not contemplate coming to any decision that day.

After further discussion it was decided that the Sub-Committee meet on Monday 1st October, 1928 at 10.30 in County Council Chamber, Wexford and that Mr. Moore be heard on that day.

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

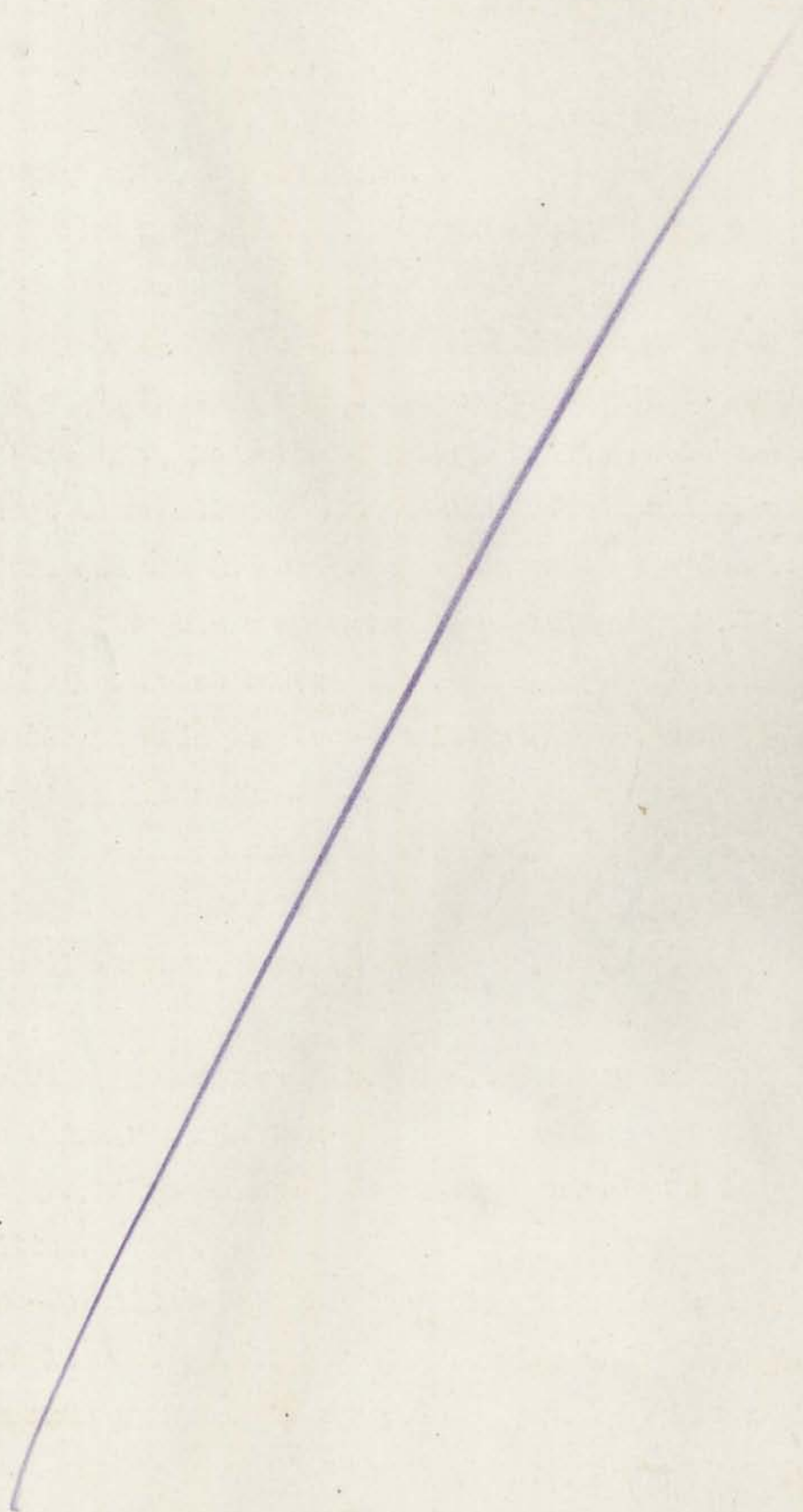
"That Mr. Delap be asked to attend Monday's meeting of this Committee."

The Sub-Committee then examined the plans for both sites and also dealt with a letter from Mr. Delap under date 7th October, 1925, ~~xxxxxxx~~ in which it was pointed out that it would be impossible to alter the Old Jail to give anything like the accommodation required, except at exorbitant cost.

Subsequently the Committee inspected both sites with the County Surveyor and County Secretary and went fully into all

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details as to amount of accommodation to be provided, etc.



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Wexford Courthouse.

The adjourned ~~meeting~~ of the Sub-Committee appointed by the Wexford County Council to consider the question of the proposed site of Wexford Courthouse was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 5th October, 1928.

Present:- Colonel Gibbon, Messrs. R. Corish, J.J. Culleton, John Cummins, T. McCarthy, Patrick Hayes, and Sean O'Byrne.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, Mr. J. Elgee, Solicitor, Mr. A.D. Delap, Engineer, and Mr. Moore (Donnelly, ~~Moore~~ and Keating) Architect, with Mr. James J. O'Connor, Solicitor, were in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne, the chair was taken by Colonel Gibbon.

The Chairman explained what happened as regards the deliberations of previous Sub-Committees which had gone into the matter, and pointed out that the present Sub-Committee were approaching the question entirely ~~independant~~ of any decisions or recommendations of the previous Sub-Committees.

Mr. James J. O'Connor, acting for a number of Wexford rate-payers, held that the ~~site~~ on the Quay was, from the point of ~~general~~ ^{general} convenience, much more suitable for a Courthouse than the Jail Site. This was particularly the case ~~was~~ regards Solicitors who had business very constantly with the County Registrar etc. Mr. Moore was prepared to say that the Courthouse could be built upon the old site for £6,000. £5,000 had been awarded by the Shaw Commission and the ~~interest~~ ^{interest} to date would make the total amount £5,875, so that very little would be needed from the ratepayers to meet the total cost.

Mr. Moore stated that, in his opinion, a perfectly suitable building could be erected on the old site for a Courthouse for £6,000. The Jail was not so suitable. In the first place, the buildings would be extremely difficult to convert, and in

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addition a large portion of the plans would be left untouched. He based the figures he had given on Mr. Delap's plans, with some minor alterations. He did not consider the County Surveyor's plans impracticable and he believed £3,600 was a reasonable figure if they could be carried out.

The Chairman pointed out that, although Mr. Moore stated he had gone in Mr. Delap's plans, he admitted there had been no regard to sections or elevations, or the question of interior accommodation, whereas Mr. Delap's estimate of £10,000 covered all fixtures. The latter also allowed a fairly high figure for contingencies whereas Mr. Moore had provided only £200.

Mr. Delap explained that, when he was authorised to associate an architect with him, he tried to secure the best service in this regard and selected Mr. Richard Orpen, a leading architect in Dublin and a personal friend of his own. They had spent a considerable time on the sites of both places and went very closely into the amount of accommodation and got out a careful and elaborate schedule of what accommodation would be provided at the Courthouse. Their estimate for this was £13,000 which was considered too high and the accommodation was cut down to allow of an estimate of £10,000. But he would like to point out to the Committee that an accurate estimate could not be obtained without taking out quantities by a quantity Surveyor. Mr. Orpen's idea was that the fine old building of the Courthouse should be restored to its pristine attractiveness commensurate with the plainest possible work. It never came into their heads that the building was to be a monument to the Architect. He was at one with Mr. Moore and Mr. O'Connor in favour of the Courthouse. If quantities were taken out for the building there would be the usual fees of 1½ per cent or 2 per cent to the Quantity Surveyor and 3 per cent to Architect.

Mr. Corish pointed out that, since Mr. Delap's estimate had been prepared, the cost of materials, particularly cement, had

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gone down considerably.

Mr. Delap mentioned that to balance this the building at the Quay had deteriorated considerably within the last two years. He had given a very carefully considered opinion in favour of the Courthouse site and it was hardly human to expect him to be a just critic of the County Surveyor's plans which dealt with a site which he and Mr. Orpen had definitely turned down. The County Surveyor however was an architect as well as an engineer; and if the County Surveyor were satisfied with his plans he (Mr. Delap) considered the Council should give every consideration to them. One of the matters which ran up his estimate very considerably was the almost prohibitive cost of cutting the walls for windows to give proper light such as was necessary for modern offices.

The County Surveyor stated he did not propose to interfere with the walls but the windows would be furnished with sashed.

Mr. Delap in reply to the Chairman, stated that another matter which weighed in their minds with the Jail was interference with the roof. If he were to criticise the County Surveyor's scheme, it would take him a week to deal with it, adequately. On the face of it, if he were asked for an engineering opinion only the probability would be that his report would state that what the County Surveyor proposed was perfectly sound engineering, but very bad business as regards accommodation, etc. The windows should be one tenth of the floor space, and there was just barely this minimum amount on the Jail site.

The Chairman stated he considered they should not pay very much attention to the statement of Mr. Moore, in view of the fact that it was based purely and solely on a plan which did not give any sections or elevations. As regards the Jail site, Mr. Delap had admitted that the position was considerably changed if the County Council were prepared to accept the existing windows as providing sufficient light. Mr. Delap, however, considered this inadequate. They would also notice that Mr. Delap was not prepared to give a considered opinion from an engineering point of view on

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the plans of the County Surveyor unless he had an opportunity of considering them in detail and for some time. He believed the Committee should make a representation to the County Council to have the plans submitted to Mr. Delap.

Mr. Culleton proposed and Mr. O'Byrne, seconded :-

"We recommend the County Council to accept the County Surveyor's plans for proposed Courthouse on the Jail site without submission of same to Mr. Delap."

As an amendment Mr. Corish proposed:-

"That as Mr. Delap and Mr. Orpen have given a very decided opinion that the Jail site is impracticable, the plans of the County Surveyor in this regard be submitted to them for examination and report; also, that the plans of the County Surveyor and of Messrs. Delap and Orpen be submitted to a quantity Surveyor."

Mr. Corish's proposition was not seconded.

Mr. Delap stated that at present none of the plans were in a position to be submitted to a quantity surveyor. In order to prepare them for this purpose, they should recollect they would have to provide for an Architect's, and Quantity Surveyor's fees.

In reply to the Chairman Mr. Delap stated that if his opinion only was required on the County Surveyor's plans and certain technical questions, the fee would probably be about £15.15.0d. At present Mr. Orpen and himself had been working on a certain amount of remuneration for each day., but as soon as orders were given to go into the definite details of these plans for submission to a Quantity Surveyor, the fees would have to be calculated on.

Chairman-What approximately would it cost to get out plans and quantities survey for the Courthouse, if after all we do not go on with the work?

Mr. Delap - About £550.

Mr. Corish then proposed and the Chairman seconded:-

"That the County Surveyor's plans be submitted for engineering opinion on certain definite points."

The Chairman, after further discussion took a show of hands with the result that there voted for Mr. Corish's amendment:-

Mr. Corish and the Chairman2.

Against:- Messrs. O'Byrne, Culleton, Cummins, Hayes, and McCarthy.....5.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost, and Mr. Culleton's motion was then put and passed without dissent.

The County Surveyor pointed out that in order to prepare plans for submission to a quantity Surveyor he would have to employ an Architectural Draughtsman, the cost of which would be about £50.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Cummins seconded the following resolution which was adopted, Mr. Corish dissenting:-

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to employ an Architectural Draughtsman to prepare detailed plans of Courthouse at Jail site in order to procure quantity survey."

Mr. McCarthy proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted, Mr. Corish dissenting

"That we recommend the County Council to empower Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, to complete the purchase of all the interests concerned in the old Courthouse, ground rents, so that the site may be held in fee simple."

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Colonel Gibbon, having dealt with the minutes of Courthouse Committee, Mr. James J. O'Connor, Solicitor, said he appeared before the Committee on behalf of a large number of ratepayers who were anxious for the rebuilding of the Courthouse on the old site. The Jail was outside the precincts of the town, while the site on the old Courthouse was close to the Main Street, the Railway Station, the chief Hotel, and the business establishments. On the question of cost he understood Mr. Delap was asked to submit an estimate for rebuilding on the old site. His estimate amounted to £13,000, which was considered excessive by the Local Government Minister. The plans were submitted to Mr. Delap, who amended his estimate to £10,000. Subsequently the County Surveyor submitted an estimate for £3,600 for the reconstruction of Council offices, Court accommodation in the Jail. He (Mr. O'Connor) was informed—he did not know rightly or wrongly—that in order to be allowed to spend the amount of the award on the jail the Council would have to satisfy the Redmond and other interests in the old Courthouse site which, he understood, would cost £4,000. On the instruction of ratepayers he asked Messrs. Donnelly Moore, and Keating, Architects to come to Wexford and inspect both sites. Mr. Moore had given him estimate showing that the Courthouse could be built on the old site for £6,000. Adverse criticisms had been made by Colonel Gibbon. As the plans which Mr. Moore had were not detailed, his estimate was only a rough one, but if the Council wished he (Mr. O'Connor) thought he could produce a contractor who would be prepared to undertake the work of reconstructing the courthouse on the old site for £6,000. The ratepayers were most anxious about the matter, and as there had been so much controversy about it he asked the Council not to accept the recommendation of the Committee, but if necessary to ask the Ministry to hold a public inquiry into

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the whole matter and let proper plans be prepared. He was instructed that interest, approximating £875, would be paid with the award, which would bring the amount for the rebuilding on the old site to practically £6,000.

Mr. J. Cummins-We haven't got the interest.

Chairman-Unless they deviate from what has been their practice in the case of ~~awards~~ for destruction I don't think you will get any interest.

Colonel Gibbon asked Mr. O'Connor were the Council to under stand from his word "rebuild" that the courthouse would be rebuilt, refitted and equipped?

Mr. O'Connor-Yes.

Colonel Gibbon-With fitting ~~and~~ furniture etc.?

Mr. O'Connor-No Furniture

Chairman-One would think talking about Wexford that Wexford town was going to build the Courthouse. Remember that the County-at-large and not the people of Wexford ~~have~~ ^{alone} have ~~some~~ a say in this matter.

Mr. O'Connor replied that Wexford paid one-sixth of the rates,

Chairman-I ~~may~~ say they are not or anything approaching that.

The Secretary stated that the valuation of Wexford Urban District was about one-twentieth of the valuation of the County.

Mr. McCarthy, moving the adoption of the Committee's recommendations, said that ~~the~~ for almost three years the question had been before the Council, and if they were to build the Courthouse, it was time to bring the question to finality. At first the Council decided to rebuild on the old site, but subsequently the majority changed their minds, and since then had expressed on several occasions the opinion that the old jail provided the best accommodation. In utilizing the jail the Council and court offices would not be possessed of

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outstanding architectural features, but they would get commodious comfortable and suitable accommodation. In addition to providing a Courthouse and County Council Offices they hoped to be able to provide accommodation for the County Library Service, for which they were at present paying a rent of £65 per annum for other premises. Furthermore, there would be room for expansion, which the old site could not offer. Coming to the financial side, the final estimate of rebuilding the old site was £10,000. At the present time they had two white elephants on hands, the Courthouse site for which they paid £180 per year, and the Jail for which they paid £207 per year. Under the scheme which the Council was asked to adopt it was intended to buy out all the interest in the old courthouse, and acquire the fee simple, which would probably cost about £3,600 or something more. At any rate they would have acquired it in fee simple, and possibly would be able to dispose of it. It should be worth something considering that when the courthouse was built in 1812 it was valued at £1 a foot. They had £3,000 to spend on the renovation of the jail. It might cost that amount. Mr. Barry's estimate was less, but they would have £5,000 available. If they paid £3,600 for the purchase of the site on the Quay, and sold the present Council Offices for which they should get nearly the £2,000 paid for them they would have the latter sum to pay for the purchase of the premises on the Quay; so that they would not have any more than £2,000 to raise by loan, and would have extinguished £180 rent at the old Jail site.

Colonel Quin seconded the motion.

Mr. Corish said he was totally opposed to the Jail and had a considerable volume of opinion behind him. He held it was not possible with any degree of accuracy to estimate the amount it would cost to reconstruct the Jail into a courthouse. It had been the invariable practice of the Minister for Finance

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to deduct 20 per cent of the amount ^{of} awards. He hoped that would not happen in the case of the Courthouse award as he did not want to see the County done out of any money, but in view of the fact of what had been happening in any cases he had to deal with he believed it would happen in this case. If that took place the amount which would be available would be £4,400. Taking Mr. Barry's estimate (£3,600) and the sum of £3,600 to buy out the Redmond ~~estate~~ and other interests in the courthouse site would make a total of £7,200. A Sum of £4,400 would be available which meant that the Council would have to make up a deficiency of £2,800 for the Jail site. If they adopted the Quay site Mr. Delap's estimate was £10,000. They would receive £5,500 from the Government which would include interest which would leave a deficiency of £4,500, taking that deficiency of £4,500 with the deficiency of £2,800 on the Jail site it meant only £1,700 ^{extra} to reconstruct the Courthouse on the proper site and provide a properly equipped building. By the ~~erection~~ section of the Courthouse on the old site they would be saving money, because if it were erected in the Jail it would mean continued expenditure in consequence of the deterioration which everyone would agree had set in in the Jail premises. He wondered if Mr. Barry had taken that into consideration. If the Court house were erected in the Jail the whole jail itself would have to be kept in repair and it would cost more for maintenance than it would for a new building on the Quay. He agreed with the Chairman that the matter was a County one, but the ratepayers of Wexford had a right to make their voice heard. The objection of a great many of the Wexford ratepayers was that they did not want to see the old Courthouse an eyesore. No matter what was done with the Jail it would still be looked upon as the Jail and it certainly would not be a very edifying building or one that Wexford was entitled to have a proper Courthouse.

The Chairman asked if any amendment was contemplated.

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Proceeding he said that in the later^t part of Mr. Corish's statement a great deal of sentiment was introduced. "I need not tell you" continued the Chairman "that the rate-payers are not out for sentiment. It's value they want and not sentiment. We want to get the rates down from their present abnormal figure seeing the conditions prevailing in the Country and you will not lower them by spending money to carry out sentiment".

Replying to Mr. Hall, the County Surveyor stated that the Jail when ~~light~~ reconstructed would be lighted by electricity.

Mr. D'Arcy-Is there any danger of the Minister not giving the award if we proceed with the Jail scheme?

Chairman-No. He has already said he would give it.

The Secretary there was a letter from the Minister stating that if the Council satisfied the Redmond and Hungerford interests in the old site of the Courthouse, he would be prepared to fall in with the wishes of the Council.

Chairman-And we are satisfying them.

On a poll being taken on Mr. McCarthy's proposition that the recommendations of the Committee be adopted, the voting resulted as follows:-

For:- Messrs. Brennan, Colfer, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Doran, Hayes, Jordan, Mayler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Roche, Shannon, Hall, Smyth, Walsh, Miss O'Ryan, Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, and the chairman.....21.

Against-Messrs. Corish, Cooney and Gaul.....3.

Messrs. Cline and Keegan did not vote.

The Chairman declared the motion accepting the Committee's recommendations carried.

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Rosslare Sewerage and Water Schemes.

Colonel Gibbon referred to the cost of the above schemes and stated he had been requested by some farmers and ratepayers of the Wexford Rural District to raise the question of the area of charge. The Schemes contemplated extensive and expensive works. He admitted that those were matters purely and simply for the Board of Health, technically, and it was for them to state whether the schemes were essential, but he submitted that the County Council had a right to see what districts should be levied for the charges. It would be grossly unfair to the ratepayers of Wexford rural district if the charge were levied on them. The ratepayers of Wexford Rural District had several watering places in the area to which the residents went. Rosslare only tapped a small agricultural district and was resorted to by people almost entirely townspeople, from outside the district who came by special trains and motor buses from Wexford, Enniscorthy and elsewhere. Those people were creating the need of watering places, and yet were not to bear one single item of the expense. The Corporation of Wexford and the townspeople were not to bear any portion of the expense. It had been suggested that the people of Rosslare district would benefit by the sale of their agricultural produce. That was absolute nonsense. The people who came to Rosslare for a day brought their own lunches and requirements. The hotels had small gardens and farms, which supplied them with milk, butter, eggs and vegetables. If the development works were carried out they would be in the interests of the railways, the motor buses, and the people from the different towns who wanted a place to which they could have easy access by rail and bus. He submitted that the County Council should take cognizance of the proposals which were put forward that the whole of the enormous charge should be levied on a little district.

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Mr. D'Arcy-Has the Council decided on these works?

Mr. McCarthy-The whole thing is sub judice.

Colonel Quin-Gorey district paid for its own scheme. I am six or seven miles from Gorey and I don't get anything out of it.

Mr. P. Hayes said the Gorey work differed from Rosslare. The necessity was due to the influx of people to Rosslare. The people of Wexford rural district benefited very little. If there is an y necessity for the scheme it should be a County at large charge.

Colonel Quin said he differed from Colonel Gibbon in the statement that people engaged in agriculture would not benefit by the development of Rosslare.

The Chairman sated he was in a position to know as much as anyone present about Rosslare from which he lived only three miles. As far as making anything from Rosslare, he never made a penny piece out of it. The hotels of Rosslare were able to supply their own requirements from their own farms and gardens. Proceeding, the chairman mentioned that medical inspectors who visited Rosslare, agreed that sewerage and water schemes were necessary. A meeting of the Local people was held, to which he (Chairman) was invited, and an Inspector gave the promise of a grant of £1,000 to help the schemes, which were also supported by the local medical officer. When the offer of a grant was made he (Chairman) thought it would be a bad thing to refuse it, if in the event of a year or two they were compelled to proceed with such schemes. The proposals were discussed at least twenty times by the County Health Board to which deputations came. Eventually a scheme was drafted which it was estimated would cost £8,000. The water works scheme was advertised and a tender for £5,000 was accepted. That scheme was now drawing to a close. Rosslare was badly off for water, even if they never went on with the sewerage scheme. For the sewerage scheme a plan was submitted which it was estimated

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would cost £12,000. That was turned down. He would not contemplate any expenditure in excess of the amount first calculated. The sewerage scheme was modified several times, but still it was not brought down to the original estimate of the Engineer of the Health Board and as long as this held ~~he~~^{he} would not countenance the scheme. Colonel Gibbon had given an expression of opinion on behalf of ratepayers in Wexford rural district. He (Chairman) also consulted a considerable number, and everyone of them was totally opposed to the scheme. The present season was one of the worst they had had for a considerable time as far as their crops were concerned in the Baronies of Forth and Bargy. They had no turnips, practically only half a crop of potatoes, with barley and oats anything but an average crop. The price of cattle had fallen ~~down~~ on Saturday last to 8½d ~~per~~^{per} pound in Birkenhead. In the face of these conditions they could see that the outlook was not a bright one to justify any increase of taxation.

Mr. D'Arcy-~~What~~^{What} is the jurisdiction of the County Council?

Chairman) I am not in a position to tell you. This was solely brought on by the medical officers of the Local Government Department and of the district.

Mr. D'Arcy-If the Health Board decided on spending the money could we ~~refuse~~^{refuse} it?

Chairman-I don't know.

Colonel Gibbon said he wanted to make it clear that he was not questioning the Board of Health as to the technical matter of whether the schemes were necessary. What he particularly opposed was the levying of the charge on the rural district of Rosslare.

In answer to a query of Colonel Gibbon, the Chairman said that the charge would be 4d. in the £, but not more than a halfpenny in the £ if made a County at large charge.

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Replying to Miss O'Ryan, the Chairman stated that the old Board of Health passed schemes estimated to cost £8,000, but they were turned down by the present Board, before which a further scheme was submitted that was not definitely refused or approved.

Colonel Gibbon-Does that fourpenny rate include the waterworks?

Chairman-Yes.

Mr. D'Arcy-I don't see why we in the North of the County should be required to pay for a Rosslare scheme.

The Chairman stated that 5 per cent of the people of Wexford rural district did not frequent Rosslare.

Mr. O'Byrne concurred with Mr. D'Arcy's opinion.

The Chairman held that Rosslare was vastly different from any other seaside place in the County. The necessity for schemes were created by people who went there from outside Wexford, including Gorey, with special trains.

Mr. Keegan considered it would be a bad procedure to abandon the sewerage scheme if the water schemes were finished. If Col. Gibbon were in England and found that such a state of affairs existed he would not drive his car through it. He agreed with the point that it would not be fair to burden a small district with the cost, but some way should be found by the Council to lessen it. Courtown Harbour was not solely supported by the people of Gorey. Visitors came there from Dublin and other places, even Galway, who were there at the moment.

Mr. D'Arcy-Let them all pay.

Mr. Keegan-Then make it an all Ireland charge.

Mr. D'Arcy-Rosslare is the playground of Wexford people.

Alderman Corish said he did not deny that a great many Wexford people went to Rosslare. They were prepared to pay their share, but the Local Government Minister objected. He did not think they should take a narrow-minded view of this matter. As far as he was concerned he was prepared to give his voice and

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vote towards helping all seaside resorts.

Colonel Gibbon said he was not objecting to the development of seaside resorts. He objected to the ratepayers of a small district being held responsible for the cost.

The Chairman stated the matter would be further discussed at the next meeting of the County Health Board.

Road and Quarry Workers as Members of Trades Unions.

The following motion of which he had given ~~previous~~ motive stood in the name of Mr. O'Byrne:-

"I hereby give notice that I will move at the meeting of the County Council to be held on 8th October, 1928 that the resolution ~~passed~~ today (10th September, 1928) on the motion of Mr. Jordan be rescinded."

The assenting signatories to this notice of motion were:- Messrs. Shannon, Hayes, Gaul, Cooney, Clinee and Colfer.

The following is copy of Mr. Jordan's resolution:-

"That the resolution of the County Council compelling workers to be members of a trades union be rescinded."

Mr. O'Byrne said that his object in giving notice of motion was that some of his farmer friends on the Council, 1 would have a month to consider the effect of adopting Mr. Jordan's proposal. The resolution ~~rescinded~~ by this proposal was put on the books by the County Council more than five years ago, and it was put there when the farmers made up the majority of the Council. The work had been carried on in the County Wexford as in no other County in Ireland. Better satisfaction had been given by the road workers than under any other system in Ireland, ~~he~~ believed. He asked the members not to strike at either ~~farmers'~~ trade union or Labourers' trade union. The Labour representatives had stood for the Council getting efficiency, and no man whose case had come before the Council and who had been ~~shown~~ not to be efficient had ever had advocates in the union or in its representatives. They tried to have the direct labour scheme made a success, and they realised that if the workers did not give satisfaction it could not be a success. The union always stood for the Council getting value for the money spent. He asked that the resolution passed on the motion of Mr. Jordan be rescinded, as he did not believe it would do any good.

Mr. Shannon seconded, and said they always stood for efficiency; and never stood behind any man that was slacking.

Mr. Hayes said that Mr. O'Byrne's motion to rescind Mr. Jordan's resolution had given a month of grace to the members of the Council who voted against the resolution on the

books, and had enabled them to think over the question as to whether it was wise to scrap the resolution. He suggested that the resolution with regard to the employment of only union labour was largely responsible for the success of the direct labour scheme in the county. Statements had been made that men had been treated unfairly, but, speaking as a representative of the union, they had always been ready to give assistance to bring about a favourable settlement where-ever any grievance had been brought forward. He did not know that the Council would benefit much by the scrapping of the resolution. If it

was in the minds of any of the members that there had been any injustice done he suggested that they should at least postpone the matter of rescinding the resolution for twelve months or six months, and inquire into any miscarriage of justice in regard to employment ~~of~~ by ^{the} union or any of the officials of the union.

Colonel Quin said that Mr. Quigley, engineer to the Department, told them that they were one of the most expensive counties, and got the least value for their money. He (Colonel Quin) did not think there was anyone against the union. No trades' unionist would be refused work, but what he thought they wanted to stop was people being hounded out of their work because they did not pay to the union.

Mr. Keegan proposed that the question should be left over for three months to give the Labour Party time to reorganise in view of complaints that had been made. They should see that every man got work, whether he paid into a union or not.

Chairman-You can't do that and leave the order on the book.

Mr. Keegan said he thought the two big parties in the Council should be more charitable to each other, and the fact of a resolution being scrapped that day would not make matters any more satisfactory for anyone. He was quite sure Mr. Jordan would not mind giving labour three months to reorganise. He was making those remarks but he would not vote on one side or the other. After all if farmers had a right to be in a union labourers also had a right.

Mr. Cooney seconded Mr. Keegan's resolution but after considerable discussion it was withdrawn.

Mr. Cummins said he intended to support Mr. O'Byrne's motion. He was a member of the Council in 1922 when the resolution on the books was passed by honourable men, some of whom were present. If he had not thought the resolution necessary in 1922 he would not have supported it, and having supported it then how could he oppose it that day? The motion to adjourn for three months was consistent with fair play. He was sorry to notice that day the spirit of labour against farmer, and he wanted the Council to bury that. The farmer was in a bad state and the labourer was in a bad state, and their policy should be to lift them out of that state and use every means in their power to do so. They should try to bring a better spirit amongst them, and if they succeeded the Country would be prosperous.

A poll on Mr. O'Byrne's motion resulted as follows:
 For:-Miss O'Ryan, Messrs. Corish, Cline, Shannon, Colfer, Cooney, Cummins, Waul, Hayes, McCarthy and O'Byrne.....11.
 Against:-Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs. Brennan, Colleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Hall, Jordan, Mayler, Murphy, Roche, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman.....14.

Mr. Keegan did not vote.

Mr. O'Byrne's motion was declared lost, and, accordingly, Mr. Jordan's proposition for the rescinding of the trades union resolution comes into force.

Work Versus Dole.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:-

" As some Road workers now out of work are in receipt of unemployment benefit this Council is of opinion that representations should be made to the Ministry of Industry and Commerce ^{or} ~~and~~ other Ministry responsible whereby the money allotted for this purpose viz., benefit, should be handed over to Ministry of Local Government and paid to the County Council for their workers for some public remunerative work, thus getting work done for money paid and ensuring that County Council employees should only receive pay for work done.

Sanction of Mr. Art Dunne, Rate Collector.

Under date 26th September, 1928, the Department of Local Government wrote, (G.65330/1928-Loch Garman Fa), stating that the Minister sanctioned the temporary appointment of Mr. Art Dunne as poor Rate Collector for No. 15 Collection District, provided he took up residence in the district, and that the County Council were ~~satisfied~~ satisfied with his sureties.

Road Fund Grants.

Under date 1st October, 1928, letter was read from the Department of Local Government (Roads), stating that a payment of £1245 was made out of the Old British Road Fund Grant for Mountgarrett Bridge to the Treasurer of the County Council on 28th September, 1928.

Under date 15th September, 1928, (S.G.E./32), letter was read from the Department of Local Government (Roads), stating that payment of £200 out of allocation of £6720 from Grant of £200,000, was made to the County Treasurer on 5th October, being 80 per cent of the grant allocated in respect of work No. E852, Road T.8.

Under date 26th September, 1928 (R.G.M./32), the Department of Local Government wrote that a payment of £1173 out of Road

Maintenance Grant of £6331 No. 7988/29 had been made to the County Treasurer on 25th September, 1928,.

Under date 19th September, 1928, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (S.G.N./32/2) that a payment of £3921 under National Road Scheme, -Road T.8, works No. N.886, - had been made to the County Treasurer on 14th September, 1928.

Gorey Courthouse.

An application was received from Mr. D.J. Bolger, Gorey Operatic Society, for use of portion of Gorey Courthouse for practices in preparation for the production of Operas.

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

"That the use of Gorey Courthouse, (provided same will not interfere with the administration of Justice or the technical classes of Gorey Technical School) ~~will~~ be granted to the Gorey Operatic Society."

Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

The report of the Directors of Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., to be presented to the meeting of the Company on 12th October, 1928 was submitted.

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

"That Mr. James Gaul, County Councillor, be appointed to represent the County Council at the meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., on 12th October, 1928 to vote and exercise every other right and power incidental to such membership of the Company by the Wexford County Council."

Courtown Harbour.

Under date 27th September, 1928, the Department of Fisheries wrote (d/5/2), asking for details of the estimate of £2130 of County Surveyor in connection with proposed work at Courtown Harbour, and for particulars of the type of grab dredger proposed to be acquired and the arrangements to be set up for its working.

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Under date 3rd October, 1928, the following letter was read from the County Surveyor:-

"In reply to your letter of the 29th ultimo enclosing copy of letter from Department of Fisheries under date 27th ult., I beg to report as follows:-

On the 22nd December last in company of Special Committee I inspected the Harbour, and Mr. Hassard, representing Department of Fisheries was also present. In my report to the Roads Committee on the 2nd January, 1928 I referred to this inspection and verbally reported as follows:-

"The County Surveyor stated that he estimated essential repairs at the end of the pier at £150; new lock gate and sluices he estimated at £480. There was a gravel bank which formed at the end of the pier and which interfered with the sluicing being really effective as the power of the sluices was largely gone by the time it reached so far down the harbour. This bank could be removed only by the use of a hand grab dredger running on rails and which he estimated would cost £450. It was to be worked by the fishermen and if it was in operation the largest boat in the harbour would be able to get to sea. It was also suggested, that and he believed rightly, that dredging of 8,000 cubic yards should be done in the inner basin. This at 3/- per cubic yard would run to £1,200. This work might be done for less but the £1,200 was his estimate for it. The total amount was £2,280. The local men would have to guarantee to work the grab dredger if provided. If while the bank remained at the mouth of the harbour they would not work this dredger it would be to their own loss."

The item for the repair of the end of the Pier amounting to £150 was approved by the County Council, and the work has now been done and the money expended. In regard to the other items amounting to £2,130 the County Council has recently approved of them provided that the Department gives a Grant of 50%. I have now been in communication with the Manufacturers of dredging

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machinery, but have not yet arrived at a satisfactory design for a Grab dredger, and await further information from makers. Recently with two members of the County Council I inspected the dredgers employed on the Barrow Drainage Scheme, and it is possible that the County Council may purchase some similar style of dredger for use in connection with the Local Drainage Schemes, and the several Harbours around the County. If such a machine be purchased there would be no difficulty in dredging out the inner Harbour at Courtown, but this machine would not be suitable for dredging outlet channel."

I have carefully gone into the existing design of the gates and sluices, and am satisfied that we can with modifications and improvements construct new gates at the estimated cost of £480. I originally contemplated altering the design of these gates, but find that such is not practicable as any alteration would entail serious changes in the masonry work. Recently I have had a diver engaged in under water inspection of the Gate Chamber, and I believe we shall not have any difficulty in dealing with this work. My estimate for the improvement works thus remains at £2,130 which is the figure set out in the letter from the Department and is made up as follows:-

New Gates and Sluices	£480.
Grab Dredger on Rails	£450.
Dredging inner basin areal acre x 5' deep ---- say 8,000 cubic yards	£ 1,200
Total.	<u>£2,130</u>

Approved.

Kilmore Harbour.

Under date 28th September, 1928, the Department of Fisheries wrote (D/73/1) that they had been notified by the Commissioners of Public Works that they considered it unsafe to send a dredger to Kilmore at this season of the year. The matter must therefore be postponed for consideration as to whether arrangements could

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be made to ~~have~~ a dredger available for Kilmore in the late Spring or early Summer of next year.

The County Surveyor mentioned that, if the County Council would procure some sort of special grab dredger, it would be very useful for small drainage schemes and for harbours. It would certainly be able to do most satisfactory work at Kilmore.

Mr. Roche pointed out that, if the dredging work was not carried out early next year, the Harbour would be a complete failure.

Mr. Corish suggested that the County Surveyor should ascertain the cost of a trap barge in order to carry out the dredging at Kilmore as he believed a steam launch would be available.

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

"That, unless the Council receive intimation from the Department of Fisheries that a dredger can be made available ~~for~~ for Kilmore early next year, steps be taken to have dredging carried out by some other means."

Cinematograph Act.

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

"That Sergeant P.A. Hanley, 1801, Garda Siochana, Rosslare Strand, be appointed Inspector under Cinematograph Act, 1909 for Killinick, G.S. Sub-District, vice Sergeant T.B. Dunleavy, (2299), transferred from the District."

Appointment of Solicitor

Under date 20th September, 1928, (L.A.16/1/28), letter was read from the Local Appointments Commissioners, recommending Mr. John Elgee, 2 George Street, Wexford for appointment as Solicitor to Wexford County Council.

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

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"That Mr. John Elgee, 2 George Street, Wexford, be appointed Solicitor to Wexford County Council at a Salary of £250 per annum, with out-of-pocket expenses; this salary to cover travelling expenses incurred within the County.

Appointment to be determined by three months' notice in writing on either side."

Sports Fields.

The following resolution from Offaly County Council was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. McCarthy:-

"That ~~the~~ Offaly County Council urge the Government to amend the Land Act in such a manner that it shall enable the Irish Land Commission to allot suitable land wherever it may be needed for Sports Fields, or any other purpose, ~~for~~ Public use."

Capitation Grant-Mental Hospitals.

The following resolution from Ballinasloe Mental Hospital Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Brennan:-

"That all County Councils in Saorstát and Mental Hospital Committees be requested to make an organised effort to secure the restoration of the Capitation Grant to the scale of one-half the cost of maintenance, as was originally the case."

Payment of Land Annuities.

The following resolution was submitted from Wicklow County Board of Health and marked "read":-

"That owing to the general distress existing amongst all classes of the agricultural community in this country we call upon the Government to extend the period of payment of Land Commission annuities by a term of fifty years, Failing this being done, we consider the Government should arrange that no annuities should be ~~paid~~ called for during the next two years and that the amounts due for these two years should be spread over the succeeding ten years. We further consider the the Government contribution to

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Local Rates should be put on a more equitable basis than at present.

Michael Doyle

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

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The monthly meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 12th November, 1928.

Present:-

Mr. M. Doyle, (Chairman) presiding; also:-

Messrs. James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Cline, Patrick Colfer, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, John Doran, James Gaul, Col.C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, William P. Keegan, Thomas Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Col.R.P. Wemyss Quin, M.M. Roche, James Shannon, Myles Smyth and James E. Walsh.

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

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Late Mrs. Shannon.

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

"That we offer our esteemed colleague, Mr. James Shannon, Vice-Chairman of this Council, our heartfelt condolence in the loss sustained by him in the death of his mother. ~~Mr.~~ Shannon has the deepest sympathy of every member of this Council in his great bereavement.

The Secretary, on behalf of himself and the other officials of the Council, associated himself with the resolution and said that one and all desired to express to Mr. Shannon their sorrow in his loss.

Mr. Shannon said it was a great consolation to any member of ~~the~~ of the Council to know that in time of trouble he had the heartfelt sympathy of his colleagues.

The Late Fr. Fitzhenry, P.P. Lady's Island.

Colonel Gibbon proposed the following resolution:-

"That this Council offers to the relatives of the late

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Very Rev. R. Fitzhenry, P.P. Lady's Island our great sympathy in his death."

Colonel Gibbon said that Father Fitzhenry was chairman of their Library Committee and was identified with many public interests in the County. His loss will be felt not only by his own relatives and friends but by the County as a whole.


Mr. Corish seconded the resolution.

Miss O'Ryan, Messrs. O'Byrne, McCarthy, the Chairman, the County Surveyor and County Secretary associated themselves with the resolution. A high tribute to the deceased pastor was paid by the speakers for the great interest he had always taken in the welfare of his native County and most particularly in his immediate district.

Confirmation of Minutes.

Finance Committee.

The following minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 11th October, 1928 were submitted:-



The forthrightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held on 11th October, 1928.

Present:- Mr. James Shannon (Vice-Chairman) presiding; also:- Messrs. Sean O'Byrne, James E. Walsh, M.M. Roche, John Murphy, John Culleton and James Hall.

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

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Rate Collection.

Under date 10th October, 1928 the following letter (G.68066/1928 Lochsarran) was read from Local Government Department:-

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he will raise no objection on this occasion to the payment to Collector Donohoe of poundage based on 80 per cent of the amount of the lodgments made up to the 31st July last in respect of his warrant for 1927-28.

The Minister views with disapproval the balances outstanding on this and other Collectors' warrants and dating as far back as the financial year 1921-22. The Council are at present obliged to rely on over draft accommodation in order to insure the punctual discharge of their commitments.

Considerable concessions have been given to the Collectors generally in regard to the payment of poundage but it is observed that notwithstanding these concessions delay in the closing of warrants has persisted. No Collector has yet closed his warrant for 1927-28. It is with considerable hesitation that the Minister has agreed on previous occasions to the payment of poundage prior to the closing of the warrants concerned. As the concessions made have not elicited satisfactory responses by way of the expedition of Collections, the Council should now give the matter their renewed consideration. In cases where dilatoriness has been apparent the Collectors concerned should be warned that their services will be terminated in the event of failure to close the

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outstanding warrants within a reasonable time.

The experience gained would now appear to indicate that the system of making payments of poundage in advance is undesirable and it is accordingly suggested that the Council might now consider the propriety of its discontinuance in respect of future collections.

It was decided to inform the Local Government Department that acting on the instructions of the County Council the Finance Committee have arranged for special meeting to be held on 25th October, 1928 to consider the whole question of the Rate Collection. It was also decided that the Rate Collectors be asked to nominate one of their number to attend the special meeting.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"The Finance Committee consider it unwise on the part of the County Council to upset their recommendations in respect of Rate Collection. Those recommendations are arrived at after complete and exhaustive inquiry and the Committee regret to state action by the County Council contrary to the decisions of the Finance Committee is hampering to business, subversive to discipline and will not tend to have the Rate Collection properly carried out."

It was decided that a special meeting of the Finance Committee be held on 25th October, 1928, at 10.30. a.m. to consider recommendations in respect of employment of Rate Collectors and Collection of Rate.

In connection with suretyship of Mr. Art Dunne, Rate Collector for No. 15 District, a letter was read from the Manager, National Bank, New Ross, that Messrs. Maurice Condron of Donard, Clonroche, and Michael Ryan, Clonleigh, Palace, might be considered good as sureties to the extent of £100 each.

Mr. Art Dunne
The Secretary was instructed to communicate with/and inform him that as bond with himself and Sureties was a joint and several one, Banker's reference as regards personal surety must cover a sum of £200

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With reference to the arrest of Collector Cleary, District No. 21 Mr. M.J. Finn, Rate Checker for New Ross District attended and explained that how Cleary committed fraud was by calling out to him amounts which were not in his abstract. He (Mr. Finn) held the Collecting book and, as Cleary called out the items from his abstract, the Counterfoils on the Collecting book were initialled by him (Mr. Finn). He had been acting as Official Checker since 1899 and the practice in Cleary's case was the usual procedure followed by him.

In reply to Mr. Roche, Mr. Finn stated he never made an independent check.

After discussion the following resolution was proposed by Mr. Roche, seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:-

"That Mr. Finn, Official Checker of Rates in New Ross District, be instructed that, in future, he must carry out his checking of Rates independently of the Collector.

Under date 8th October, 1928, letter (No. G. 66797/1928 Loch Garman, Fa.) was received from the Local Government Department stating that, as Collector Cleary had failed to account for certain Rates, the County Council should take the necessary steps to declare the office vacant, and to employ a suitable successor, apart from pending criminal proceedings. A formal resolution terminating this Officer's services should be adopted and submitted to the Minister for approval.

The Secretary stated that the County Council had, at their meeting on the 8th October, 1928, determined Mr. Cleary's employment.

Sanction of Overdraft.

Under date 3rd October, 1928, (G. 66799/1928, Loch Garman, Fa.) the Department of Local Government wrote, stating that the Minister had sanctioned the continuance of overdraft not exceeding £40,000 to the 31st December, 1928, with interest payable at the agreed rate.

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University Scholarship Scheme.

Under date 5th October, 1928, Mr. Edmond Larrissy wrote that his son, Thomas B. Larrissy, was in residence in Maynooth College, since 18th September, 1928. He wished to know if the University Scholarship awarded him was tenable at Maynooth.

A long discussion took place after which Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. Murphy seconded:-

"That Mr. Thomas B. Larrissy be allowed to hold his Scholarship at Maynooth College."

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the motion:-Messrs. Roche, Hall, Culleton, and Murphy ..4.

Against:- Messrs. Walsh, O'Byrne, and the Chairman3.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Under date 5th October, 1928, a letter was received from Mr. Thomas F. White, asking for renewal of his Scholarship. He was resuming his studies after his long illness.

It was decided, subject to the concurrence of the University Authorities that University Scholarship to Thomas F. White be renewed for second year provided the University Authorities allow him to sit for first and second year examinations during the present academic year. It was also decided that balance of first year's Scholarship be paid Mr. White in instalments after he resumes his attendance at University lectured.

Food and Drugs Acts.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, submitted the circumstances of two prosecutions under Food and Drugs Acts.

The meeting considered it was advisable to allow both cases to be investigated by the District Justice.

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

"That the minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 11th October, 1928 be received and considered."

University Scholarships Scheme.

In connection with the recommendation of Finance Committee that University Scholarship be awarded Thomas B. Larrissey, Mr. Culleton proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution:-

"That the recommendation of Finance Committee awarding University Scholarship to Thomas B. Larrissey be confirmed."

After considerable discussion a vote was taken on the motion with the following result:-

For confirmation of minute:- Messrs. Brennan, Colfer, Culleton, Cummins, Doran, Hall, Mayler, Murphy, Roche and the Chairman10.

Against:- Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Cooney, Corish, D'Arcy, Gaul, Gibbon, Hayes, Jordan, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin, Shannon, Smyth, Walsh and Miss O'Ryan17.

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

"That the minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 11th October, 1928 be and are hereby confirmed with the exception of recommendation of Committee to award University Scholarship to Thomas B. Larrissey, which the Council has not agreed to."

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting of 25th October, 1928 were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held on 25th October, 1928 in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford.

The following were in attendance:-

Messrs. Sean O'Byrne, James Hall, John J. Culleton, M.M. Roche, Thomas McCarthy and J.E. Walsh.

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

The Chair was taken by Mr. Hall on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Culleton.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Shannon (Vice-Chairman) then attended and took the chair.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5514-15-11d. was examined and signed.

Rate Collection.

The meeting was summoned especially to consider the question of the Rate Collection generally and to make recommendations to the County Council.

The following suggestions were debated:-

- (1) Paying Collectors a weekly remuneration.
- (2) Paying on amounts collected and lodged at more frequent intervals than at present.
- (3) Collecting through Post Office.
- (4) Collecting direct from County Council Offices.
- (5) Reduction of Rate Collectors by enlarging present

districts as they became vacant and insisting upon the full amount of warrant being lodged on the specified dates, when districts have been so enlarged.

With reference to Collection through the Post Office and from County Council Offices the Secretary submitted communication which he had received from Mr. W.F. Quinlan, County Secretary, Kerry County Council. In this it was pointed out that the Collection through the Post Office had been successful but had been abandoned owing to the fact that the Kerry County Council had been unable to obtain any reduction in the 3d poundage rate charged by the Post Office.

Dealing with the system of direct collection through the County Council Offices Mr. Quinlan pointed out that the whole County was formed into one collecting district, one of the County Council staff being appointed Rate Collector. The Rates were received either directly over the counter in the Office or paid by the ratepayers by Money Order or Postal Order, Receivable Orders being issued to all ratepayers. In addition, a number of County Councillors brought in the rates for the poorer people in each district and it was provided that the Rate Collector or his Representative attend at specified centres throughout the County to receive rates, due notice of his visit having been advertised.

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This latter provision had been adopted in order to save all possible expense in connection with Money Orders etc., for the Ratepayers.

The scheme so far had worked out satisfactorily. The amount of irrecoverable rates was estimated at £1,500; the total warrant for current year was £144,822.10.0d. Some of the Rate Collectors whose services had been discontinued had been pensioned and the positions of those remaining would be dealt with by the Kerry County Council at the end of the year, when they would be in a position to give a decision as to whether the present system would be put upon a permanent basis. As regards the preparation of Voters' and Jurors' lists the Garda Síochána performed these duties under Order made by the Minister for Local Government under Section 7 (1) Local Government (Collection of Rates) Act, 1927 and were paid the approximate fees.

The scheme suggested that a rebate of $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent be allowed all ratepayers who paid the full amount of their assessment for the year within six weeks after receipt of Demand Note, but this proposal was not sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government. The success of the scheme depended very largely on the people recognising their sense of civic responsibility. For the first month under the new scheme £40,295 out of total warrant had been collected while under the Post Office system £29,300 only had been collected for the first month. When the Receivable Orders were being sent to Ratepayers the following was attached:-

"By this new scheme of Rate Collection it is hoped to effect a considerable saving to the Ratepayers of Kerry. To do this, however, the co-operation of the ratepayers is essential. It is expected, therefore, that each individual ratepayer will recognise his civic duty and responsibility by paying his rates promptly. The success of the scheme depends on you."

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Messrs. J. Cummins, Collector for No. 8 District, and Mr. James Quirke, No. 1 District, attended on behalf of the Rate Collectors. Mr. Cummins contended that the present system of collecting through Rate Collectors was the most suitable for the County Wexford. The Collectors knew each and every individual ratepayer. By the direct system it was possible ~~that~~ that a certain amount of ready money would be collected but great difficulty would be experienced in dealing with the ratepayers who were "hard-set" and who at all times were dilatory in the discharge of their liabilities.

In reply to queries he said he believed that if some of the Collectors were more energetic more rates would be obtained and at an earlier period. He did not think as regards Wexford that the present system could be improved upon owing to the fact that Collectors were in personal touch with the ratepayers. He considered that if the districts were enlarged better results could be achieved. As regards poundage, owing to the fact that some of the Rate Collectors had no other means of livelihood it would certainly improve matters if they could be paid a percentage of poundage monthly or ^{every} two months.

Mr. O'Byrne pointed out that when the circular letter of the Local Government Department under date 10th December, 1926 (No. 56951/1926 Miscellaneous) was discussed by the Finance Committee great promises had been made on behalf of the Rate Collectors as to increased energy in the performance of their duties but these promises had not been carried out. In his opinion the principal reason for the backward state of the Collection for a number of years past was owing to the fact that the Collectors did not get to work early enough.

Mr. Hall was of opinion that the dates of closing were most inconveniently fixed. Instead of 30th September, the first moiety of rate should ^{be} lodged by the 30th November, and instead of 31st March, the date of closing second moiety should be 31st May. If the Council could have ^{be} ~~existing~~ dates ^{be} ~~fixed~~ to those

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which he recommended, he would be in favour of directing all Rate Collectors to close their warrants in good time. No extension should be allowed in any case.

Mr. McCarthy favoured the payment of poundage monthly or every two months on condition that a certain percentage of the collection should be lodged each month. He was also of opinion that as Rate Collectors dropped out the districts should be enlarged, with a view to obtaining the services of responsible men, at substantial remuneration, to enable them to employ Assistants, and if this were agreed to the full amount of warrant should be lodged within the specified time and no excuse taken for failure in complying with this direction.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Roche, seconded by Mr. McCarthy to adjourn further consideration of the matter to Finance meeting to be held on 8th November, when the Committee will deal with the advisability of recommending increasing amount of personal Bond to £400 and also insisting upon the full amount of warrant being lodged within specified periods, the dates suggested for present rate being 30th November and 31st May.

As regards poundage it was suggested that where Collectors had by the 1st September lodged 50% or more of first moiety they should be paid 80% on the actual amount collected on that date, balance of poundage being paid if amount equal to first moiety has been lodged by 30th November. As regards poundage for second moiety 50% of said moiety should be lodged by 1st March when 80% of poundage on amount lodged will be paid, the balance of poundage being paid when warrant has been closed on 31st May.

It was agreed that the question of payment of poundage be specially dealt with at next meeting.

Mr. Roche suggested to Messrs. Cummins and Quirke that they should appeal to their fellow collectors to make a special effort before next fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee to get all

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in all possible rates, when progress made by each Rate Collector will be very carefully considered.

With regard to state of Rate Collection the following given the per centages of current rate collected to 24th October:-

E.J. Murphy, 80. J. Quirke, 77. J.J. O'Reilly, 70.
J. Curtis, 69. J.J. Sinnott, 63. S. Gannon 63. M. Deegan, 60.
J. Cummins, 59. P. Furlong, 59. P. Doyle, 59. W. Cummins, 58.
P. O'Byrne, 57. T. Rowe, 56. P. Donohoe 36. M.O'Hanlon, 36.
A. Dunne. 23.

Books for current Collection had not been given to Messrs. M.M. Kelly, J.J. Kelly and Michael McCarthy.

The following amounts were outstanding on the 1928 Rate on 24th October, 1928.

J.J. O'Reilly, £4.16.9d. T. Rowe. £17.17.7d. J.J. Sinnott, £50.5.8d. E.J. Murphy, £49.13.6d. J. Curtis, £50.1.6d.
J. Quirke, £102.7.11d. M. Deegan, £232.19.10d. J. Cummins, £194.4.4d. J. Doyle, £126.14.5d. W. Cummins, £221.3.6d.
P. Donohoe, £188.13.1d. T. Sutton, £271.2.5d. P. Doyle, £292.19s.
S. Gannon, £197.9.3d. P. Furlong, £298.15s. P. O'Byrne, £294.2.9d. M.O'Hanlon. £402.16.5d. M. Kelly, £288.13.1d. M. McCarthy, £696.17.11d. J.J. Kelly, £651.8.3d. A. Dunne, £1,110.16.5d. Total 1928 Rate outstanding £5743.18.7d. The

rates outstanding in respect of previous periods are:-

1927 Rate £1081.9.2d. 1926 Rate £349.5.9d. 1925 Rate. £67.3.0d.
1924 Rate £101.16.3d. 1923 Rate £103.0.6d. total £1702.14.8d.

The Committee considered that Mr. P. Donohoe with only 36% of first moiety of current Rate collected was discharging his duty in a very unsatisfactory manner and they will very seriously consider at next meeting taking drastic action in his case unless very substantial increase in amount collected is reported. As regards collection of arrears of Rates for 1928 rate they noted that Mr. J.J. Kelly has ^a sum of £651 outstanding and Mr. Michael McCarthy £696. It was decided that the case of Mr. P. Donohoe will be considered at

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next meeting.

Under date 12th October, 1928 the Department of Local Government wrote (69271/28 Loch Garman (Fa)), stating that the Minister confirmed the suspension of Rate Collector Cleary, District No. 21, and thereby terminated his services as a public official.

With reference to the appointment of Mr. Martin O'Hanlon, temporary collector for No. 21 District, the names of Mr. James O'Shea, Rosbercon, New Ross, and Mrs. Maher, Cushinstown, Ballinabola, were submitted as sureties for his Personal Bond, and Banker's references were read in each case showing that they could be regarded in each case as solvent to the amount of Bond.

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

"That James O'Shea, Rosbercon, New Ross, and Mrs. Maher, Cushinstown, Ballinaboola, be accepted as personal securities for Martin O'Hanlon, temporary Rate Collector for No. 21 Collection District.

Under date 29th October the Department of Local Government wrote (G.72529/28 Loch Garman Fa), stating that the Minister sanctioned the temporary appointment of Mr. O'Hanlon for No 21 District for periods ending 31st March, 1929 and on the terms set out on list of queries.

Under date 22nd October, 1928 letter was read from Mr. James Quirke, Hon. Secretary, County Wexford Rate Collectors' Association, asking the Committee to pay poundage to Rate Collectors. Some of these had not received any payment for a considerable length of time and in consequence found it very difficult to carry on their work.

It was decided to inform Mr. Quirke that the question of poundage was being specially considered at next meeting of Finance Committee.

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

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"That books for current Rate Collection be handed to Mr. M.M. Kelly, District No. 6, and that the question of payment of poundage to him be considered at next meeting of Finance Committee,"

Under date 24th October, 1928 the Local Government Department wrote (G.72551/1928 Ilgh) explaining the arrangements which had been made after consultation with the Irish Banks Standing Committee to facilitate prompt lodgments by Rate Collectors of rates received by them.

The Secretary stated that copies of this circular letter would be furnished Rate Collectors.

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

"That Mr. William Quirke, Ballinruan, Screen, be accepted as personal Security for Mr. James Quirke, Rate Collector, for No 1 District, Vice William Quirke, Senior, deceased, provided Banker's reference be forthcoming.

In connection with checking of Rate Collectors' accounts in New Ross District, Mr. M.J.Finn, Official Checker, wrote that he had put into operation the instructions of the Finance Committee as to the checking of Collectors' accounts.

It was decided that system of checking at New Ross and Enniscorthy be inspected occasionally by Assistant Secretary, travelling expenses to be limited to 4d. per mile.

Under date 18th October, a letter was read from the Local Government Department (Roads) (R/DB/32), asking for a contribution towards payment of amount due to the Exchequer under the Damage to Property (Compensation) Act, 1923.

It was decided to inform the Local Government Department that payment will be made when Rate Collection is somewhat more advanced than at present.

Wexford Courthouse.

Mr. A.B. Delap, (Delap and Waller) Northern Bank Chambers,
115 Grafton Street, Dublin
consulting engineer

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in regard to proposed site of Wexford Courthouse forwarded bill for £108.4.9d.

It was decided to defer payment of the account until the question of the site of Wexford Courthouse has been definitely settled.

Main Road Upkeep Grants.

Circular letter from Department of Local Government (Roads) under date 26th October, 1928 (RGM/201/29), relative to Maintenance Grants for Main Roads was received. The circular pointed out that the Main Road Upkeep Grants had been up to the present governed by the amounts County Councils themselves allowed in the previous year. It was considered more satisfactory that the Minister would indicate before Councils finally ~~the~~ passed their Road Estimates for ~~next~~ financial year, what measure of State Aid (if any) can be given towards the cost of Main Roads. For this purpose County Councils were asked to frame provisional estimates showing the sums likely to be allowed for (a) Trunk Roads (b) Link Roads and (c) County Roads for financial year. Special attention was drawn to the fact that where roads have been steam rolled or improved and were fit for surface dressing, such dressing, should be provided for and the inclusion of a provision under this head would be taken into account in determining the amount of the Grant. If a reasonable sum was proposed for the upkeep of roads referred to in circular letter it was the intention of the Minister to make Grants of 50% of the cost of upkeep of Main Roads which are trunk roads and 30% to the upkeep of Main Roads which are link roads.

The County Surveyor mentioned that up to the present with the exception of County Dublin surface dressing was not dealt with to any considerable extent out of ordinary Maintenance Proposals and such works had been carried out under Grant. The proposal

of the Ministry would mean that they want the Councils in the coming year to provide for this class of work but of their ordinary proposals, but this would allow for more money being allocated for improvement work. Last year they dealt with 33 miles approximately of surface dressing. In order to carry out the wished of the Ministry they would have to expend £180 per mile on trunk roads and as half this would be recouped, the Grant would represent the whole of the Ordinary Maintenance Charge on 1st Class Trunk Roads. After the third year the dressing might be dropped for a period of another three years. He estimated that about twelve miles would have to be surface dressed in the current year. The County Surveyor in conclusion mentioned that he would have preliminary estimates ready for next meeting of Finance Committee.

It was decided that estimates be considered thereat.

Hating of New Buildings Order Etc.

It was decided that rebate of rates be made in the cases of Arthur H. Stephens, 41 Main Street, Gorey and Bridget Dunne, Blackwater, evidence being submitted to prove that in the first instance house and shop had been reconstructed at a cost of £210 and in the second case a new two-storey house built costing £550.

It was decided that both Holdings be included on New Buildings List.

Duplicate Paying Order.

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

"That Duplicate Pay Order No. 5041 amount £1.12.0d. issued out of Subsidiary Account to Nicholas Wade, Faythe, Wexford (original order having been lost in the post) be issued.

The Secretary stated the original had been estopped.

University Scholarships.

Under date 22nd October 1928 Margaret Brown to whom

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University Scholarship had been recently awarded wrote that she would accept the County Council Scholarship on condition that she could attend evening lectures at the University.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That Miss Margaret Frayne be requested to state why it is not possible for her to attend ordinary University lectures during the day and also that the Secretary communicate with the University Authorities and inquire if a student attending evening lectures only is in a position to proceed to a Degree.

Under date 19th October, 1928 the Secretary, University College, Dublin reported that Miss Honor A.M. Bolger, University Scholarship holder, had passed the B. Commerce examination with Second Class Honours and Michael G. Stedmond, University Scholarship holder passed the Second University Examination in Engineering.

Mr. Denis O'Leary, St. Ibar's Villas, Newtown Road, Wexford wrote making a further application on behalf of his son Liam for University Scholarship. He pointed out that his son obtained higher marks than the student who had been placed fourth on the list by the Academic Council.

The boy had also Matriculated in the National University, a fairly good record for a boy of 17 years.

It was decided to inform Mr. O'Leary that no vacancy existed for University Scholarship and no action would be taken in this matter pending inquiries into the case of Margaret Frayne.

Illness of Mr. John J. Fanning.

Under date 17th October, 1928 letter was read from Dr. M.P. Desmond, Midleton, County Cork, that Mr. John Fanning who was under his care, was in a highly strung nervous condition with attending symptoms of worrying, sleeplessness etc., and would require a few weeks extra rest.

Proposed by Mr. Walsh, seconded by the Chairman and adopted:-

"That Mr. John J. Fanning, Assistant in County Council Offices be granted a month's further sick leave as from 8th November, 1928.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 25th October be received and considered."

After discussion of the various items the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 25th October, 1928, be and are hereby confirmed."

The following minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 8th November, 1928 were submitted :-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 8th November, 1928.

Present:- Messrs. M. Doyle (Chairman) presiding: also Messrs. James Shannon (Vice-Chairman), Sean O'Byrne, J.E. Walsh, John J. Culleton, John Murphy, James Hall and Thomas McCarthy.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £6022.11.9d. was examined and signed.

State of Rate Collection.

The state of the Rate Collection as follows was submitted:-

1928 Rate outstanding on 7th November, 1928:-

J.J. O'Reilly £1.0.4d. T. Rowe £8.4.3d. J.J. Sinnott £27.2.9d.
E.J. Murphy £26.7.6d. J. Curtis £50.1.6d. J. Quirke £95.17.1d.
M. Deegan £222.18.11d. J. Cummins. £175.14.3d. J. Doyle
£120.13.1d. P. Doyle £242.1.7d. P. Donohoe. £185.6.5d. W. Cummins
£220.13.7d. T. Sutton £271.2.5d. S. Gannon £190.9.8d.
P. Furlong £275.9.1d. J.J. O'Reilly No. 15 £458.3.3d. P. O'Byrne
£294.2.9d. M. O'Hanlon £402.13.11d. M.M. Kelly £271.16.9d.
J.J. Kelly £506.3.0d. M. McCarthy. £656.8.6d. Total £4702.9.7d.

The total 1927 and previous arrears outstanding amounted to £1643.19.8d.

1929 Rate. The following shows the amount of percentage of first moiety collected to 7th November, 1928:-

E.J. Murphy 88. J. Quirke 83. J.J. O'Reilly 82.
J. Doyle 79. T. Rowe 78. J.J. Sinnott 78. J. Curtis 74. J. Doyle 74.
S. Gannon 73. P. Furlong 72. J. Cummins 72. T. Sutton 71.
M. Deegan 70. P. O'Byrne 69. W. Cummins 68. P. Donohoe 49. A. Dunne
48. M. O'Hanlon 42. M.M. Kelly 25.

Messrs. J.J. Kelly and Michael McCarthy have not yet received current collecting books.

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Collector J.J. Kelly (No. 14 District) wrote as follows under date 7th November, 1928:-

Please inform Finance Committee that I have done my honest best to collect all outstanding Rates. I have sent Solicitors' letters, obtained decrees, and have made seizure on my own warrant. I also have a number of cases for next Friday, Court day in Gorey. If I had the new Collecting Books in my possession on last Saturday, Fair day in Gorey, I believe I would have received £700 or £800 with the number of people who called to pay me.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. McCarthy and adopted:-

"That as Mr. J.J. Kelly, Collector for No 14 Collection District has not carried out his promise of closing his warrant by this date we hereby recommend that he be suspended from office and in the event of the County Council confirming this order we direct that his Collecting Books shall be taken up.

"We recommend to the personal sureties of Mr. Kelly that they agree to the Collection being closed by Mr. J.J. O'Reilly, Collector for No. 13 District and Mr. J.J. Sinnott, No. 16 District and that these two Collectors arrange between themselves the Electoral Divisions in Mr. Kelly's District in which they propose to Collect".

It was also decided that Collectors Sinnott and O'Reilly be appointed to collect the current ~~xxxx~~ year's Rate in Collector Kelly's District.

With regard to the case of Mr. Michael McCarthy, deputy for his brother Mr. Charles McCarthy No. 5 District, the following resolution was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Walsh and adopted:-

"That in the event of Mr. Michael McCarthy not complying with the instructions of the Council to close his warrant by

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12th November we recommend he be suspended from office and his books taken up.

"We recommend that personal sureties of Mr. Charles McCarthy ~~to~~ agree to the appointment of Mr. James Quirke, Rate Collector for No. 1 District to close the Collection in the event of suspension of Mr. McCarthy being confirmed by the Council."

It was also decided that Collector Quirke be recommended for appointment as Collector of current rate in Collector McCarthy's District.

The following resolution was agreed to on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Walsh:-

"That where Rate Collectors are appointed to act in other Districts than their own pro rata security (personal and guarantee) on the extra amount to be collected should be provided."

As regards the general question of Rate Collection and ~~the~~ submission of recommendations for its improvement the following under date 5th November, 1928 was read from Mr. James Quirke, Hon. Secretary, Co. Wexford Rate Collectors' Association:-

As suggested by the Finance Committee of your Council, a meeting of the County Rate Collectors was held on 30th October.

The financial position of the Council having been explained to them, the Collectors decided to make a special effort to have all rates possible collected by the next meeting of your Committee.

It was agreed that the publication of outstanding Rates, and percentages of Collectors has a bad effect on the collection in general, as it tends to make the punctual Ratepayers withhold payment, and encourages carelessness on the part of the defaulters.

It was also recommended that full Poundage fees be paid monthly on all Rates lodged, as it was felt the present system of payment ~~only itself~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~Council~~ ~~and~~ ~~not~~ ~~pay~~ ~~for~~ ~~their~~ ~~own~~ ~~needs~~.
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The following definite suggestions were agreed to for consideration at next meeting of the County Council:-

"That the question of enlargement of Collectors' Districts be dealt with by Finance Committee when arrears of Rates in the Districts of J.J. Kelly and Charles McCarthy have been collected by Messrs. O'Reilly, Sinnott and Quirke. The Finance Committee consider that the experience gained from the manner in which the three last named collectors perform the additional duty will be a considerable help to them in the consideration of the proposal to enlarge Collectors' Districts

The Finance Committee also feel that in order to put the Collection on a business like basis it is essential that Collectors must close their warrants by the specified dates; in the event of failure to do so Collectors concerned be automatically suspended.

Regarding new appointments the Finance Committee recommend that the personal Bond for the closing of Warrant should be increased to \$400.

Poundage of Rate Collectors.

In connection with payment of poundage the following recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Walsh.:-

"That the following Rate Collectors who have less than 7% of 1928 Rate outstanding be paid poundage in full on all 1928 Rate and arrears lodged to 31st October also 75% of poundage on lodgments of 1929 Rate to 31st October:-

J. Quirke (No 1 District) T. Sutton, P. Doyle, J. Quirke, (No 3 District) P. Furlong .M.M. Kelly, M. Deegan, J. Cummins, P. Donohoe, J.J. O'Reilly, (No. 13 District) J.J. ^{O'Reilly} Kelly (No. 15 District) E.J. Murphy, Thomas Rowe. J. Doyle. J. Curtis. J.J. Sinnott. Art Dunne.

Rates on Gorey Courthouse.

In connection with payment of Rates for Gorey Courthouse

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and Caretaker's premises it was decided that Mr. Elgee be directed to advise as to liability of the Council for Rate up to 31st March, 1928.

Holding at Newtown, Clonevan, Gorey.

Under date 3rd November, 1928 Messrs. Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey wrote as follows:-

We understand that there is a considerable amount due for Rates up to March, 1927 in respect of this holding, and we would feel very much obliged if you would kindly bring the facts before the County Council.

The holding formerly belonged to Thomas Gilbert who died on the 10th February, 1916, having appointed William Bailey and John Gilbert his Executors. The deceased ~~left~~ left a widow and one boy who was a mere child at the time.

For some years the Executors set the lands and were making a reasonable profit out of them after paying the rent and rates, and a small sum was being accumulated for the infant.

In or about the year 1922 the lands were claimed by a man named O'Connor on the grounds that his family had been evicted from them many years before, and O'Connor entered into possession of the premises, and you may remember that proceedings were instituted against him.

The result of this was that the lands were derelict. Nobody would touch them, and for some years following not a penny was received from the lands. Ultimately the lands were sold to O'Connor for £350.0.0, and he is responsible for the Rates from March, 1927.

Taking into account the peculiar circumstances of the case, we would feel very much obliged if the County Council could see their way to remit portion of the outstanding rates.

We may mention that the £350.0.0, paid for the farm will not be sufficient to pay the arrears due to the Land Commission and

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the Rates if the full amount of the Rates ~~is~~ insisted on.

After discussion the Finance Committee made the following order:-

"That this Committee cannot see its way to recommend the Council ~~to remit any portion of Council~~ to remit any portion of claim for Rates on the holding of Thomas Gilbert, Newtown, Clonevan.

University Scholarship Scheme.

Under date 2nd November, Miss Margaret Frayne, University Scholarship Holder, wrote from 19 Bath Avenue, Sandymount, Dublin, that she could not attend ordinary lectures during the day at the University as she was engaged as writing assistant in the Civil Service.

Under date 3rd November, the Registrar, University College, Dublin, wrote that no Scholarship could be held in college by attendance at evening lectures only which were intended for students of mature age, but who had not an opportunity of attending day lectures.

It was decided that Miss Margaret Frayne be informed that in view of the opinion of the University Academic Council her Scholarship must be cancelled unless she can see her way to attend day lectures.

In connection with application of Mr. Liam O'Leary, 3 St. Ibar's Villas, Newtown Road, Wexford, for University Scholarship the following resolution was agreed to:-

"That in the event of Miss Margaret Frayne being unable to avail of ^{University} ~~the~~ Scholarship, said Scholarship be awarded to Liam O'Leary. This recommendation to be subject to the approval of the County Council and the Academic Council of University College."

Mr. Thomas F. White, University Scholarship Holder, wrote that he was taking out lectures in the faculties of Commerce and Science (Second Year).

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Under date 31st October, 1928 the Secretary, University College, Dublin wrote that, in the opinion of the President Thomas F. White should confine himself to First Year work during the present session.

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

"That in view of the recommendation of the President of University College, Dublin, Thomas F. White, University Scholarship holder be not required to attend second year Lectures in the present University Session and that renewal of Scholarship in this case be granted on the condition that he attends the requisite first year's lectures.

County Surveyor's Estimate for Roads.

The County Surveyor submitted the following estimate for Maintenance of Roads and Works for financial year 1929-30:-
Main Roads (Trunk) Tar Spraying £5605, Ordinary Maintenance £5523. Main Roads (link) Tar Spraying £350. (Road Ballybrennan to Ballymackessy) Ordinary Maintenance £19010. County Roads (third class) £30748: County Roads (fourth class) £6000.

Improvement work:- Main Roads £854; County Roads £1435.
Contingency Fund - Main Roads £2000. County Roads £2000. Total. £73525.

The amount of receipts as against these items are estimated at Trunk Roads Maintenance Grant 50% £2761.

Do Spraying.	50% £2802.
Link Roads Maintenance	30% £5703.
do Spraying	30% £ 105.

Total. £ 11371

This leaves a net amount of £62154.

The amount of Road Estimate agreed to by the Council for *previous* financial year was £53,814 and deducting maintenance Grant from this viz., £6331, the amount raised by rate was £47483.

The increase proposed over amount raised last year is £14671.

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It was decided to refer the matter to the meeting of the County Council on 12th inst. as the Finance Committee, in view of the increase over the amount allocated for last year, considered it would be inadvisable for them to make any recommendations as to the figures to be adopted for estimate for next financial year.

Testing Electricity Meters.

Under date 29th October, 1928, the following was read from the Electricity Supply Board 60-62 Upper Mount Street, Dublin:-

With reference to your letter of the 15th inst. relative to a discussion by the Finance Committee of your Council regarding the testing of Electricity Meters in cases where electricity is supplied by private Companies or persons, I am directed to inform you that the Board have not up to the present availed themselves of the powers they possess under Section 34 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1927, to make any regulations in lieu of or in addition to the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Act, 1899, and in the circumstances the Schedule to the latter Act, Clause 35 of which provided for the appointment of Electric Inspectors, is still in operation.

In view of the expense which would be entailed by the appointment of Inspectors the Committee decided to allow the matter to drop.

Nursing Home.

Under date 7th November, 1928 the following was read from Sister M. Abban, Matron, Nursing Home:-

There is a number of old iron bedsteads here that are very much in the way. I wonder could I dispose of them and get some more up-to-date furniture for what they would realise and I could keep a list and send it to you.

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

"That we agree to the sale of 42 old beds at Nursing Home,

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Wexford, rented by Dr. S.A. Furlong from the County Council provided amount realised be spent on the purchase of necessary furniture for the Home.

Wexford Courthouse.

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

"That the Department of Finance be asked for reply to letter from County Council under date 18th ult. as to the proposal to select the old Jail as the site of Wexford Courthouse.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor mentioned that the Representatives of the Barry Estate had agreed to accept 20 years purchase of their interest in the ground rent of old Courthouse on Quay, Wexford. He had not yet heard from the Trustees of St. Vincent De. Paul Society as to the purchase of their interest.

It was decided that claim of Mrs. McNally, Courthouse keeper Wexford for half-year(s salary etc. amounting to £29.1.0d. be paid.

Flag for Courthouse.

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

"That £5 amount of contract for supplying and fixing Official Irish Poplin Flag order by District Justice be paid Messrs. John Sinnott and Co. Wexford.

Customs Duty on Diving Suits.

Under date 2nd November, 1928 the Secretary, Department of Finance wrote that up to a recent date diving suits were regarded by the Revenue Commissioners as being liable to duty. The Commissioners had now decided that these articles are not liable to duty and were prepared to repay any apparel duty, paid on diving suits since the duty was first imposed.

Under date 1st November, 1928 the Revenue Commissioners wrote that in full consideration of all the facts they had decided

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that diving apparatus may be admitted to An Saorstát without payment of the Customs Duty chargeable on wearing apparel.

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

"That application be made to the Revenue Commissioners for refund of £8.9.4d. amount of Customs duty paid on diving suit purchased by County Council, also 10/6 duty entry stamps.

Duplicate Pay Order.

Mr. J. Whelan, Irish St. Buncloody wrote that he had been directed by the National Bank to advise that Pay Order No. 4988 had been lost in course of post. He was last endorsee of the Order and asked that Duplicate Pay Order be issued.

Mr. McCarthy mentioned that a Postal packet had been recently lost in this district.

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

"That Duplicate Pay Order for No. 4988 to Patrick Nolan, Ballyprecus, Buncloody, be issued to replace original order lost in course of post.

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

"That the minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 8th November, 1928 be received and considered."

Colonel Quin proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following resolution:-

"That we dissent from recommendation of the Finance Committee ^{as} to payment of poundage to Rate Collectors and that instead of paying full poundage on all 1928 Rate to collectors who have less than 7% on that Rate outstanding 80% of the full poundage on amounts collected be paid and 40% in the case of first moiety of Rate for 1928-29 instead of 75% as recommended by the Finance Committee."

On a vote, Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, and Mr. D'Arcy voted for this proposal and the other Councillors against.

The Chairman declared the proposition lost.

The recommendations of the Finance Committee as regards Collectors J.J. Kelly and M. McCarthy (deputy for his Brother Charles McCarthy) having been agreed to the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:-

"That the minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 8th November, 1928 be and are hereby confirmed."

As regards the position of Rate Collector C. McCarthy (District No. 5) the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan, seconded by Mr. Clince:-

"That consideration of the position of Mr. Charles Mc Carthy, Rate Collector for No. 5 District be adjourned to next meeting of the County Council."

Road Estimates.

On the suggestion of Colonel Gibbon it was decided that a special meeting of County Council be held at 10.30.A.M. on Monday 10th December, 1928 to consider estimate of County

Surveyor for roads and public works for next financial year, and that next ordinary County Council meeting be held on Monday 3rd December, 1928.

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

"That Mr. Quigley, Chief Engineer, Local Government Department, be requested to attend special meeting of County Council to be held on 10th December, 1928 for consideration of Estimate for Roads ^{and} works for next financial year."

Roads Committee. The Following Minutes of Roads Committee meeting held on 22nd October, 1928 were submitted:-

The monthly meeting of the Roads Committee was held on 22nd October, 1928 in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford.

Mr. M. Doyle, (Chairman) presiding. Also present:- Messrs. James Hall, Sean O'Byrne, T.F. D'Arcy, Myles Smyth, Thomas McCarthy, T.J. Mayler, John J. Culleton, Patrick Hayes, James Shannon, M.M. Roche, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish and Colonel Gibbon.

The Secretary, The County Surveyor, the following Assistant Surveyors:- Messrs. Treanor, Kehoe, Cullen, Birthistle, O'Neill and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor were also in attendance.

County Surveyor's Report.

The following monthly report of the County Surveyor was presented:-

On the 16th instant I made a thorough inspection of the concrete road between Enniscorthy and Ferrycarrig, in company of Messrs. O'Brien and Martin, representing the Pioneer Road Construction Company. The Assistant Surveyors and Gangers for respective areas were also in attendance. Since the previous detailed inspection a further number of transverse cracks have appeared, in all thirteen. Only two of these cracks are in any way marked, and two of them could not be found on the occasion of our inspection, but had been previously noted by the Gangers. At one place, above Whitefort Bridge - near the Milestone - there is a piece broken adjoining the joint, and there ~~is~~ also a slight failure at joint opposite Mental Hospital. These defects are in no way serious, and I have arranged with the Contractors to clean out and run in bitumen for the two bad cracks, and to repair with alluminous cement the two failures at joints. The other cracks at the present time, are, I believe, only on the surface, and cannot yet be dealt with. The remainder of the work is entirely satisfactory with the exception that some of the bitumen filling the joints has lifted. These joints will be dealt with as soon

as weather permits, and later on, before the road is finally handed over to us, the Contractors will go over the whole length, and make good all joints and cracks with bitumen. I submit copy of letter received from the Pioneer Road Construction Company covering this matter. I am satisfied that the work is a satisfactory job, and I do not expect there will be any serious outlay required for maintenance for many years to come.

The work at Carne Pier is well advanced towards completion, but on several occasions lately, owing to stormy weather, our timber casing was washed away and the concrete laying consequently delayed. The completed work, however, in no way shows any ill effects from the bad weather.

Referring to the letter from the Fisheries Department re St. Helen's Harbour I am prepared to make plan, and give particulars of the estimated ~~xx~~ expenditure of £750, but I would point out that unless the legal difficulties are got over there will be no necessity for expenditure of time in preparing plan.

On the 17th instant I visited Sow Drainage area, and took levels on the lower reaches. I met a number of the local Committee on the ground and thoroughly discussed the general question of their complaints, but I was unable to take levels above Ballinkeele Bridge. The depth of water in the river above the bridge is ~~an~~ or about three feet, which does not permit of wading and I think this work must be deferred until the water falls. In the meantime, I have carefully examined into the sections and have had calculations made in regard to the ~~maximum~~ maximum possible fall that can be given to the bed of the river, but without further levels upstream ~~from~~ Ballinkeele, I cannot definitely state if the maximum advantage has been obtained by the recent work. On the 16th instant I had a representative ~~here~~ here from Messrs. Ruston and Hornsby with whom I visited the upper section of this drainage area with a view to the possible use of the "Dragline" Dredger. The stream at this place was

almost completely blocked with weeds or silt, and the banks were under water, but Messrs, Ruston and Hornsby's representative appeared to be satisfied that one of their "Dragline" Dredgers could work in the area. I am to hear further from him,

I recently advertised in the Daily Press for an Architectural Draughtsman to prepare a plan for the Wexford Courthouse reconstruction, but, up to the present, I have not been able to deal with the matter.

I note that the Fisheries Department have written to the Secretary that no Grant will be obtainable for the dredging of Kilmore Harbour unless the work be carried out by the Commission of Public Works. I ~~may~~ consider this most unfair if the County Council puts itself in a position to do the work by "other means" than the Department's Dredger. I certainly had in contemplation the use of a Dragline Dredger and Grab, if such were purchased by the Council, for general work, and we should certainly be allowed to carry out the work with such a machine.

About this time of year it is usual to nominate a Committee to make general roads inspection, and I suggest that this be now arranged for.

The improvement work on the Enniscorthy-New Ross Road is now practically complete as far as Leap, and I have material for a considerable distance on the Enniscorthy side of this point drawn from Ballybrennan Quarry. The remainder of the work, into Enniscorthy, will be dealt with by material from Brownswood, Clonhaston, or Cherryorchard Quarries, consequently, there will be no further heavy drawing between Ballybrennan and Ballymackessy (No. 46E). This road has been seriously cut by abnormal traffic, but during the period of its continuance I have had a large quantity of rubble stone put in and consolidated by roller or traction engine traffic itself. The road now required levelling up, and I ask for an allocation of £250 from the Contingencies Fund for this work. I should point out that the normal expenditure

on the Trunk Road, without the improvement Grant, would have been in or about £1,000 per annum, and that for some years to come the expenditure should not exceed £200 per annum, consequently the outlay on the road from quarry is small. I consider that a Special Proposal should be approved of for this road in next Road Works Scheme, and I shall bring forward such in November.

I have had considerable correspondence with the Railway Company with reference to the widening and fencing of the Bridge approach at Rosslare Station. Some time ago you will recollect the Company asked to have the County Council guarantee maintenance cost of any new fencing, and the matter has been held up. I shall be glad to have definite instructions now as to what should be done.

I submit copy of letter from the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Company regarding insurance of "Morris" ton truck. I was doubtful of the Council's liability in the matter of carrying passengers on the vehicle, which might be necessary at times. It appears that Officials and employees would be excluded, but for the small ~~sum~~ extra premium of £1 we could cover two passengers, and I ask for authority to have the Policy endorsed accordingly.

It was reported to me that an accident took place at the Slip, Duncannon, and I have notified the Insurance Company of this. I shall submit letter received from the Harbour Master in this matter.

Proposed by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:-

"That the report of the County Surveyor submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

Wexford-Ennis-Corthy Concrete Road.

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter to him from The Pioneer Road Construction Company Ltd. under date 18th October, 1928:-

We beg to confirm the arrangement come to between us on

Tuesday, 16th instant, regarding the above road.

We propose to attend forthwith to the transverse cracks which we noted on our inspection, and also to those joints which need immediate attention.

Although our period of maintenance for the road expires in February next, we are willing to make good the entire jointing in April or May of next year when weather conditions should be more favourable for this class of work.

It is to be clearly understood, that our liability will not extend to the road itself, but to the joints only for the suggested period of two or three months.

We trust this proposal will meet your approval, and we shall be glad of your confirmation.

In reply to Colonel Gibbon the County Surveyor stated he could see no difference between the portion of the road laid with "Ferrocrete" and portion laid with ordinary concrete.

He would not be able to identify where the Ferrocrete was laid only he knew the places at which it had been used. The Ferrocrete on this road and on Wexford Quay had remained perfectly all right. Regarding the cracks he mentioned that their appearance confirmed the view ^{he} had had given previously that in the first instance the bays laid down had been in too long lengths which was possibly the cause of the cracks. As far as he could see there was not a single crack in any short bay. There were far more cracks in the Naas-Dublin road than ⁱⁿ the Enniscorthy road, yet those concerned did not attach much importance to them.

Colonel Gibbon suggested that the Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors in charge of this road should, some day after frost, walk its full length and examine it closely for cracks.

After further discussion it was decided to accept the arrangement proposed by the Pioneer Road Construction Company of making good the entire jointing of the road when weather conditions would be favourable for this class of work.

Carne Pier.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, stated that the total cost ~~at~~ to date in regard to repairs to this Pier was inside the amount allowed. Up to the last payment £267.9.4d. had been expended and the estimate for the current fortnight would be about £60.

St. Helen's Harbour.

In connection with this matter the following letter, under date 9th October, D/14/5 was read from Department of Fisheries:-

With reference to your communication dated 18th ultimo forwarding copy of resolution adopted by the Wexford County Council relative to the carrying out of certain improvement work at St. Helen's Harbour: I am directed by the Minister for Lands and Fisheries to inquire if plans for the proposed repairs have been prepared; and if so whether the County Council will be good enough to forward copy, together with particulars of the estimate of £750. The Minister would also be glad to learn whether the Harbour is vested in the County Council, and, if not, whether any legal difficulties are anticipated in securing title.

The Secretary stated that he had forwarded copies of this communication to County Surveyor and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor. The latter wrote under date 12th October, stating that the above Harbour was not scheduled and consequently not vested in the County Council. Therefore he could not advise the Council to go into the question of the title to the Harbour in order to take over responsibility for its improvement and maintenance.

At present he did not know who owned the Harbour or in whom it was vested.

He understood it was built many years ago by the adjoining Landowner and had been maintained by him until the estate was sold out to the tenants. Since then no repairs ^{to it} had been carried out ~~to it~~.

Mr. Elgee further mentioned that before the Council could decide to spend money on the Pier or obtain a Grant from the Fisheries Department they should have some title to the structure.

Mr. McCarthy proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was unanimously adopted ~~unanimously~~ :-

"That the question of repairs to St. Helen's Harbour be referred back to Mr. Elgee in order to ascertain in whom the structure is vested and that he be requested to report the result of his inquiries to the first available meeting of the County Council.

Sow Drainage District.

The County Surveyor mentioned that Messrs. Ruston and Hornsby were intending to place upon the market within the next few months a small dredger which would be suitable for work on the Drainage Areas and would probably be also useful for dredging places like Kilmore Harbour. The firm had not yet fixed the price of this small dredger, but the large one would cost about £1,800.

The Engineer of the firm who accompanied him to the Sow said as a matter of fact that their large machine would be able to carry out any dredging that was necessary at the Sow or at similar Drainage Areas.

The following letter from the Office of Public Works under date 16th October, (16591/28) was read:-

We beg to inform you that we have received our Chief Drainage Engineer's report on his investigations of the complaints made by the landowners in above named district. He was accompanied on his inspection by Mr. Barry the County Surveyor, Mr. Murphy the Chairman of the Drainage Trustees and several drainage ratepayers. As regards the complaints relative to the non-restoration of certain drains in the townland of Kildare the drains in question were not marked on the

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Award Map as part of the Drainage District and therefore we had no power to restore them.

Downstream from Ballaghkeen Village for about 1 mile the falls are very rapid with the result that floods are flung to the flattest stretch of the Sow, of which about half a mile in all is bounded by callows and cut away moor. These are so low as to be only about $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet to 3 feet over the deepest clearing we could make, without such lowering and altering of the rest of the falls as would compel extra excavations for between 2 and 3 miles down the main river and past about 4 miles of lands which do not require it. The longitudinal section of the Sow forwarded with our letter of the 16th August last shows the extent to which we cleaned the bottom out (and cut and trimmed the sides as required) to the falls and levels marked thereon. The work of lowering the rock shoal at Kilmannock Bridge and the cutting of the long hard obstruction along by "Giney's Point" were explained to the drainage ratepayers and it was pointed out that as much had been done as reasonable cost would justify.

It also appears from his report that the condition of the Drainage District at present is bad, especially in the upper portion, weed choking being very marked and sand and silt shoals have formed in many places. This is attributable to the failure of the Trustees to maintain the district properly since the works of restoration were completed.

We may add that the Sow District will shortly be transferred to the County Council for management and upkeep and it will then be a matter for that body to ensure that the drainage works as marked on the Award Map are properly maintained year by year, otherwise the benefits which followed its restoration by us under the Drainage Maintenance Act, 1924 will not be fully realised.

Mr. McCarthy proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That we recommend the County Council to protest in the strongest possible manner against taking over any Drainage District which is not in proper working condition. As regards the Sow Drainage Scheme we specially call the attention of the Council to the statement in the letter of the Office of Public Works that the state of the drainage district at present is bad. This Committee holds it is the business of the Office of Public Works and the Drainage Trustees to discharge their liabilities in a proper manner before any charging order handing a drainage area over to the Council is formulated.

"That the letter of the Office of Public Works submitted to this meeting in connection with the Sow Drainage district be further considered by the Drainage Committee."

Colonel Gibbon pointed out that the Drainage System had been restored fairly well two years ago by the Office of Public Works, but since then the Trustees had not done a single hand's turn to maintain it. Speaking from experience of Drainage Districts he considered weeds should be cut at least twice a year and dragging and cleaning up of certain places where shoals were inclined to form once a year. Whether the Office of Public Works or the Trustees had to put the District into proper condition the amount expended would fall on the Drainage Ratepayers and the longer the matter was unattended to the heavier would be the outlay. From the literal reading of the Act of Parliament dealing with the matter the Board of Works were empowered to push this Drainage Scheme on to the Council whether the latter liked it or not, or whether the default was caused by the neglect of the Trustees. Each month they failed to take the matter in hands, the greater would be the expense and the greater the maintenance rate that would have to be paid by the Ratepayers. If the Council found themselves reluctantly obliged to put the Drainage Scheme in order, it would create a very bitter feeling and the resolution which was now proposed would have the effect of holding up the work. They would have to face the fact that

probably the Council would be obliged to carry out the work next Summer. Regarding the manner in which it should be carried out he was personally of opinion that the machine suggested by

Mr. Barry should of necessity be employed. If Messrs. Ruston and Hornsby were informed that the Council were willing to try the small dredger for purpose of experiment they might be able to secure it at a cheap figure.

"The County Surveyor mentioned that the Trustees were at present having some of the drains cleaned up.

Colonel Gibbon suggested that the County Surveyor should communicate with Messrs. Ruston and Hornsby, asking for definite information ^{as to} ~~whether~~ when their new dredger would be ready and the lowest quotation ~~they~~ could give.

The resolution of Mr. McCarthy was then put and passed.
Architectural Draughtsman.

The County Surveyor mentioned that he had received two applications for this position in regard to the reconstruction of the Old Jail as a Courthouse. One was from a local man and the second from Dublin. He had not time yet to deal with them.
Kilmore Harbour.

Regarding reference in County Surveyor's report to this Harbour the following letter was read from the Department of Fisheries under date 18th October, (D/73/1):-

In reply to your communication of the 15th instant, relative to Kilmore Harbour: I am directed by the Minister for Lands and Fisheries to state that, as already intimated, it may be possible to have a dredger available for work there next Spring. Kilmore is not a suitable harbour for Winter dredging.

Meantime, I am to point out that the contribution offered from State Funds would be conditional upon the dredging being carried out by the Commissioners of Public Works. If, therefore, the Wexford County Council contemplate having the work done by "other means"- as would appear from the Resolution of 8th instant,

quoted in your letter under reply - they will presumably be prepared to meet the entire cost of such work.

Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, mentioned that previously when Board of Works Dredger was employed at Kilmore there were complaints that when the tide went out no work was done. Some days the dredger worked a few hours only and he believed six or seven hours per day would represent her average work. The people of the District suggested that the dredger should work on the tides, which, of course would mean that the men would probably be employed very late in the evening and very early in the morning.

Mr. Roche mentioned that ~~like~~ he was informed the dredger had sometimes worked only four hours per day and even if the tides were suitable at say 5 o'clock in the afternoon, work stopped at six o'clock. The amount of material dredged was entirely inadequate for the amount of money which had been put up. In his opinion they should arrange with the Office of Public Works that the dredger work on all available tides.

County Surveyor - They should work on all tide shifts. That is the only possible way.

Mr. Roche - Unless some arrangement to that effect is made most of the money provided will be wasted.

Colonel Gibbon proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the Council be recommended to communicate with the Fisheries Department and ask them to arrange that the work done at Kilmore should be arranged for all tides as this is the only method in which proper results can be secured.

General Roads Inspection Committee.

It was decided to postpone appointment of this Committee for the present.

Enniscorthy-New Ross Road.

Mr. Shannon mentioned that this road was mostly in a

bad condition and required immediate attention. He believed that the £250 asked for by the County Surveyor would be the means of having it put into a reasonable condition and proposed a resolution that this amount be taken out of the Contingencies Fund.

This was seconded by Mr. McCarthy and adopted.

Bridge at Rosslare Railway Station.

The County Surveyor mentioned that the Council had already decided that they would not be responsible for the maintenance and fencing of this Bridge, and as a result the Railway Company wanted him to provide very expensive fencing. He did not think that the maintenance would be more than a trifle.

Mr. Birthistle said that fencing with galvanised wire and concrete posts the same as on the South Slob road would cost about £15.

After some discussion it was decided that the Councillors representing the Wexford Electoral Area visit the place and make a report to the next meeting of the Roads Committee, the County Surveyor to arrange date of inspection.

Insurance of "Morris" Ton Truck.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

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"That the Council be recommended to pay the premium of £1. for the insurance of "Morris" Ton Truck so as to cover two passengers being carried and that the County Surveyor be instructed accordingly.

Slip-Duncannon Harbour.

Patrick Colfer, fisherman, Main Street, Duncannon wrote that on the 4th October, when going down the new slip he fell headlong into his boat, splitting his lip, bursting his gums, and hurting his arm. He was attended by Dr. Travers, who said his fees were £1.1.0d. He (Colfer) was unable to pay this as he was knocked up and he held that this happened through the

neglect of the County Council. He was not the first that fell at this slip, or to be injured as he could prove by witnesses. The Slip was now cleaned after the harm was done.

The County Surveyor submitted report from Christopher Lawlor Caretaker, Duncannon Harbour, in which he stated that Colfer had made no complaint to him about his injury. He (Lawlor) looked after the slip very carefully. Every fortnight it was limed and scrubbed. He believed the complaint was made through jealousy because Lawlor's candidate was not appointed to the position of caretaker.

Mr. Colfer mentioned that complaints had been made from time to time that the slip was "slippery".

Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, stated that the place was kept as clean as could be.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, said that in his opinion the Council was not liable as regards compensation for this accident.

It was decided that Mr. Colfer, be informed of Mr. Elgee's opinion.

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

"That the Report of the County Surveyor as submitted to this meeting be and is hereby confirmed."

Road Costs Sub-Committee.

The following report of Sub-Committee re above was submitted:-

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

ROAD COSTS SUB-COMMITTEE.

The Sub-Committee, appointed at the meeting of the County Council on 8th October, 1928. (1) to report as to cost of production of road material in the various quarries, by handbreaking and by machinery; (2) Employment of single and married men on road work and in quarries, met in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 13th October, 1928.

Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman of the County Council presided. There were also present:- Colonel Gibbon, Messrs. W.P. Keegan, T.F. D'Arcy, T. McCarthy and P. Hayes.

The County Surveyor, Assistant Surveyors Treanor, Kehoe, O'Neill, Birthistle and Cullen, and the Secretary of the County Council were also in attendance.

Mr. D'Arcy pointed out that it was a discussion initiated by him at County Council meeting that brought about the appointment of the Sub-Committee, and he wanted to ascertain from the County Surveyor how it was that material in certain quarries was costing for breaking from 3s.6d. to 4s. per cubic yard although there was a resolution on the books that hand-breaking was to be employed where possible but when the cost did not entail more outlay than by machine. The County Surveyor seemed to have suddenly discovered that machine broken material was costing 2s. 10d. per cubic yard for breaking while they believed the finished material was costing 7s. per cubic yard. Mr. D'Arcy continuing said he had a contract ^{some} ~~for~~ years ago, from the County Surveyor, when everything was at peak prices, to supply prepared material at 7s. per cubic yard, and if the contract had been continued for a reasonably large supply of material, he would have been a very wealthy man. He could not understand how the County Surveyor was able to inform the Council that the

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cost of breaking was 3s.6d. to 4s. and then suddenly discover it was only 2s.10d.

In reply to Colonel Gibbon, The County Surveyor pointed out that the machinery charges included maintenance and working, but since the Local Government Department raised the point in February last year that the machinery charge was too expensive it had been found necessary to cut out the interest on loans for machinery, although he (County Surveyor) believed it was proper finance to include such charges.

Mr. Treanor pointed out that there was a difference between Annagh Quarry, and the other quarries in the district. Annagh quarry was a boulder quarry and required no blasts. The men had simply to gather the material before breaking. In order to obtain the best value for the work, he had insisted that they should supply 2½ cubic yards per day for a 5/- wage. This could not be done in any other quarry under the County Council.

Mr. D'Arcy said when he had worked for the County Surveyor he was able to get material ready for the breaker at 2s. per cubic yard.

The County Surveyor said that the cost of material charged to any job was 7s. per cubic yard - in reality 6s.9d because 3d. went to owner of the quarry.

Mr. D'Arcy held that 7s. was entirely too high a price.

Chairman - Where does the extravagance come in-in the quarrying, breaking or otherwise?

Mr. Treanor said that quarrying and stripping cost per yard in Annagh Quarry 3s.1d. but he was shutting down the quarry which had been started as an experiment. At Ballyellis Quarry, the same conditions prevailed but the stuff had to be brought down 300 yards to the road. Last year at 8s. per cubic yard Ballyellis quarry at which the same conditions prevail showed a profit of £5, this year he believed it would balance itself at 7s. per cubic yard. At Carriganeagh Quarry, to March, 1928, he estimated a loss of £16 at 8s. per cubic yard. The cost was now brought down

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7s. per cubic yard. *at* Cloogue quarry. at 8s. per yard there was a profit of close on £300 to March, 1928. This arose owing to the fact that three years' ago material had been brought down by one blast, - the most successful they ever had in the County.

The County Surveyor explained ~~that~~ the method in which the quarry accounts were kept. The year was opened with the balance of the material on hand, as a receipt. The various outgoing and receipts for materials were dealt with as they arose, and, at the end of the year, the stock in hands was taken into account, at an estimated figure, and the balance arrived at. If they found a quarry was not paying they did what they could to put the position before them and asked them to try and increase the output, but ~~it~~ it was very difficult to arrive at an exact average figure for instance at Kerlogue quarry ~~if~~ if the actual cost of jaws used there was charged against that quarry alone, it would be impossible to carry on. A set of jaws cost £14 or £15 and they lasted only a week in Kerlogue. The average output for breaker was 40 cubic yards per day. In the best weather and under very good conditions this might go to 60. The daily expenditure at the breaker, he made out as follows:- 40 cubic yards, 7 men at 5s. - £1.15.0d; Horse, 10s; Donkey, 6s.; breaker charge to cover coal, oil, etc., £3; total £5.11.0d. which, for 40 cubic yards, would work out at 2s. 9½d.

Mr. Treanor, again referring to Annagh Quarry, pointed out that, taking an ordinary working day, the men produced less than a cubic yard; one man who turned out something more than a cubic yard worked overtime.

The County Surveyor stated that the most important point to be considered as regards the question of handbreaking and machine breaking of material was that in some instances it did not pay them to bring a breaker to certain quarries, and in these cases ~~nothing more than the actual cost of breaking~~

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by machine was allowed for handbreaking. For instance, the time and cost of transport of machine to quarry, at which only a couple of hundred of yards of material would need to be broken, was brought into calculation when arriving at the figure, considered to be fair for the handbreaking of this material. On the other hand where material could be as conveniently and as easily broken by machine as by hand, the amount paid for handbreaking corresponded with the actual cost by machine.

Mr. Keegan pointed out that, at Corey Hill Quarry, the County Surveyor stated that the cost of material was 7s. per cubic yard but all he could pay the men was 2s.10d. If the meeting were prepared to give 7s. per yard, they could take their breaker away from the quarry. His contention was that there was too much paid for the quarrying and too little for the breaking. Four shillings and twopence per yard for quarrying was entirely too much. In Wicklow, he pointed out they had sold several of their engines as they found they could employ outside engines as cheaply. The hungry people of this district should get an opportunity of earning bread and butter. If they went to a Farmers' Board and stated that handbreaking was to cost more than machine breaking, it would be like a red rag to a bull.

The Chairman mentioned that Mr. D'Arcy had called attention to the difference of 4s. for handbroken and 2s.10d. for machine broken stones and he understood Mr. D'Arcy to assume if this could not be satisfactorily explained, handbreaking should stop.

The County Surveyor was of opinion that, where the Council were obliged to employ handbreaking to save the machines 4s. per day was not too much to pay the men employed.

Mr. Keegan urged the Committee and the Council to give what employment was possible in all quarries at 3s.6d. per cubic yard for breaking to relieve unemployment. This figure was not too much in view of the discussion that day.

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Colonel Gibbon pointed out that the terms of reference of the Committee were simply to deal with comparative costs of hand and machine breaking and if anyone wished to make a case for handbreaking or for machine-breaking he could do so at the County Council meeting.

The County Surveyor and Colonel Gibbon went closely into the figures of cost in quarries into which it was inadvisable in the County Surveyor's opinion to send breakers and worked out a calculation which showed that 6d. per cubic yard was a reasonable figure to allow as saving in transport etc. of machine to such quarries.

Colonel Gibbon mentioned that it appeared to him that the County Surveyor was justified in paying according to the material that would be produced, anything from 3s. to 4s. per cubic yard for production of material in quarries where it was inadvisable to send a breaker.

The Committee finally decided (Mr. Hayes dissenting) to make a recommendation that the Council pay 3s.6d. for handbreaking of material in quarries in which handbreaking was to be applicable.

Regarding the question of the employment of married and single men, Mr. D'Arcy said he would prefer to raise this at the County Council meeting.

Mr. D'Arcy handed in a letter from three carters in Gorey, complaining that they had not been employed in connection with the haulage to Camolin road instead of motor lorry from Bunclody.

Mr. Treanor explained that, when the carters came to him, the work was already finished. The cost per journey by lorry was 3s.6s. the carters would want 5s.10d. so that, even if the work of haulage had not been finished, he could not see his way, owing to the great difference in the price, to employ the carters.

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

"That the report of Road Costs Sub-Committee be received and considered."

Mr. Hayes said he dissented from the recommendation of the Costs Sub-Committee because in his opinion 3s.6d. was only a starvation wage. From his experience he was convinced that it was not possible for men to break material and make a living wage even at 4s. per cubic yard.

He had been informed that a set of jaws lasted in or about a fortnight at Kerlogue, while at Sub-Committee meeting they had been informed they lasted only a week.

The County Surveyor stated that they used manganese steel jaws which were the very best they could procure. Messrs. Hadfields representative had said these jaws should last about three months, but, he (County Surveyor) showed him jaws which had to be taken out of the machine after five days' work at Kerlogue. The first set of granulator jaws lasted only four or five days, the second set with nursing lasted ten or twelve days. At Ballybrennan, from which they obtained the best material in the County jaws lasted about five or six ^{weeks} days. The Quartzite at ^{Kerlogue} ~~Ballybrennan~~ tore the jaws to pieces. Ballyregan was another quarry at which jaws lasted a very short time.

Mr. Hayes pointed out that spawls and scabbings in quarries should be broken by hand.

The County Surveyor said they could not make a hard and fast rule. They had to deal with quarries in the best manner possible to obtain material and it sometimes happened that the practice of breaking the material one year was changed the following year.

Mr. O'Byrne mentioned that in quarries in which the Council were paying men 4/- a day the men were not able to break a cubic yard.

Mr. D'Arcy said it was stated at the Sub-Committee meeting that machine breaking was costing 3s.6d. on an average.

The County Surveyor stated the figure given was from 3s. to

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and 6d. per cubic yard, it never exceeded 3s.6d. This figure included the removal of the machine and the cleaning out etc. The men made extremely low wages handbreaking hard stone at from 3s. to 4s. per cubic yard.

On the Mountain of Forth where the stone was poor things were something better as regards wages.

Mr. O'Neill said the average cost of breaking in his area was from 3s. to 3.6d. He had very little handbreaking, only from 300 to 400 yards. His most expensive quarry was Ballinabola but they were cutting down the amount of material from this quarry.

In reply to Mr. D'Arcy he said he had a man named Connick handbreaking at 3s. He might earn 18s. some weeks and other weeks only 12s.

Mr. Treanor mentioned that in his area breaking for ordinary road maintenance by machine was something about 3s.

Mr. Kehoe mentioned that 3s. to 3s.6d. was also the average in his district, and in some quarries, such, for instance, as Upton it might be 2d. a yard less. Handbreaking of sea stones at 3s.6d. per yard gave an average wage of 18s. 6d. weekly.

In reply to Mr. Corish, the County Surveyor mentioned that if the Interest on loans for machinery was added to quarry charge it would mean an extra 1s. per yard. The cost of providing screenings at Ballybrennan with a new plant was extremely low. The average cost all over the County for screenings was 10s. to 12s. per cubic yard.

Mr. D'Arcy moved and Colonel Gibbon seconded the adoption of the report of the Sub-Committee.

Mr. Corish said he was entirely opposed to the figure recommended by the Sub-Committee. It had been proved by experience that a man could not break a cubic yard per day at 3s.6d. The recommendation meant a reduction in wages consciously or unconsciously and seemed to him to be the thin end of the wedge to bring about a general wage reduction. He considered it would be in the interests of the

Council to pay an average wage of 30s. per week for handbreaking to efficient men.

The Chairman mentioned that the average cost for breaking by machine would not be more than 3s.6d. and the resolution already on the books of the Council was to the effect that handbreaking should cost not more than a trifle over that figure. If handbreaking was 2d. or 3d. more the Council would not grumble but the increase as ascertained by the Sub-Committee was too much.

Mr. Hayes as an amendment proposed:-

"That men employed at handbreaking should be paid 4s. per cubic yard, handbreaking to be carried out wherever possible.

This proposition was not seconded.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed as a further amendment:-

"That men handbreaking in quarries should be employed by day work, with the provision that a ^{specified} ~~special~~ quantity of material be produced by each man.

Mr. Corish pointed out that at 3s.6d. a man would only earn 19s. 10d. per week.

The Chairman said that the members should get out of their heads the idea that wages on roads and in quarries could be maintained at their present figure. No other workers of the class were getting 28s. per week. The ratepayers could not stand it.

After further discussion during which Colonel Gibbon pointed out that the Sub-Committee were only one of enquiry, it was decided on his motion seconded by Mr Corish that the report of the Sub-Committee be submitted without comment to the Council for their consideration.

Employment of Carters.

The following resolution was received from the Corey Executive of the Farmers' Union:-

"That we the Members of the Farmers' Union respectfully request the Wexford County Council to discontinue the employment of motor lorry, To haul material to Inch-Arklow road or any where else in the County where steam rolling operations are going on when a sufficient number of Carters can be obtained to do the

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work, as cheaply and as efficiently."

Mr. O'Byrne mentioned that there was a resolution already on the books of the Council that carters be given employment provided the cost was the same ^{as} for haulage by lorry, and that the work could be as efficiently done.

It was decided that the Gorey Executive of the Farmers' Union be informed accordingly.

Mr. Treanor mentioned that a statement had been made at the Farmer's Union that he was employing a lorry at the same rate at which he could procure carters. This was incorrect. The lorry was paid at 3s.6d. per journey for the work referred to whereas carters asked 5s.10d. He did not think he would be justified in paying 2s.4d. over and above what the work could be effectively done for.

Mr. D'Arcy held that all haulage work should be done by tender. He wanted to know was the haulage advertised or how were the carters informed of the matter.

County Surveyor-We advertise unless it is some special work which cannot be delayed.

Mr. D'Arcy proposed that haulage work over the whole County in future be advertised for tender, tenders to be considered by the Tenders Committee for each County Electoral area.

Colonel Gibbon mentioned that the question was an involved one and could not be settled offhand. The terms and conditions of the contract would have to be drawn up before the Council could commit themselves to the procedure advocated. He suggested that Mr. D'Arcy and the County Surveyor should consider the matter and make some statement to next meeting of the Roads Committee as to how Mr. D'Arcy's proposal might be carried out.

Mr. Hall proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That Mr. D'Arcy consult with the County Surveyor relative to suggesting to the Council a method by which tenders could be

procured for the haulage of road material.

Electricity Supply Board.

In connection with complaints made to the County Council re poles in Gorey town letter under date 27th September, 1928,

(WL/MER) was received from the Electricity Supply Board pointing out the various changes which had been made-in the site of eight poles as the result of a consultation between the County Surveyor, Representatives of the Local Committee and Mr. Tierney of the Supply Board. The letter pointed out that the County Surveyor and the local Committee were satisfied with the changes.

The following is the concluding paragraph of the communication "Everything possible had been done to meet the wishes of your Committee in this matter, and you may rest assured that in designing the network in the town of Gorey, every care was taken to see that amenities of the town did not suffer in any way."

Mr. O'Byrne mentioned that the position as regards the poles in Gorey was now satisfactory and it was not necessary for the Roads Committee to take any further action.

Site of Wexford Courthouse.

Under date 12th October, 1928 the Local Government Department G.68823/28. Loch German (Pg). wrote forwarding the following letter under date 8th October, from Mr. James J. O'Connor, Solicitor, Wexford:-

On behalf of a number of ratepayers in the Town of Wexford I attended before a meeting of the Wexford Council to day in connection with this matter. I had previously attended before a Sub-Committee of the Council appointed to decide as between the reconstruction of the Courthouse and offices on the old site and the conversion of the old ^{tail} premises into a Courthouse and Offices. The County Council decided to-day to adopt a recommendation of the Sub-Committee that the old ^{tail} site should be used and that the Courthouse and offices should be built on this site,

My clients are most anxious that the Courthouse should be rebuilt and I would submit that the place to build it is where

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it was for a great number of years, and further that the money which was awarded for the rebuilding of the Courthouse on the old site and not at any other place should be utilised for this purpose.

The amount available will approach £6,000 and I submitted evidence to the County Council that the work could be done, that is the work of rebuilding the Courthouse on the old site, for this sum. If this is so the money should be used for the purpose for which it was awarded and I am instructed to ask that a public inquiry should be held into the whole matter on the following grounds:

1. That the proposed site is unsuitable.
2. That the ratepayers of Wexford are entitled to have the old building reconstructed particularly in view of the fact that the money awarded as compensation was awarded ~~for~~ for this purpose.
3. That the required work on the old Courthouse can be done with the amount of money available.
4. That the proposition adopted by the County Council is not an economic one.

It was decided to refer the Local Government Department to minutes of last meeting of the Council and point out that when the matter was under consideration at the meeting in question the Representation made by Mr. O'Connor had been most carefully considered.

Mr. Corish said he wished the Committee to understand he had nothing to do with letter of Mr. O'Connor.

Application for Erection of Wall.

Under date 17th October, 1928 James Kelly, Ballytarsna, Carnew wrote asking for permission to erect wall for shed where the old fence was beside the road. The width of the road from fence to fence at this place was 27 feet.

Mr. Treanor said he saw the place and if the wall were erected it would not cause obstruction.

On the advice of Mr. Elgee it was decided to take no action in the matter.

Road at Fortchester, Inch.

Mr. John Hempenstall, Fortchester, Inch, wrote under date 15th October, calling attention to the serious condition of the road outside his gate. Owing to a swiftly running stream the road had become undermined and the sides might fall in any time. The place was at present a danger to the public and required either a retaining wall or to have the stream covered over. The wall and stile adjoining ~~the~~ the roadside at his wife's farm in Coolgreany was also broken down. If the Council would appoint a date to send the Surveyor, he (Mr. Hempenstall) would meet him and point out the defects.

Mr. Treanor said he had inspected the place at Fortchester and there was no doubt it was a danger to the public.

It was decided that the County Surveyor bring in a proposal to cover the cost of work so as to prevent danger to the public.

Road 89R.

A memorial was read from five ratepayers calling attention to what they described as the disgraceful state of the road leading from Sullivan's Public House to Barrett's Park, New Ross, and thence to Happer's Pond and Maudlin Bridge.

The memorialists stated that altogether they held several hundred acres of land towards ~~which~~ the working of which the road was essential. The water tables had not been cleaned for many years and most of the shores were stopped. The consequent flow of surface water down the centre of the road had rendered it impassible. They contended that it was not unreasonable to expect facilities for working their lands similar to those enjoyed by other ratepayers.

Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, admitted that the road, which was about two miles long was in a very bad condition. 40 cubic yards of material had been provided, but it would require a 100 cubic yards for a couple of years at least.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Shannon

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That the County Surveyor increase the tonnage on this road in next ~~Roads~~ Estimate to such a quantity as would put it into reasonable condition.

Mr. Colfer said that the road would not be properly maintained by contract and he contended that it should be placed under direct labour.

Chairman-Mr. Barry said it is a seventh or eight class road for some portion anyway.

Complaint by Haulier-42^W.

James Moore, Grange Kilmore, came before the meeting and complained that portion of a depot of gravel drawn by him had been taken by road ganger before it was measured. He held he should have been notified of the matter. He also contended that he had drawn the full 70 cubic yards according to his contract and disputed the measurement of Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor.

Mr. Kehoe reported that Moore took a contract ~~from~~ ^{on} 20th April for hauling 70 cubic yards of gravel. He went to Mr. Kehoe in

June and said he had half his material out, that his car was broken and he required money to repair it.

He (Mr. Kehoe) measured what material was in the depot and paid Moore for 30 cubic yards on the 12th July, 1928, on account. Subsequently he was informed that the full quantity was out and found on measurement it was only 62 yards. He (Mr. Kehoe) was quite willing to go down any day and remeasure the gravel in Moore's presence, in order to satisfy him.

Continuing Mr. Kehoe said that ^{ganger} the/had taken four ass loads of gravel for which Moore was allowed three cubic yards which the ganger said was too much.

Mr. ~~Kehoe~~ ^{Roche} mentioned that Moore had informed him that it was five weeks after he had drawn the gravel that it was measured.

The County Surveyor said that they found it necessary to use gravel for repair work occasionally before measurement but it was always taken from the centre of the heap as by doing ~~this~~ this the

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~~County~~ Surveyor was able to arrive at the quantity that was originally in the depot.

Mr. Moore said that gravel was also taken from the ends of the heap.

Mr. Hall condemned the practice of spreading any material before measurement.

Mr. Kehoe said if gravel was taken from the ends of the heap it was not by the ganger or by his instructions. He measured the material a week after he got word. He would re-measure the material and report to next meeting of the Roads Committee

It was decided to postpone further action pending report as to re-measurement.

205E-Injury to Car.

Under date 13th October a letter was read from Messrs. Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey ^{Solrs.} that on the night of the 10th October, Mr. John Leary, Ballinamonabeg, when driving from Enniscorthy to Knockavey, smashed his car by reason of the fact that the trunk of a tree which had been blown down about 12 months ago was left jutting out on the road. Mr. Leary's trap hit this tree and both shafts and two lamps were broken.

As soon as Messrs. Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey obtained the estimate for the repairs they would forward same to the County Council. They thought it right, however, that the obstruction should be removed.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, reported that the ~~place~~ road at the place mentioned was 12 feet wide and the average width of travelling surface throughout was only 9 feet. The owner of the stump of the tree had been warned to remove it on a couple of occasions. He promised to do so but kept putting it off from day to day and the road being of a backward nature it was thought better to keep at him about the matter and avoid any fuss or legal proceedings.

The tree was blown down late last winter

and the road was cleared at once leaving the stump jutting out from the face of the ditch.

The County Surveyor said he had sent copy of report of Mr. Birthistle to the Insurance Company for their information.

Colonel Gibbon proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution:-

"That the letter from Messrs. Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey, relative to injury to car the property of Mr. John Leary, Ballinamonabeg, be handed to our Solicitor for reply."

Passed.

Edenvale Quarry.

Messrs. M.J. O'Connor, and Company, Solicitors, Wexford, wrote under date 1st October, 1928 that they had been instructed by Mr. Patrick Murphy, Edenvale, that the Council employees were erecting a paling around a plantation near his quarry. As this plantation was outside the quarry, Mr. Murphy desired the paling should be removed and placed round the quarry only, also that the plantation be not interfered with in future. Mr. Murphy feared that a well near the quarry might be interfered with owing to the way in which the work was proceeding.

Mr. Birthistle said that they would change the paling and satisfy Mr. Murphy, as to the various points raised in his communication.

Blocking of Road at Rathduff, Killanne.

Under date 27th September, 1928 a memorial signed by nine Ratepayers was read protesting against the blocking of the public road at Crossroads Rathduff, Killanne, caused by several hundred loads of stones being banked there for the purpose of being broken by breaker and engine. They pointed out that this place adjoined the corn haggard and residence of Charles Redmond, where valuable hay and corn was stored. It was in danger of being made poisonous for horses and cattle from saturation with stone dust. The drinking water which ran by the side of the

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road was made unfit for human use, or for animals.

A few years ago ^{when} ~~where~~ stones were broken at this place, the milk, cream and butter, were covered with stone/dust; even the clothes spread out on the garden hedge were covered with this dust as was also the cabbage in the garden, the house furniture and bedrooms.

In addition the stonebreaking was a great inconvenience to farmers going to fair or market or drawing their corn.

The County Surveyor mentioned that a similar complaint as regards this place had been considered by the Council some-time ago and it was decided that the practice of breaking stone there should ~~then~~ continue. The water spoken of as being contaminated ran through a byre and through a dirty yard immediately opposite where the breaker was at work.

Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, mentioned that ^{work} there had been finished about a week ago but the same thing would happen next year. There was no other convenient place for the breaker and if they could not carry on there the Council would have to purchase a special plot of ground.

Mr. Shannon said the memorialists might suffer a little inconvenience but he personally had always as much more sympathy with the people who had to pass up and down with horses and cars when the engine was engaged at breaking.

It was decided on the motion of Colonel Gibben seconded by Mr. Hall that Mr. Charles Redmond, Rathduff, Killanne, Enniscorthy first signatory to the memorial be informed that the breaking at Rathduff cross is finished for this year.

Wexford-Rosslare Road.

Under date 26th September, 1928 Mr. A.B. Hadden, Hon. Secretary, Rosslare Golf Club wrote stating that the Committee ^{and members} of the Club desired to call the attention of the Council to the unsatisfactory state of the road from Kerlogue Cross to Rosslare. The work done from Wexford to Kerlogue was greatly appreciated and if the Council would

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Rosslare there would be no cause for complaint.

On the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr. Corish the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Rosslare Golf Club be informed that the question of improving road from Wexford to Rosslare will have the favourable consideration of the Council in next year's estimate which will be under consideration at an early date.

The Chairman pointed out that the unimproved portion of this road was ravelling very badly.

Mr. McCarthy mentioned that the Automobile Association and the Tourist Association were endeavouring to obtain a subsidy from the Government for the improvement of this road.

Mr. D'Arcy pointed out that the road from Gorey to Courtown was in quite as bad condition as the one under discussion and he considered that the Automobile Association should include it in any application they made for Grants.

Planting Camolin Streets.

Mr. M. O'Sullivan, National Teacher, Camolin, wrote, stating that the residents of Camolin Village would be grateful to the Council to grant permission to plant some trees in the vacant places in Camolin Street.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That permission be given to Mr. O'Sullivan, on behalf of the residents of Camolin to have trees planted in Camolin, these to be laid down to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor.

Advertising Hoardings at Gorey Town.

Under date 24th September, 1928 a letter was read from Messrs. David Allen and Sons Billposting Limited, 40 Pearse St. Dublin, asking the County Council to reconsider the refusal of their application for erection of Advertising hoardings in Gorey town.

Proposed by Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:-

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"That Messrs. David Allen and Sons, Billposting Limited be informed that the Roads Committee cannot see their way to recommend the Council to alter the decision already arrived at as regards erection of advertising hoardings in Gorey town.

House at Spawell Road, Wexford.

Messrs. M. Furlong, and Sons, Painters, Spawell Road, Wexford, tenants of County Council for house at Spawell Road, wrote asking that the roof of premises be repaired as it was in a dread ful condition.

The County Surveyor said he had this work in progress. He was carrying out the pressing necessary repairs.

Courtown Harbour Committee.

A recommendation was received from the Courtown Harbour Committee that new ceiling be provided in the Harbour Master's Kitchen as existing ceiling had fallen down.

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to have new ceiling provided for Harbour Master's kitchen at Courtown as recommended by the Courtown Harbour Committee.

Road at Park, Wexford.

The following signed by seven ratepayers was read:-

We, the undersigned, being ratepayers and householders residing in the townland of Park, wish to bring under your notice the flooded state of the lower (or Taghmon) road, also the cross-road connecting this with the Newtown road, at Park in the rainy season. Last Winter these two roads were well-nigh impassible and the hardship and inconvenience thereby caused to the inhabitants in these parts can scarcely be described. People were constrained to climb fences etc. to go about their ordinary business. To allocate the blame for this state of affairs is not our business, it is yours and we trust that something may be done and done quickly to remedy it as the same or worse hardship and inconvenience is before us this winter the almost

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unbearable burden of road rate which we try to pay is bad enough without putting up with this inconvenience.

Mr. Birthistle mentioned that the place complained of was flooded after high tides, *and in very wet weather.*

Colonel Gibbon said to his knowledge it was flooded three times this year.

Mr. Birthistle said that it would be very difficult to have the flooding completely remedied but very considerable relief could be obtained by having the culvert enlarged.

It was decided to instruct the County Surveyor to bring in a proposal to cover this work.

Flooding at Coolroe, Clonroche.

Mr. Shannon called attention to the flooding of Labourer's Cottage at Coolroe, Clonroche. The Bridge at the place was not able to take water during floods, with the result that the premises referred to were flooded.

The Public Health Board had carried out extensive repairs at the place recently, and laid down a drain round the house in order to take away the water, but the work could not have effect unless the bridge was improved. The eyes of the bridge should be enlarged.

It was decided that the County Surveyor report on the matter to next Roads Committee meeting.

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Mr. Keegan proposed and Colonel Quin seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the minutes of Roads Committee in respect of meeting held on 25th October, 1928 be received and considered."
Carne Pier.

The County Surveyor mentioned that owing to a recent storm a sum of £10 had to be expended for work at Carne Pier over amount allocated by the Council but this was covered by the guarantee given by Mr. M.J. O'Connor, Solicitor, Wexford on behalf of the Local people concerned that they would be responsible for any sum spent over the allocation.

St. Helen's Harbour. Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, said he had not been able to the present to procure information as to whom this Harbour was vested in. He was unable to see the maps in connection with the sale of the estate as they were burned in the destruction of the Four Courts. He was still making enquiries.

Sow Drainage. Colonel Gibbon said he would like the Council to remember in connection with this matter that the County Surveyor had informed the Roads Committee that the Trustees had taken steps to clean up the weeds.

The County Surveyor stated that as far as he could judge from the sections and from the inspection which he had made the Commissioners of Public Works had gone approximately (in the work they had carried out) to the original drainage line.

Colonel Gibbon said that the Trustees would find it difficult to prove their statement that the work had not been restored practically to its original condition. The side drains at Killesk appeared to have been constructed by private land-owners and were never portion of the original drainage scheme.

Mr. Corish said the five T.Ds. for the County were attending at the Office of Public Works on 14th inst. in connection with

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the Cahore Drainage Scheme.

Mr. Keegan said that owing to the neglect of the Trustees the Cahore system could not possibly be in a worse condition than it was; hundreds of acres of land were flooded.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall a resolution was adopted asking the five T.Ds to bring before the Commissioners of Public Works the resolution of the Roads Committee protesting against the injustice of taking over ~~the~~ any drainage system which was not in proper order and as regards the Sow system pointing out to the Commissioners the necessity of having this system (in respect of which the issue of a charging ^{order} was in contemplation) put into working order before the issue of the order.

Colonel Gibbon said the T.Ds should press on the Commissioners that, when any renovation work was about to be undertaken as regards any drainage Area which would ultimately be handed over to the County Council for maintenance, the proposals should be submitted to the Council as well as to the Drainage Trustees. It would then be up to the County Council to go into the drainage district and enquire into what was proposed to be done. The County Council were never informed as to what was proposed to be done at the Sow and at Kilmannock and as regards the former the County Surveyor never went near the place until the dispute arose between the Public Works and the Trustees. In future if a Public Works official comes down to inspect a drainage area the County Surveyor should be informed, should be present during the inspection, and should be furnished with the report of the Public Works official for the information of the Council.

It was decided that Colonel Gibbon's suggestion should be brought to the attention of the Commissioners of Public Works.

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Architentural Draughtsman, Wexford Courthouse.

The County Surveyor reported that he had employed Mr. P.J. Doran, Dublin, who possessed excellent qualifications, in connection with the preparation of plans for conversion of old Jail site for Courthouse.

Advertisement Hoardings, Gorey.

Relative to the refusal of the Roads Committee to recommend the Council to agree to the request of Messrs. David Allen and Sons Billposting Limited Dublin, Mr. J. Mohan, a representative of the firm attended and pointed out that similar hoardings to those proposed for Gorey were being erected all over the Country at the present time. At the request of the Dublin Commissioners, the Company had recently erected three similar hoardings in the metropolis.

Mr. Keegan mentioned that the people residing in the locality strongly objected to the erection of the hoardings. From an advertising point of view, it would be more to the advantage of the Company to have the hoardings erected in the adjoining field, as the people of the locality did not want to live between advertising boards.

Mr. Mohan stated he would put the suggestion of Mr. Keegan before his company and see if it were possible to have it put into effect.

Kilmore Harbour.

On the suggestion of the Chairman, it was decided that the County Surveyor communicate with the Department of Lands and Fisheries, relative to the dredging of Kilmore Harbour, point out that the Council had in contemplation the purchase of small "dragline" dredger which they intended to use at Kilmore and other Harbours, as well as for the necessary dredging in regard to drainage Schemes, and that, as the County Surveyor was of opinion Kilmore Harbour could be more effectively dredged by such an apparatus, the Department of Lands and Fisheries be

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requested to agree to contribute moiety of the expenditure.

Road Costs Sub-Committee Report.

Colonel Quin mentioned that the Council would be in absolute sympathy with the employment of men for handbreaking if the work could be as effectively and as economically carried out as by machine. If not, it was their business to safeguard the ratepayers.

The Chairman mentioned that the Council had already adopted a resolution that, where possible, handbreaking would be employed in quarries even if it cost a trifle more than for machine breaking, owing to the fact that, giving employment, they would relieve economic pressure and save money on Home Assistance and the dole, but they could not afford to throw away thousands of pounds in view of their duty to the ratepayers.

Mr. Keegan mentioned, that in his opinion, handbreaking in Gorey Hill Quarry had not got a fair trial. If the cost were specified at 3/6 per cubic yard for handbreaking, they would relieve hungry families in the district.

Colonel Gibbon pointed out that the Committee found that 3/6 was a fair estimate of the cost of breaking material by machinery and they simply submitted that conclusion for the information of the County Council. There was a resolution on the books to carry out handbreaking in quarries so long as it would not by more than 2d or 3d. ^{exceed} the cost of machine breaking and, if this resolution was to be varied, it should be done on notice of motion.

Miss O'Ryan said that all over the Country men were asking for work and, if this was not provided the Council would have to support them otherwise. If labourers were working, they would spend money in the country and which would go into circulation; otherwise they would have to get relief in some other way. In her opinion it was false economy if they were not prepared to go over the figure for machine-breaking to some

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extent. The machine was not productive but the working man was.

Mr. D'Arcy referred to Annagh Quarry and said a statement had been made at the Sub-Committee meeting that this was a boulder quarry, which he denied. He went to the quarry recently and found the men had no difficulty in getting out $2\frac{1}{2}$ cubic yards for a 5/- wage. This worked out at 2/- per cubic yard while the County Surveyor had informed the Committee that with machinery the work would cost 4/2 per yard.

The County Surveyor pointed out that Mr. D'Arcy had not taken into account the cost of banking the material in preparation for the breaker, which meant double handling and would be responsible for an increase of at least 1/- per yard over the actual work of preparation of material. In his opinion taking average from 3/6 to 4/-, the men would earn a very small wage, as they would be unable to break more than (roughly) three-quarters of a yard.

After further discussion Colonel Gibbon proposed the following:-

"That we accept the figure of 3/6 per cubic yard, found by the Roads Costs Sub-Committee as the average cost of breaking stones mechanically in the quarries."

If anybody wished to put a proposition, such as Miss O'Ryan's, that they would have to pay more than that, a proper notice of motion should be handed in to rescind the resolution already on the books. "

Mr. Culleton seconded.

Mr. Corish pointed out that the County Surveyor had left out of account in his calculations depreciation of the machinery and loan charges. If these were included the cost would be increased by 1/- per yard.

Miss O'Ryan held that the really great question before the Council to consider was that of unemployment.

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Colonel Gibbon held that it would not be fair to put any capital charges into the cost of breaking material.

Mr. Corish argued contra as the Council had to provide for these charges and held that a great many unemployed men were at present on outdoor relief on which very considerable sums were being expended.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Colonel Quin seconded the following:-

"That the question of dealing with handbreaking in County Council quarries in relation to unemployment be referred back to the Sub-Committee for consideration."

This motion was subsequently withdrawn.

Mr. Gaul inquired if handbreaking had been carried out and to what extent.

The Chairman said that the Surveyors had been instructed to provide for this class of work on the terms of the resolution already on the books.

Mr. Gaul held that no further resolution than this was necessary.

Mr. Hayes stated that he would not be a party to recommend a starvation wage which he considered 3/6 per cubic yard to be.

Mr. Corish Proposed:-

"That, as all items of charge were not taken into account in fixing the figure of 3/6 ~~xx~~ 4/- per cubic yard be allowed."

The Chairman held that notice of motion was necessary for this proposal.

Mr. Gaul proposed:-

"That we again direct the attention of the County and Assistant Surveyors to the resolution of the Council relative to handbreaking and that they be instructed to put this resolution into effect where possible.

Mr. Colfer seconded.

Mr. Hayes proposed and Mr. Gaul seconded:-

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"That the employment of handbreaking in quarries be left in the hands of the officials with a direction that, so far as possible, they will endeavour to alleviate unemployment."

This proposition was carried on a show of hands by 17 to five, all other motions being dropped.

The County Surveyor stated that the County Council could not adopt any hard and fast rule as regards haulage. In his opinion, it would be better if they had asked for offers for haulage on a cubic yard mile rate rather than advertise for tenders.

Mr. D'Arcy proposed:-

"That the Council advertise for tenders for haulage in each local electoral area, and that the Councillors concerned in each Electoral area consider and deal with said tenders."

Mr. Brennan seconded.

Mr. D'Arcy mentioned that haulage by lorries should be discountenanced as much as possible, as heavy lorry traffic was responsible for loading the ratepayers with an intolerable road rate.

Colonel Gibbon pointed out that a certain number of men who were formerly road contractors, were now doing constant haulage, and they should not be put out of employment.

Mr. D'Arcy then amended his motion to read as follows:-

"That haulage of road material by horse (per yard mile) be done by tender, that said tenders be received by the County Councillors for each of the four Electoral areas, and disposed of by said County Councillors, subject to confirmation by the full Council."

Mr. Brennan seconded.

The Secretary pointed out that, if tenders were advertised for and lower quotations received from lorry owners, unless the Council were prepared to prove to the Auditor ~~by~~ that the price tendered for the work by lorry owners - plus cost of

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repair of any damage they might do to roads in the opinion of the County Surveyor - ^{surcharge} was more than horse haulage, there was a possibility of a ~~mischarge~~. The Council should be careful as to what action they took in this particular matter."

As an amendment Mr. McCarthy proposed:-

"That the question of haulage be left as heretofore in the hands of the County Surveyor with a direction that, where possible, he employ horse haulage. That, in the event of the County Surveyor having to employ motor lorries, he report to succeeding meeting of the County Council, giving his reasons for such employment and pointing out whether, horse haulage was not obtainable, was more expensive, or unable to complete the work in the stipulated time."

Mr. Gaul seconded.

After some further discussion Mr. D'Arcy further amended his motion to read as follows:-

"That, except in cases of emergency, haulage of road material be done by tender per yard mile by horses or motor vehicles as required for the particular road or work at the discretion of the County Council."

"That said tenders be received by the County Councillors of each of the four Electoral areas and disposed of by them subject to confirmation by the Council."

Colonel Gibbon seconded.

A poll was taken on Mr. McCarthy's amendment with the following result:-

For:- Messrs. Armstrong, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Shannon and Miss O'Ryan10.

Against:- Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Hall, Jordan, Keegan, Mayler, Murphy, Roche, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman15.

Messrs. Clinee and Colfer were not present when poll was taken.

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The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

Mr. Keegan proposed that the fixed price of 10d. per cubic yard mile for haulage be allowed to stand, and that the carters in the four districts be invited to apply for said work.

Mr. Hayes seconded.

Lost on a show of hands by 14 to 9.

Mr. Corish proposed:-

"That the present system of employing haulage prevail in so far as the ordinary work of the Council is concerned, but, when a large amount of haulage is necessary for a particular work or to be carried out in a limited time, tenders for employment of horse haulage be considered."

A poll was taken on this amendment with the following result:-

For:- Miss O'Ryan, Messrs. Armstrong, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne and Shannon...11.

Against:- Colonel Gibbon, Colohel Quin, Messrs. Brennan, ~~Kaffax~~, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Hall, Jordan, Mayler, Murphy, Roche, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman14.

Messrs. Clinee and Colfer, were not present when the poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

A show of hands was then taken on Mr. D'Arcy's motion with the result that 16 voted in favour and 9 against.

The Chairman declared it carried.

Mr. Armstrong complained that, as regards haulage, some men were employed constantly, others were unable to secure a day's work. He considered that the employment of hauliers should be arranged in strict rotation as prevailed in the County Carlow.

The Chairman stated they could instruct their Surveyor to that effect.

Mr. Armstrong then proposed the following:-

"That day work for horse haulage be given in strict

rotation, week about, provided the County Surveyor is satisfied that applicant will carry out his work in a satisfactory manner."

Mr. Shannon seconded.

As an amendment, Colonel Gibbon proposed:-

"That, where time work is necessary in quarries and on certain reconstruction work, the employment of carters be left in the hands of the County Surveyor."

Colonel Quin seconded.

The Chairman stated he would not regard this as an amendment, and Mr. Armstrong's motion was then put to a show of hands.

As 19 were found to be in favour, the Chairman declared it carried by a majority.

Machine-Breaking at Rathduff Cross-roads, Killanne.

It was decided that the County Surveyor and Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, report to next meeting of the Roads Committee if it were possible to secure a plot of ground in the neighbourhood of Rathduff, Killanne, which could be used in connection with the breaking of road material so as to avoid complaints by residents of the immediate locality.

Flooding at Coolroe, Clonroche.

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

"That the County Surveyor arrange for a Sub-Committee consisting of the County Councillors of Enniscorthy local Electoral area to inspect the flooding at Coolroe and report to next meeting of the Roads Committee."

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

"That the minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 22nd October, 1928, be and are hereby confirmed, subject to any modifications or amendments which have been made by Council at this meeting."

Report of Local Government Engineer.

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

"That Mr. Raftery, Roads Engineer, Local Government Department be requested to furnish his report in connection with the main roads of the County promised the ^{Roads.} Finance Committee several months ago.

Scholarships Scheme.

The following report of meeting of Scholarships Committee, held on 20th October, 1928, was submitted:-

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The adjourned meeting of the Scholarships Committee was held on 20th October, 1928 in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford.

Very Rev. W.F. Murphy, President St. Peter's College, presided.

Also present:- Rev. T. Talbot, Messrs. H. O'Byrne, E.P. Foley, and J.J. Kelly.

The Secretary of the County Council was also in attendance.

Primary Scholarship Scheme.

Mr. Kelly mentioned that the meeting of County Wexford branch of the Irish Teachers' Organization held on 6th October had instructed him to attend the Scholarships Committee meeting and place before the members the views and suggestions of the Teachers.

A long discussion took place as a result of which the members request the County Council and the Department of Education to consider the following points:-

1. Considering the age of candidates (not more than 14 years on 1st August) in each year, a general ^{consensus} ~~conclusion~~ of opinion exists that the examination papers are of too difficult a character. This applies especially to papers in History and Mathematics.
2. The Rural Schools in Wexford being mostly of the "two Teacher" type it is not possible for the Principal to devote sufficient time and attention to the preparation of candidates for Primary Scholarships unless to the neglect of other students. Owing to the number of classes and multiplicity of subjects which must have attention in "two-teacher" schools the ordinary school routine is as much as can be covered.
3. We consider examination papers should be set by men who have a practical knowledge of teaching in elementary schools and the conditions prevailing therein.
4. Teachers would be able to send forward more candidates

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for competition than at present if they received the support and co-operation which ~~they~~ should be forthcoming on the part of ~~the~~ parents. The apathy at present exhibited by parents to forward the education of their children is difficult of explanation.

A return was submitted showing the number of Scholarships awarded in all Counties in the Saorstát (with the exception of Cavan) for years 1926, 1927, 1928; also the number of candidates who sat for examination in each of these three years.

Minor amendments as to dates etc. were made in the scheme for County Wexford with a recommendation that the aggregate valuation of parents or guardians of children competing should be raised to £75 from £50.

It was agreed to recommend the County Council to fix the value of Scholarships at £50 for the four years for which they are tenable, that the figure for bursaries should remain at £15 and maximum amount of Scholarship, where ordinary residence of scholarship holder is convenient to railway or other means of locomotion in order to attend Secondary School, at £30 per annum should stand.

Gorey Christian Brothers' School.

Letter, under date 18th October, 1928, No.F.16734, from the Department of Education, was read, acknowledging receipt of awards under Primary Scholarship Scheme. The following is an extract from the letter:-

"As regards Patrick Sheehan, I am to state that this Department is prepared to recognise the Christian Brothers' Schools, Gorey, for the continuance of existing Scholarships but that it is not prepared to sanction any new Scholarships in that school this year."

The Secretary stated that, on 13th October, 1928, he had sent the following reply, forwarding at the same time copy of communication from the Department of Education to Brother

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Nelson, Gorey Christian Brothers:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 12th instant, (F.16734) which I shall submit to next meeting of my Scholarships Committee.

As regards award to Patrick Sheehan, I would point out that this student was granted a Bursary, only, in view of the fact that he resided within two miles of a recognised Secondary School. It was understood by my County Council that Gorey Christian Brothers Schools were approved, and the Bursary, valued at £15, was awarded on that understanding. Your letter of the 12th inst. is the first intimation that this school is not on your "approved" list.

An awkward situation now arises, as Patrick Sheehan has been attending the Gorey Christian Brothers' school since reopening after the Summer holiday. It will mean considerable delay as meetings of the Scholarship Committee and County Council must be held to reopen the question, so that award of ordinary Scholarship to this boy to replace Bursary may be considered.

I suppose it would not be possible to allow the matter to stand as at present for period of Patrick Sheehan's Bursary.

Brother Nelson wrote, under date 16th October, 1928, as follows:-

The note you have forwarded me re Patrick Sheehan calls for a full and detailed explanation on the part of the whatever Department made the so called statement. I regard the condition now introduced as illegal and ultra vires. No question has ever arisen as to what Secondary School a particular boy must or may not go to. Your own published rules in connection with the Primary Scholarships contain no such condition as the one which it is sought to foist on this Gorey pupil. I regard this attempt as a deliberate insult to the Christian Brothers Gorey. I challenge the legality of such an order and demand a full explanation of what is referred to as an "approved" school by the Department. The Intermediate Results of 1928 will make it

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perfectly clear that Christian Brothers, Gorey, did efficient work during the past school year. For what particular reason must a scholarship winner go elsewhere. I deny the right of any Departmental Official to treat our Secondary School in such a manner.

Please make this fact known to the authors of the letter sent to you on 13th October, 1928. The pupil, Patrick Sheehan, has freely selected this school. I shall see to it that he gets evenhanded justice from all concerned. I await the explanation demanded.

The Secretary stated he had forwarded copy of Brother Nelson's communication to the Department of Education, who wrote, under date 19th October, 1928 as follows:-

With reference to your communication of the 17th instant regarding the question of the recognition of the Christian Brothers' Schools, Gorey, for County Council Scholarships for 1928-29, I am to inform you that this Department takes the view that in order to avail properly of the expenditure incurred on their education, Scholarship holders should attend really efficient Secondary Schools. The reports of the Department's Inspectors on this school for the past year did not indicate that it provided a Secondary education of the necessary standard for Scholarship holders and no Leaving Certificate Course appeared to be provided in the school during that year. As regards the results of the 1928 Certificate Examination to which Brother Nelson makes reference, the position is that 13 pupils entered for the Intermediate Certificate, of which 8 passed, 4 failed and one was absent. In the preceding year 7 passed and 6 failed. No pupil obtained Honours in either year and no pupil was presented for the Leaving Certificate Examination.

Regarding Brother Nelson's references to the powers of the Department in the matter, it is suggested that you point out to him that these Scholarships Schemes derive their legal authority

from the provisions of Section 17 of the Local Government Act of 1923 (as continued) and that the limitations and restriction of that Section are binding on all Schemes made thereunder; and that you quote for him Sub-sections (1) and (2) of the Section.

I am to add that the Department regrets the inconvenience caused in this case and they are prepared to give careful consideration to any representations which your Council may desire to make after they have considered the above explanation.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we request the Department of Education, in view of the stage to which the present session has now reached, to recognise Bursary of Patrick Sheehan, as tenable at Gorey Christian Brothers, School for the present year. We further desire to point out to Brother Nelson the advisability of providing for Leaving Certificate course in his school for this year in order to meet the views of the Department of Education so as to avoid a similar state of affairs occurring in future. We are of opinion that the Department of Education, when furnishing awards for Scholarships should, at the same time, forward list of Secondary Schools approved or recognised by them.

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

"That the report of Scholarships Committee be received and considered."

In connection with the recommendation of the Committee that the amount of Primary Scholarship should be fixed for four years at £50 per year and the proposal to increase the limit of valuation from £50 to £75 for next year's scheme in view of the hour at which this item on the agenda paper was reached, it was decided to postpone its consideration to next meeting of the Council.

The resolution of the Scholarships Committee, asking the Department of Education to recognise Gorey Christian Brothers' School as an approved school for the present year was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr. Shannon.

Ex-Rate Collector Cleary.

The secretary reported that, under date 10th November, 1928, Mr. Colfer, Solicitor, New Ross, had forwarded cheque for £141.9.4d, proceeds of the sale of farm and effects of Bernard Cleary, late Rate Collector, to meet part of the sums embezzled by him. Mr. Colfer promised to see if it were possible to find the balance in order that the Council would not be at any loss.

Loan, Killenagh Dispensary.

The following notice of motion, issued to members of the County Council, on 15th September, 1928, was moved by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. McCarthy and adopted:-

"That the Wexford County Council consent to the borrowing by the County Wexford Board of Health of £190 for the purpose of building a new dispensary at Killenagh, Gorey District."

Confirmation of Appointment of Solicitor.

Under date 13th October, 1928, the following letter, No. G69574/28, Lochgarman (Sf), was read from the Department of

Local Government and Public Health:-

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th instant and to state that he has noted the appointment of Mr. J. Elgee, George Street, Wexford, as Solicitor to the Wexford County Council at a salary of £250 per annum with out-of-pocket expenses, the salary to cover travelling expenses within the County.

The Declaration Form which has been noted is returned herewith.

Library Committee As Authorised Committee.

Under date 10th October, 1928 the Department of Local Government wrote (G.68004/28, Loch Garman), that the Minister had assented to the recognition of the Library Committee as an "Authorised Committee" for the purposes of Section 63 of the Local Government Act, 1925, enabling members of the Committee to be paid the usual contribution towards their travelling expenses to meetings of the Committee.

Old Age Pension Sub-Committee No.1.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Colonel Gibbon:-

"That, as recommended by Old Age Pension Sub-Committee No.1, Mrs. Fardy, Wellingtonbridge, be appointed a member of this Sub-Committee to fill vacancy existing on said Sub-Committee."

New Ross-Camblin-Campile-Duncannon Road.

In connection with proposed loan to carry out repairs and improvements to above road, letter was read, under date 25th October, 1928, (S.Wexford County(Pg)) from the Department of Local Government, stating that the Minister, in view of the fact that the work had not been included in the Roads Scheme, had assented to a temporary departure from the Public Bodies Order to enable the Council to carry out the proposed scheme of repairs.

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Under date 25th October, 1928, (S.Wexford County (Pg)), letter was read from the Department of Local Government, stating that the Minister sanctioned the raising of loan of £4,000 to carry out repairs on above road, loan to be repaid within a period of ten years, with interest at $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent under Irish Banks Rate (varying), subject to a minimum of 4 per cent.

Under date 10th November, 1928, the Manager, National Bank Limited, Wexford, wrote that his Directors had sanctioned the proposed loan of £4,000 for repair of above road for five years only at $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent under Irish Banks Rate, minimum 4 per cent.

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

"That the Directors of the National Bank be informed that loan for repair of New Ross-Camblin-Campile-Duncannon road had been sanctioned by the Local Government Department for ten years and that, in order to carry out the works in conformity with the views of the Council and the manner in which Road Finances had been arranged, the Directors be requested to sanction period of repayment for ten years. That our Secretary be instructed to call the special attention of Sir Thomas G. Esmonde, Chairman of the Bank, to this request of the Council."

Shannon Scheme - Electricity Supply.

Under date 22nd October, 1928, letter (A.78153) was read from the Electricity Supply Board, stating that, in arranging for the position of poles to be erected by the Board, care was taken to avoid as far as possible any undue interference with local amenities.

The standards to which the Council referred to have been erected by the Contractors employed by the Department of Industry and Commerce, to which Department the matter had been referred.

In further letter dated 22nd October, 1928 (a78/53), the Electricity Supply Board wrote, stating that the Council would be duly notified of any future operations regarding the erection by the Board of poles on the roads and streets under the Council's control.

Under date 24th October, 1928, the Department of Industry and Commerce wrote, stating in connection with the letter of the Council which had been referred by the Electricity Supply Board to them, that, so far from the poles being put up indiscriminately, their location was carefully considered in every case. It was essential for the mechanical security of the transmission system and the supply of electricity at an economic price that the lines should be free from any risk of falling branches and should take the most direct route possible: these had necessarily been the chief considerations in deciding the location. The price to be paid for following any other principle would be out of all proportion to any possible advantage, and, according to the Minister's information, it was not the general view that the poles were unsightly in the places at which they had been erected.

Transfer of County Fever Hospital from Wexford
to New Ross.

Under date 3rd November, 1928, the Department of Local Government wrote P.72397/1928 (Pf) Loch Garman) that the Minister had received a resolution from the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance, proposing to transfer the County Fever Hospital from Wexford to New Ross. The Minister was prepared to agree to the proposal and gave one month's notice to the County Council of his intention to amend and modify the Wexford County Scheme. Accordingly, any representations which the Council desired to make as to the transfer should be submitted within one month from 3rd November, 1928.

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

"That, in connection with letter from the Department of Local Government, under date 3rd November, 1928, No.P.72397/1928 (Pf) Loch Garman, this County Council have no objection to the transfer of the County Fever Hospital from Wexford to New Ross.

Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Regulations, 1928.

Under date 5th November, 1928, (S.77223/1928 Ilgh B.C.T), the Department of Local Government forwarded explanatory letter with copy of Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Regulations, 1928.

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

"That communication re Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Regulations, 1928, be referred to the Roads Committee for consideration. In the meantime that the Secretary procure for each member of the Roads Committee a copy of these Regulations and circulate with them copy of the circular letter of the Department of Local Government, under date 5th November, 1928 No. S.77223/1928 Ilgh.B.C.T.

Overground Telegraphic Lines.

Under date 1st November, 1928 application was received from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs, asking the sanction of the Council to the placing of overground telegraphic lines in Duncannon as follows:-

1. Along Wexford Road, from Cross Roads to a point 120 yards South.
2. Along Quay Road, from Cross Roads to a point 80 yards North.
3. Along Duncannon street from Cross Roads to existing line.

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

"That sanction be given to the request of the Department of Posts and Telegraphs for erection of three overground

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telegraphic lines as set out in their letter of 1st November, 1928 on the understanding that the poles are placed in positions approved by the County Surveyor."

December Meeting of the Roads Committee.

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

"That, in view of the fact that the County Council are holding two meetings in the month of December, no meeting of the Roads Committee be held for that month."

Cinematograph Licences.

Applications for issue of Cinematograph Licences were received from John J. Heany, Taravie Hotel, Courtown, and Michael Hassett, Bridgetown, County Wexford. In both instances the Garda Síochána reported that the premises were suitable.

The Secretary mentioned that licences had been held for the buildings previously, but had been allowed to lapse.

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

"That licences under Cinematograph Act be issued to John J. Heany, Taravie Hotel, Courtown, and Michael Hassett, Bridgetown, County Wexford.

River at Riverchapel.

At the suggestion of Mr. Keegan, it was agreed that the County Councillors for Gorey Electoral Area, with the County Surveyor and Mr. Dunbar, Engineer to the County Board of Health, should inspect the river at Riverchapel at the point at which it was responsible for flooding of houses of residents, and submit report to next available meeting of the Roads Committee.

Resolution Financial Settlement, Great Britain
and Free State.

The following resolution was submitted from Dublin County Council:-

"That the time has arrived for the revision of the ultimate financial settlement of March, 1922, between Great Britain and the Free State, and that meanwhile, in consequence of the depressed state of agriculture, a moratorium be granted in the matter of Land Commission Annuities."

Miss O'Ryan proposed the adoption of the resolution and Mr. Cummins seconded.

Colonel Gibbon suggested that, as it was a political resolution it should be marked "Read".

Mr. McCarthy stated he was in favour of the first part of the resolution but not the reference to the moratorium.

After further discussion, Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Cummins seconded the following:-

"That the time has arrived for the revision of the ultimate financial settlement between Great Britain and the Free State."

Colonel Gibbon-This is purely and simply a political resolution and I object to the County Council dealing with it.

The Chairman stated he considered it would be high-handed on his part if he put the resolution on one side on his own initiative, though he would not support it.

As an amendment Colonel Gibbon proposed that the resolution from Dublin County Council relative to financial settlement be marked "read".

Mr. Culleton seconded.

On a show of hands, four voted for Colonel Gibbon's amendment and ten against.

The chairman declared the amendment lost.

Miss O'Ryan's motion was then put and passed without dissent.

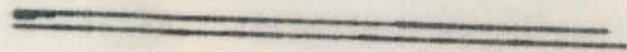
Report of Analyst.

Report of Miss Ryan, County Analyst, for quarter ended 30th September, 1928, was read. The total number of samples analysed during the quarter was 150, viz., foods, 92. durgs 54. waters. 4. The number adulterated was five viz., buttermilks 2. new milks, 2.

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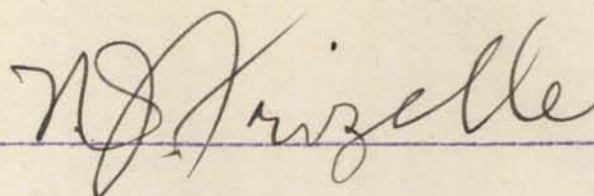
drugs 1. Of four samples of water, submitted by the County Board of Health, three were condemned.



Wongm. Carter
Secr. 3-25-28

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 day of November, 1928.

(Signed)

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. J. Trizelle", written over a horizontal line.

Secretary, Wexford County Council.

Dated this 17th day of November, 1928.

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

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MEETING HELD ON 3RD DECEMBER, 1928.

MINUTES.

The monthly meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 3rd December, 1928.

Present:- Messrs. J. Armstrong, J. Brennan, J. Clince, P. Colfer, T. Cooney, R. Corish, J. Culleton, J. Cummins, T.F. D'Arcy, J. Doran, J. Gaul, Colonel C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Michael Jordan, William P. Keegan, Thomas Mayler, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Col.R.P. Quin, M.M. Roche, James Shannon, Myles Smyth and James E. Walsh.

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

On the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Colonel Quin, the chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Mr. M. Doyle (Chairman) then attended and presided for the rest of the meeting.

The Late Rev.R. Fitzhenry, P.P.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Quin, the following letter, under date 26th November, 1928, was ordered to be inserted on the Minutes of meeting:-

I beg to acknowledge with very sincere thanks the kind resolution of sympathy with the relatives of the late Father Fitzhenry, P.P. passed by your Board, coupled with your own and the members of your staff.

Confirmation of Minutes of Committees.

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 22nd November, 1928 were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford on 22nd November, 1928.

Mr. M. Doyle (Chairman) presided and there were also present:- Messrs. James Shannon (Vice-Chairman) Sean O'Byrne, T. McCarthy and James Hall.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Treasurers' Advice Note for £5458.13.5d. was examined and signed.

Rate Collection.

In connection with case of Ex-Rate Collector Cleary the following report under date 22nd November 1928 was submitted from Mr. Elgee, Solicitor:-

I beg to report that Ex-Collector Cleary pleaded guilty to embezzlement at Circuit Court on 20th November, 1928.

His Solicitor (Mr. Colfer) lodged on his behalf ^{the} sum of £97 which in addition to the £141.9.4 already lodged made a total of £238.9.4. Total defalcations known to date of hearing amounted to £326.5.2.

The amounts unpaid Cleary for poundage and Voters' lists fees were £53.4.6. and £24.1.3. respectively, while an overlodgment previously made by Cleary amounted to £10.17.7d. Total £88.3.4.

This sum along with Cleary's lodgment of £238.9.4. covered amount of default as known to date.

A suspensory sentence of twelve months imprisonment with hard labour was recorded against Cleary on his entering into his own recognisance of £20 to keep the peace and be of good behaviour for three years.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:-

"That the Local Government Department be requested to allow £53.4.6. poundage unpaid to Bernard Cleary and £24.1.3 fees for Voters' lists prepared by him to be applied towards his defalcations.

In connection with cases of Collectors J.J. Kelly and Michael McCarthy, who were suspended from office, letter was read from Local Government Department, under date 17th November, 1928 - G.

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been addressed by the Department to these Collectors.

The letter in question called attention to the suspension of Collectors from office and requested them to furnish within seven days from 17th November any explanation which they cared to offer.

Regarding the position of Mr. J.J. Kelly, Mr. James Carton, Kiltomas, Ferns, one of his personal sureties wrote under date 19th November agreeing to the decision of the Council to appoint Messrs. J.J. O'Reilly and J.J. Sinnott to close the Collection.

A similar letter under date 17th November, 1928 was received from Mr. Aidan O'Leary, Clonee, Camolin, the other personal Surety of Mr. Kelly. He wished to be relieved of his Securityship when the amount of outstanding Rate up to March, 1928 had been collected.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by M
Mr. Hall that Messrs. Carton and O'Leary be informed that their liability for personal Bond will not apply to any collection beyond Rate for March, 1928.

Under date 17th November the following letter was received from Mr. O'Reilly, Rate Collector:-

In reference to our conversation with Mr. T.A. Frizelle last Tuesday 13th inst. re No. 14 Collection District (J.J. Kelly's) myself and Mr. John J. Sinnott have arranged that the Divisions most suitable to us both would be as under -

Sinnott. E.Ds. Ballyoughter, Huntingtown and Kilcomb.

O'Reilly. Ballybeg, Ballyellis, Monaseed and Rosminogue.

We take it that we are accepting this at poundage Fees same as our present Collection.

Re Personal Bonds. We are of the opinion that our existing Bonds should be sufficient to cover this collection as we have previously collected an amount yearly, over the amount of Total Collection including this addition.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted:-

" That in the event of the Local Government Department confirming the suspension of Collector J.J. Kelly, Messrs. Sinnott and

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O'Reilly, Collectors, be directed to provide an addition to their existing personal Bond of £100 in each case. Should they so desire a new personal Bond to cover this amount could be prepared, subject to approval of new Sureties by the Council."

The Division of the collecting district as follows was approved:-

Collector J.J. O'Reilly:-Ballybeg, Ballyellis, Monaseed and Rosminogue.

Collector J.J. Sinnott:- Ballyoughter Huntingtown, and Kilcomb.

As regards collection of Mr. Michael McCarthy it was decided that Mr. Quirke provide additional personal surety of £200 either by addition to his present bond or by New personal Bond with sureties approved by the Council.

The state of the Rate Collection as follows was submitted:-

Amounts outstanding:- 1923 Rate £103.0.6d. 1924 Rate £101.16.3. 1925 Rate £67.3.0. 1926 Rate £348.19.10. 1927 Rate £1023.0.1. 1928 Rate £4281.9.5d. Total.£5925.9.1d.

The following shows amount of 1928 Rate outstanding in each district:-

J.J. O'Reilly,£1.0.4. T. Rowe £8.4.3. J.J. Sinnott £27.2.9d. E.J. Murphy, £26.7.6. J. Curtis.£43.13.1. J. Quirke £95.3.7. J. Cummins, £142.6.1. M. Deegan£216.13.5d. P. Doyle £205.8.11. J. Doyle, £113.19.2. P. Donohoe £155.16.4d. W. Cummins £220.13.7d. T. Sutton. £265.5.0. S. Gannon £187.13.7. P. Furlong £275.9.1d. M. O'Hanlon £188.12.10. J.J. O'Reilly (No. 15) £446.11.7d. P.O'Byrne £289.9.5d. M.M. Kelly £251.8.1. M.McCarthy £614.7.10d. J.J. Kelly.£506.3.0.

1929 Rate. The following shows percentage of 1929 Rate Collected.

E.J. Murphy 96. J.J. O'Reilly 89. J. Doyle 88. T. Rowe 87. S. Gannon 86. J. Quirke 86. P. Doyle 83. J. Curtis 82. J.J. Sinnott 81. M. Deegan 79. P. O'Byrne 78. J. Cummins, 77. P. Furlong 76.

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W. Cummins 76. T. Sutton 75. A. Dunne 62. P. Donohoe 60.

M. Kelly 47. M. O'Hanlon 46. No. 5 District *Nil*. No 14 District *Nil*

Average 67. 1929 Rate outstanding, 1st Moiety £19121.2.7d.

2nd Moiety £60467.3.1d. Total. £79588.5.8d.

It was decided to call the attention of Mr. O'Hanlon, temporary Collector for No. 21 District to the fact that he must display more diligence in the discharge of his duties, in view of the very small amount collected by him to the present.

Some of the members of the Committee examined Rate Books relative to their own districts, and in the case of Collector O'Byrne it was decided that Ratepayers owing arrears be communicated with from County Council Office.

Primary Scholarship Scheme.

Under date 14th November, 1928 the following (F.16734) was read from the Office of National Education:-

With reference to previous correspondence regarding the question of the recognition of the Christian Brothers' Schools, Gorey for County Council Scholarships for 1928/29 and to your letter of the 22nd ultimo, I am directed to inform you that the Department's refusal to recognise this school for Scholarship purposes was due mainly to the inefficiency of the instruction which has been brought to the notice of the Manager in Inspectors' reports for the past two years, and which was confirmed by the results of the pupils' examinations. The absence of a Leaving Certificate course was mentioned as an additional reason to show that a pupil could not pursue a full secondary course at the school and the organisation of such a course for the present year could have no effect on the Department's decision and has no relevancy to the instruction of the pupil in question (Patrick Sheehan).

At the request of the Council, and to overcome the difficulties of the present position regarding this boy, the Department is prepared to give special recognition to this school for the current school year (i.e. to July next) but the Council should make ~~it~~ the necessary arrangements for the tenure of this boy's Scholarship to some other Secondary School should they decide to renew it after the present year as the Department is not prepared to give further

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recognition to the Gorey Christian Brothers School for Scholarship purposes until it has shown a higher standard of efficiency maintained for the period of at least two years.

It was decided that copy of this letter be furnished the Superior, Christian Schools, Gorey and that it be brought forward when applications for renewal of Scholarships are under consideration by the County Council.

Weights and Measures Act, 1928.

The following under date 19th November, was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce, (Power Section), 33 Upper Merrion St. Dublin:-

Under the provisions of the above Act, petrol pumps and other instruments, must be verified and stamped, and subjected to periodical tests by the Inspectors of Weights and Measures. In order to carry out the tests efficiently, new types of measuring standards, costing it is anticipated, between £40 and £45 per set, will have to be provided for the Inspectors, but an effort is being made, to arrange the work in such a manner as to limit the provision to one set for each County or Borough.

To assist a number of local authorities concerned a specification of the new standards has been prepared, and tenders will be invited by the Minister for Industry and Commerce for the supply of a considerable number of sets. It is proposed to include the necessary provision by your Council in the number specified, but this will not bind the Council to accept any of the tenders, which will be submitted ^{due} in course as it is open to any local authority to purchase its requirements outside the inclusive contract.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Finance Committee will be prepared to consider any tenders which may be submitted in this matter by the Department of Industry and Commerce."

Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926.

Under date 19th November, a letter was read from Secretary, County Councils General Council relative to appointment of Select

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Committee of An Dail to inquire into the working of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1928, and asking for statement of the experience of the working of the Act in Wexford County.

It was decided to reply to this communication and state that there was only one appointment before the Appointments' Commission that of Solicitor to the Council - in which the Council were concerned, and in that case the person recommended by the Council had been selected by the Appointments Commission.

Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Limited.

The report of the Directors of above in connection with second ordinary meeting was read and considered most satisfactory.

Proposed Committal to Industrial School.

The District Court Clerk, Enniscorthy, wrote that application would be made on the 29th November to the Enniscorthy Court to commit to Industrial School four children ~~namely~~ viz., James, Patrick, Edward and John Devereux.

It was decided to refer the matter to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor.

Ford of Lyng.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. Elgee be instructed to proceed against the owners of South Slob to obviate the flooding of the road at Ballybro and Ford of Lyng, which is in such a deplorable state for the past ten or twelve days that people cannot attend Mass or go to market."

It was also decided to call the attention of Office of Public Works to the present circumstances in connection with the flooding of Ford of Lyng and to request them to forward copy of the report of their Engineer or Inspector who had seen the place recently, or at least material portions of same.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 22nd November, 1928 be received and considered." Rate Collection. In connection with the proposal that the outstanding rates in No. 5 Collection District (C. McCarthy) be handed over to Mr. Quirke, (Collector for No. 1 District) for Collection the following was read from Mr. P.J. Furlong, (Collector for No. 4 District):-

I consider that I have a grievance in connection with the appointment of the temporary Collector in the place of Collector McCarthy. Having regard to the precedent set by the County Council when two Collectors were appointed in place of Collector Kelly, I submit I am entitled to expect to have been appointed at least jointly with Mr. Quirke as I consider I am equally entitled to share of the work. My District adjoins that collected by Collector McCarthy, to a far greater extent than that of the Collector appointed, and in addition I live in the District.

I would point out that I have had long service with the Council and for three years acted as Deputy Collector in Mr. McCarthy's District, and I am sure that if referred to you will corroborate the fact that in August 1926 at the request of the Council I took up the collection of an arrear of £900, left behind by Collector Sinnott, and I was successful in having same gathered in to the satisfaction of yourself and the Council. Under these circumstances, I think it unfair that my claim to a share of the work in collecting in Mr. McCarthy's District should have been overlooked.

I would ask you to bring the matter before the Council with a view to having same re-considered, and if the Council permit, I would be glad of a Hearing.

Mr. Roche proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following:-
That Collection of arrears and current rate in District No. 5

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be divided for collection between Messrs. Quirke and Furlong, existing Collectors."

After discussion, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, said that, as the County Council at their last meeting had decided that the work should be performed by Mr. Quirke, it would be necessary to have resolution of Mr. Roche, considered on notice of motion.

Mr. Roche then gave the necessary notice of motion to be considered at special meeting of the Council to be held on 10th December, 1928.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 22nd November, 1928, be and are hereby confirmed except in so far as same have been altered or amended by resolutions adopted at this meeting."

Roads Committee- The Minutes of Roads Committee in respect of meeting held on 26th November, 1928, were submitted as follows:-

The monthly meeting of the Roads Committee of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford on 26th November 1928.

The following were in attendance.:-

Messrs. P. Colfer, J. Culleton, T.F. D'Arcy, Colonel Gibbon, J. Hall, Thomas Mayler, Sean O'Byrne, Colonel Quin, M.M. Roche, James Shannon, P. Hayes, W.P. Keegan and Myles Smyth.

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

On the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr. Hall, the chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Immediately after this Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman, attended and presided for the remainder of the meeting.

County Surveyor's Report.

The following report for month of November was submitted by the County Surveyor:-

As directed by the Council I have prepared my complete Estimate for the coming year for road maintenance and improvemant works. At present time the Roadworks Scheme is in the hands of the Printer, but I expect to have it completed by the end of the week, and I shall circulate copies among the Councillors, so that they may have time to consider it before the meeting on the 10th proximo.

The very bad Summer and Autumn has had a most injurious effect on Road Maintenance, and I have applications from all the Assistant Surveyors for supplemental sums out of the Contingencies Fund. I have not yet been able to go into these in detail, but, from examination of Accounts, I believe it will be very difficult, if not impossible, to maintain the roads up to the 31st March next. I suggest that you refer this matter for consideration to the Finance Committee, at meeting to be held on the 6th proximo, which will be before the special meeting to consider next year's Estimate.

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regard to the maintenance of Railway Bridges in the Urban Area. I consider that as the County Council is now paying the Urban Council for the maintenance of these bridges that application should be made to the Railway Company for the sum agreed between the Urban Council and the Railway Company for maintenance. In connection with this matter also, I wish to point out that the Railway Bridge adjoining Wexford Bridge in Wexford Urban Area is not at present under any agreement with the Railway Company, and I consider that we should take over this also.

By direction of the Local Government Department I prepared a new Form of Notice in regard to Hedge Cutting, and have directed all the Assistant Surveyors to serve notices where ever necessary. In connection with this matter I submit copy of letter from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor.

At the last meeting of the Council the matter of moving the telegraph pole at Riverview, Duncannon-to allow of corner being improved- was mentioned. I have since been in communication with the Postal Authorities, and arranged for the immediate removal of the pole.

During the past week the Trunk line at Farnogue was badly flooded on several occasions. I find that this is due to land water which the culvert is unable to pass away quickly enough. I found it necessary to cut gaps in the parapet wall to let off the flooding, and I suggest that a new culvert be put in adjoining the old one, and ask for instructions accordingly.

On the 21st instant I inspected the flooding at Coolroe. The only member of the Committee present was Mr. Clince, and with him and Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, I made a thorough examination of the place. I have arranged with the adjoining land owner to allow river to be cleaned out below the bridge, which, to some extent, will relieve the flooding, but I believe it will be necessary to re-build bridge or culvert, and I am putting forward proposal in my Estimate.

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On the 23rd instant I inspected the flooding at Riverchapel. Messrs. J. O'Byrne ~~and~~ W. Keegan and M. Smyth M.C.s were present, as also Mr. Treanor Assistant Surveyor, and a large number of the local people interested. There is no question that a great deal of nuisance is caused by the river in flood time, and a number of houses and premises are flooded. The road itself is not interfered with, but some years ago the County Council expended money in cleaning the river bed which had a beneficial effect. If the flooding is to be kept within reasonable bounds it will be necessary to clear the river periodically. This will possibly entail an expenditure of from £12 to £15 annually, or every second or third year. The only point arising is the powers of the Council to deal with this.

I have had the Assistant Surveyors and Gangers take special note of the cracks, and other defects appearing in the concrete road between Enniscorthy and Ferrycarrig, and have a number of these cracks marked. The very bad weather has prevented a complete examination, and on my special visit on the 23rd instant, owing to the bad weather I was unable to identify all the cracks. There are now an increased number of these, and a simple statement of such would appear to show that the work was very defective. I am quite satisfied, however, that the majority of the cracks are immaterial, and that the work done is sound. With the present very bad weather it is impossible to arrange a suitable day in advance, but I suggest that arrangements be made for inspection by the Committee, to be summoned by wire, as weather permits of full inspection. I found generally that the drainage was satisfactory, but in a few places I gave special directions to the Assistant Surveyors in regard to opening channels to thoroughly complete this matter.

The Council authorised an expenditure of £400 on the rebuilding of the retaining wall, and repair of bridge at Ballyhogue. I now submit details of expenditure, amounting to £277.15.10d, which leaves an unexpended balance of £122.4.2d. Kilmuckridge Bridge is

now completed, but the expenditure on same has been beyond the original estimate. This was owing in part to objection raised by adjoining Mill owner for whose convenience we had to alter the original line of the bridge as set out, and to build a special culvert for the tail race from the Mill. There was also a very great increase in the filling put in so as to ease the hill at each side. The work is an entirely satisfactory job, and I suggest that money be transferred from the unexpended balance at Ballyhogue to cover the extra cost of this.

I submit details with interim balance showing the working of the County Machinery for the current year to date. As already pointed out to the County Council the present charges authorised by the Local Government Department do not cover capital and special expenditure. Eliminating these there is an excess of receipts over expenditure amounting to £1,100 odd. As already pointed out by the reports from the Insurance Company the machinery has been maintained in first class condition, and I consider it practically equal to new. The repairs are all covered by the expenditure. I now find that during the Winter it will be advisable to overhaul the plant at an expenditure of £400, to bring the whole of the machinery completely up to date, and I shall be glad to have authority to have this work put in hands. The overhead expenditure on the machinery not covered by the charges amount to £2,568, and it will be necessary to provide for this separately less any excess of charge over expenditure that may be at the 31st March next. I was authorised to expend a sum of £405 in erecting elevator plant, and so forth at Ballybrennan Quarry, and I now have complete figures of expenditure on this which amount to £403.15.6d. Spare parts taken from the breaker, and which will be available for repairs on other machines I estimate at £100 so that the nett cost of this plant will be £304. I have had careful records kept of work done at Ballybrennan Quarry since the elevator plant was put there, and the saving effected amounts to £306, so that the cost of the plant

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has already been covered. I shall have further particulars and details in regard to this available at next meeting.

In connection with the loan to be obtained for the improving of the New Ross-Camblin Road I find it will be advisable to make special arrangements for dealing with the large quantity of material in Ballykelly Quarry. I estimate that this expenditure will run to in or about £200, and I ask for authority to put the work in hands as soon as possible, so that we may be prepared to deal with the work without delay in the Spring. I have no doubt that this expenditure will be well covered by saving in the work when this is in hands.

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

"That the report of Co. Surveyor as submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

Contingencies Fund.

Mr. Hall mentioned that after heavy rain the gangers should walk road to clear up water tables.

Colonel Gibbon proposed and Colonel Quin seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That in view of the prevailing unfavourable weather the County Surveyor be instructed to curtail as far as possible any improvement or advance work on roads and deal only with urgent maintenance."

Mr. Culleton complained of the time spent by road men trimming hedges and ditches.

Mr. Doyle mentioned that he had received complaints as to the same effect from a number of people in his district. He saw some of the work himself and it was absolutely useless. He thought some of them had been put on to it because they had nothing else to do.

The County Surveyor mentioned that it was necessary to have this work done in order to keep the channels clear. The work

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was only carried out where it was necessary.

In reply to Mr. Hall the County Surveyor said the amount at present in the Contingencies Fund was £730 on account of Main Roads and £679 for Co. Roads. There was a bigger sum in the Fund this time twelve months.

The meeting considered that there was no necessity to submit the proposals of Co. Surveyor from Contingencies Fund to the Finance Committee and it was agreed that it should be dealt with at the special meeting of the County Council to be held on 10th December, 1928.

Overline Railway Bridges. Enniscorthy and Wexford.

A resolution was adopted directing the County Surveyor to negotiate with the Railway Company in connection with the maintenance of Overline Bridges on Trunk Road in Enniscorthy Urban Area and as regards Railway Bridge adjoining Wexford Bridge; that the figure for maintenance suggested by the County Surveyor be submitted to next meeting of the Roads Committee and that the cost of the adjoining roads in each instance be regarded as a factor in arriving at the amount to be paid for maintenance by Railway Company.

Hedge Cutting. The letter from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor referred to by the County Surveyor stated that in one case he understood the Land Commission held the farm at the present time, and the local Solicitor for the Commission referred him to headquarters. He desired instructions. Another point on which he asked for guidance was in the case of land taken on the eleven months' system. The owner was usually a person not residing in the district, while the person who had taken the land for the eleven months disclaimed all responsibility for hedge cutting.

It was decided to refer the matter to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor.

Flooding at Farnogue. The County Surveyor mentioned that cost of new culvert to obviate flooding would be £90.

It was decided to take no action for the present.

Flooding at Riverchapel. In reply to Colonel Quin, the County Surveyor said that the flooding at Riverchapel did not in any way interfere with the roadway there.

It was decided to take no action in the matter as Council were not concerned.

Wexford-Enniscorthy Concrete Road.

Mr. Hall proposed that the following Sub-Committee appointed on the 4th July, 1927 be requested to make a special inspection of Wexford-Enniscorthy concrete Road:-

Messrs. M. Doyle, R. Corish, T. McCarthy, James Gaul and Colonel Gibbon.

Mr. Culleton Seconded. *Passed*

Colonel Gibbon mentioned that he had a letter from Mr. Musgrave, Irish Engineer of the Portland Cement Company, who was very anxious to look at the work done on the Enniscorthy road. He invited the speaker and the County Surveyor to accompany him on his inspection and also to visit concrete roads made North of Dublin.

He was quite sure that if they could find a suitable date and any other member of the Council would like to attend their examination Mr. Musgrave would make the necessary arrangements. He (Colonel Gibbon) was satisfied that the mixing of the concrete on the Enniscorthy road was satisfactory and he was also satisfied that the proper inspections of the road were made. He had inspected the road probably more than anyone else and he was satisfied the job was a good one-as good as it could possibly be under the terms of the specification and design. The fact that no cracks had appeared in the work on Wexford Quay had been referred to but this was a different proposition as it was laid with reinforced

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concrete. Cracks were bound to occur in concrete laid under the conditions of the design of the Enniscorthy-Wexford road.

Mr. Birthistle pointed out that in Dublin on a road 100 feet wide laid in reinforced concrete more cracks could be seen than in the Wexford-Enniscorthy road.

It was decided that the County Surveyor arrange for the most suitable date for inspection and also that he would communicate with Mr. Musgrave as suggested by Colonel Gibbon.

Petrol Pump in New Ross.

In connection with statement made by Colonel Quin at a recent meeting of the Roads Committee that the widths of footpath and carriageway given relative to application for erection of Petrol Pump were not as stated by the Assistant Surveyor, the County Surveyor stated that the footpath was 9 feet at the point where the pump stood and 8 feet 10 inches further up. The road was 40 feet at the pump and 44 further up.

In the course of discussion it was ascertained that Colonel Quin had really referred to a petrol pump on a different site and the matter dropped.

Kilmuckridge Bridge. The County Surveyor stated that the amount expended over allocation in this case was £63.12.5d.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed that unexpended balance from rebuilding retaining wall and repair of Bridge at Ballyhogue viz., £122.4.2 be applied as far as necessary to cover extra cost of work at Kilmuckridge Bridge.

Mr. O'Byrne said that the work was well done and it was one of the most necessary in the County.

Mr. Hall who seconded, agreed, and stated that everybody was very well pleased with the manner in which it had been carried out.

Passed.

Proposed Overhaul of Machinery Plant. The County Surveyor mentioned that overhead expenditure referred to was made up as follows:

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Instalment Loan New Plant.	£635.
Morris Truck.	£204.
Instalment Loan Purchase Machinery.	£1360.
Insurance Premiums.	£115.
Work at Ballybrennan.	£254.

Mr. Hayes considered that these items should have been taken into account when they were ~~making~~ fixing the rate of 3/6d. per cubic yard for breaking material.

Mr. McCarthy proposed that the £400 asked for by County Surveyor for machinery overhaul be voted for the purpose. Machinery required overhauling from time to time and out of a total expenditure of £20,000 for machinery the sum of £20 per £1,000 per annum was certainly not exorbitant.

Colonel Quin seconded.

Mr. D'Arcy proposed and Mr. Hall seconded:-

"That a sum of £200 be voted in charge of County Surveyor to carry out the most pressing machinery overhaul.

Colonel Gibbon said it would be very difficult for them when they had no detailed estimate, to carry out Mr. D'Arcy's suggestion to cut down the proposal of County Surveyor to £200 without having the actual points at which cutting was to be done.

He suggested that £400 be agreed to and that Mr. D'Arcy could go through the detailed estimate with the County Surveyor and if Mr. D'Arcy could see his way where cheaper quotations could be obtained, there was no doubt the County Surveyor would fall in with Mr. D'Arcy's views.

On a show of hands two only voted in favour of Mr. D'Arcy's amendment.

Colonel Gibbon then proposed:-

"That the sum of £400 be allowed for repair of machinery and overhaul and that the County Surveyor submit detailed list of cost to Mr. D'Arcy in order to ascertain if the latter could make any saving in them.

Colonel Quin seconded the motion which was passed, Messrs. Hall

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and D'Arcy dissenting.

The County Surveyor stated that if Mr. D'Arcy was able to point out to him where money could be saved he was just as anxious as anyone else to economise.

Mr. Roche proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded the following resolution which was passed:-

"That as regards repairs to machinery the County Surveyor be directed to have the necessary work carried out by County Wexford firms, provided the cost does not exceed manufacturers' charges."

Ballybrennan Quarry. The County Surveyor dealt with figures in connection with saving of £306 in working this quarry and in reply to queries stated that in recent years there always had been a deficit in its working. At the present the cost with new plant for breaking and loading was under 2/- per yard. As far as he could see they were saving something over 1/- per yard with elevator plant, which was found very satisfactory and well worth the money.

Colonel Gibbon suggested that the County Surveyor could investigate the possibility of putting in smaller plant of a similar kind in Kerlogue and other suitable quarries.

New Ross-Camblin-Campile and Duncannon Road. The following letter under date 24th November, 1928 was read from the Manager, National Bank, Wexford:-

I have submitted your further letter to the Board for extension of the period of repayment of above Loan and in all the circumstances the Board have been pleased to accede to the Council's request and the term of the Loan is therefore now ten years. This must be regarded as a special concession and is not to be regarded as establishing a precedent. The Board desire that the existing total of loans be reduced as soon as possible and unless substantial reductions in the liabilities of the Council are made favourable consideration of any future requirements cannot be given.

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I have to inform you that repayment of loans extending over a period of ten years is not viewed as satisfactory by the Board, and in future loans required by the Council cannot be granted for such long periods.

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

"That, as recommended by the County Surveyor £200 be allocated for dealing with material in Ballykelly Quarry for New Ross-Camblin-Campile and Duncannon road and that said amount be paid out of loan.

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

"That report of County Surveyor submitted to this meeting be and is hereby adopted subject to any amendments or alterations made in same at this meeting."

Complaint by Haulage Contractor.

Mr. James Brien, Glenteigue, Glenbrien, came before the meeting and complained that Michael Bennett, Road ganger, had charged him with drawing a load of material from the road for his own use and that Bennett had received this information from an independent farmer, whose name he refused to give. Mr. Brien admitted that there were about five or six shovelful of material-the tailings from the car as it was swept out from time to time-in his yard. Bennett said he would not report the matter, but he(Mr. Brien) insisted upon having it brought before the Roads Committee. He would not allow any man to call him a rogue.

The County Surveyor said that when Mr. Brien came to him the matter was at once taken up with the ganger and Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor.

Mr. Cullen said that he found about a tenth of a cubic yard of stones in Mr. Brien's yard. The latter had no hesitation in pointing it out. He (Mr. Cullen) believed that the explanation given by Mr. Brien that this was the accumulation of a few stones swept from the cars engaged in haulage work was correct.

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Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded:-

"That ganger Bennett be directed to apologise to Mr. Brien for his action."

Colonel Quin who held that the ganger was acting quite correctly proposed that the matter be allowed to drop.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded.

Colonel Gibbon proposed that the members for the Ennisecorthy Electoral area investigate the matter with a view to getting the fullest information and submit their report to next meeting of the Roads Committee, the County Surveyor to fix date of investigation.

On a show of hands 12 voted in favour of Colonel Gibbon's amendment and one against.

The Chairman declared it carried.

Ford of Lyng.

Under date 24th November the following letter was read from Mr. Elgee:-

I am in receipt of yours of yesterday and note that the Finance Committee have directed me to take proceedings against the owners of the South Slob in the District Court to obviate the flooding of the Road at Ballybroo and Ford of Lyng.

As I have already on several occasions pointed out to the Council-that if any proceedings in respect of this flooding are taken against the Owners of the lands they have to be in the High Court as I cannot bring them in the District Court, and if I take proceedings in the District Court now the application will be dismissed. Accordingly I will be glad for further instructions before I take any proceedings in the District Court.

Mr. O'Byrne said he would move that proceedings be taken in some Court in order to have the long standing ^{Grievance} ~~Grievance~~ under which the people laboured redressed.

Colonel Gibbon mentioned that it would be advisable if the T.Ds for the County raised the question in An Dail in which case it

was probable a man would be appointed to go into it and the expense would be thrown on the Government. It could be pointed out to the Government that the drainage of the South Slob had been carried out under Grant from the Government with the condition set out in an Act of Parliament that the rights of adjoining land holders were not to be interfered with. The work was to be regarded as ineffective unless this condition was carried out.

The five T.Ds with the farmers in the neighbourhood who were being penalised should press on the Government to compel the South Slob Company to fulfil their contract under the Act.

Another point that could be put before the Government was the fact that the Slob Company had deliberately raised the level of the spillways by about a foot and as a consequence there was twelve inches more flooding on the lands affected. Even if the Government were not satisfied to deal with the matter directly the fact of raising the question would evoke some statement as to the persons against whom action would lie in this matter, but it would be ridiculous for the adjoining owners to spend thousands ^{and} thousands of pounds in High Court proceedings against rich holders with problematical success.

Colonel Gibbon then moved the following:-

"That we request Messrs. Jordan and Corish T.Ds who are members of this Council to raise in An Dail the question as to responsibility for the flooding at the Ford of Lyng. ~~xxx~~ That Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, be directed to obtain without delay copy of Act which constituted the South Slob Company and that he submit to Counsel for his opinion the whole circumstances of the case (with Slob Act) in order to advise the Council as to what proceedings can be taken if any. That the County Surveyor be directed to provide Mr. Elgee with map marked with boundaries of flooding, with special reference to flooding of roads and the points at which the river has been blocked by weeds etc., and section showing the original size of the spillways and how they had been raised in height."

Mr. Culleton seconded the resolution which was adopted.

The Chairman mentioned that Mr. Elgee should take steps to push on this matter without delay; it had been going on for 24 or 25 years at least.

Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Regulations, 1928.

The Secretary mentioned that copy of circular letter of the Department of Local Government (S.77223/1928 Ilgh (B.C.T.)) had been furnished to each member of the Roads Committee.


Colonel Gibbon mentioned that the most dangerous point in these Regulations was that any amount spent over the estimate would fall on the funds of the County Council. If they estimated a certain drainage scheme would cost £750 and the cost was £950 the excess of £200 would have to be provided by the County Council and could not be debited to the promoters of the scheme. Another point was that any three men could furnish a petition to the Council to drain their lands and whether the scheme was proceeded with or dropped the Council would be responsible for all the preliminary expenses as a County-at-large Charge.

No order was made on the matter.

Rosslare Road-South Coastguard Station.

Under date 8th November, letter was read from four residents on above road asking if the Council were taking any steps to prevent the road from slipping further into the sea, when the repairs were likely to be carried out or in the event of the road being closed permanently, what provision was to be made for approach to their houses.

The Secretary stated that in reply to this it had been pointed out that it was not contemplated at present that any portion of roadway, on the frontage of any existing house, should be closed. The Rosslare end would remain open, the Tagcoat end from where the road ran inland from the sea to the houses, would be closed to vehicular traffic. The whole road would, however, remain open to pedestrians.

Mr. Birthistle  into the sea.

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It was decided to apply to the Minister to close the portion from the Tagoat end to the nearest house in the direction of Rosslare.

Road at Baker's Cross.

Under date 16th November, Martin Kinsella, Boleybawn, Gorey, called attention to gullet in a hollow in the road below Baker's Cross (Larchfield). The water comes back from the river through the gullet, flows down the road and empties into his lane to a depth of four and five feet. If the gullet were closed it would stop the nuisance. Inside the Bridge down to the Railway Bridge, the river was all choked with trees and bushes.

Mr. Treanor said that it would flood another portion of the road if the gullet was closed and he did not consider it was the business of the Council to clear the river down to the Railway Bridge.

The County Surveyor mentioned that if this was a natural river they had no power to compel anyone to clean it, but if it were an artificial drain they could.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee, after consulting with the County Surveyor should explain the circumstances to Mr. Kinsella.

Ballybrennan Protection Wall.

Mr. John Doyle, Ballybrennan, Bree, wrote under date 10th November, stating that protection wall at Ballybrennan was now level with the road, leaving a drop of about thirty feet. If any accident happened it might cost a lot of money compared with the few pounds it would take to repair it.

The County Surveyor said the place was in a very serious condition, but not quite so serious as represented by Mr. Doyle. He had included in his estimate a proposal dealing with it.

Tara Hill and Ballincarrig.

A memorial from a large number of Ratepayers asking for the repair of lane leading to their homes in Tara Hill and Ballincarrig (Gorey) was read. They stated upwards of 50 families were using the lane as it was the only means of reaching their homes. During

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the Winter months when the lane was flooded they were unable to travel unless on foot. The lane crosses the main road at Ballinacarrig to the main road at Kilcavan and if repaired would be of great service to people living in that district.

Mr. Keegan said that if £100 was spent on the lane it would be giving people a passage way at all times to and from their homes. In his opinion it would be money well spent.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor said that the lane was in a very bad condition, overgrown with bushes and briars. It was only 10 feet wide in the widest part. The road was a solid rock about two miles ^{long} and in his opinion it would be extremely difficult to make a decent thoroughfare in the place.

It was decided that the matter be considered with Road Works Estimate on the 10th December.

Oil on Roads from Traction Engines.

Under date 5th November, Mr. J. G. Quigley, Chief Engineer, Department of Local Government forwarded the following in reply to query of Roads Committee:-

Yours of the 15th ultimo has remained without a reply owing to my absence from the Office.

I beg to refer you to Section 5, of the Motor Car (Public Service Vehicles) Order, 1928. This you will notice will take effect from the 1st January, 1929. On page 115 of our Report of the Inter-Departmental Committee of the Control, etc., of Road Traffic, 1928, you will see a provision against cinders being allowed to drop or any locomotive causing a nuisance.

A note has been taken as to making provision in the completed new traffic legislation against any self propelled vehicle causing nuisances, such as the dropping or spilling of oil.

Flooding of Lane, Baldwinstown.

Mr. James Keating, Baldwinstown, Bridgetown, wrote complaining that a lane leading to his farm at Baldwinstown Cross roads was in a very bad condition, owing to the action of road men, deliberately turning the water on to it by placing on it large patches of road

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material, which prevented the water flowing in its original course to the water tables on the side of the road. A large gullet prepared by the Council would be able to take the water away from his lane if the Council's men had not interfered.

The County Council would be liable for whatever further damage was done to the lane.

Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, said he never remembered the water going anywhere else except down by the side of this lane. Of course, if the man could get the water off his lane it would be to his advantage. He would inspect the place and report to next meeting of Council.

Road Grants.

The Secretary reported that since the last meeting of the Council the sum of £1907 had been received from the Government, viz., for Trunk Roads £905 and Link Roads £1,002.

Petrol Pumps.

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

"That the application of Messrs. John Bolger and Company for erection of two petrol pumps in Ferns Street, the tanks of which are on the Company's own premises be acceded to, work to be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

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

"That the Minutes of Roads Committee in respect of meeting held on 26th November, 1928, be received and considered."

Contingencies Fund. The County Surveyor, in reply to Mr. Hall, said that the amount now in this fund was £1409; this time ~~twelve~~ months it was £2400. Several abnormal items of expenditure, particulars of which he gave, the County Surveyor stated, had to be provided for this year.

Mr. Cummins asked for information to be supplied to him for next ordinary meeting of the Council as to the Council's indebtedness to their Treasurer and as to the financial position of the Council generally.

Flooding at Riverchapel. Mr. Keegan said that four years ago the Council had cleaned up the river which backed up from the sea. This and the landflooding was responsible for the present position. There were 14 families concerned and the Council in allocating money for the purpose were only following the precedent set by a former Council. He proposed that £14 be allocated for the work.

Mr. O'Byrne in seconding pointed out that when the Council spent money on this work the water flowed over the road and there was a possibility this would happen again. As a preventive and to save a bigger outlay later, the money would be well spent.

The Chairman said that the road was not flooded at the present time. There was a number of places actually flooded at the present time-roads and houses and no proposal had been made to help the people concerned.

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

For the motion, Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne and Shannon10.

Against:- Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Mayler, Murphy, Quin, Roche, Smyth, Miss O'Ryan and the Chairman. 14

Messrs. Cooney and Walsh were not present when the poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the proposal lost.

Wexford-Enniscorthy Concrete Road. Colonel Gibbon reported that the Sub-Committee inspected the road on 1st December, 1928. There were in attendance himself, Mr. Gaul, the County Surveyor and Capt. Musgrave, Engineer to the Portland Cement Company, and who was an expert on road making. They had gone over the road as far as Brownswood. The cracks were all numbered and the Sub-Committee examined each one, stopping for sometime at the bad ones. The main cracks were in the long bays that were made in the beginning. There were extremely few cracks in any of the short bays. The majority were hair cracks and could not be seen unless the weather was extremely favourable and dry. It did not look as if they were likely to extend much. It was only in one case the Sub-Committee found a crack starting from each side and it might be necessary in ~~which~~ this case for the Contractors to cut out a bit of concrete. In the opinion of Captain Musgrave it would not be wise to touch this at the present time. It might be accounted for by a temporary interruption according to Captain Musgrave. If the motor was running irregularly or the pump supply was giving trouble so that the work was held up any time from half an hour to two hours, and the concrete laying went on without making a regular joint, a crack might occur. They had also inspected the point at Brownswood trough at which the County Surveyor reported that oil dropped from engines was injuring the concrete. There was certainly some slight deterioration of the surface. Captain Musgrave said there would be no difficulty in dealing with the small amount of damage which had occurred; if they waited until summer, clean off any dirt on it, and then tar-spray for a couple of perches. This, in the opinion of Captain Musgrave, would entirely prevent any further damage. His opinion was that so far as the concrete was concerned, the job was entirely satisfactory and that the number of cracks in it was suprisingly

small. Even if more cracks were noticeable in the Summer, Captain Musgrave did not think the position would be serious. In his (Colonel Gibbon's) opinion the road was in a very satisfactory condition and beyond the cracks there was no sign of any surface wear, which Captain Musgrave stated was surprising in a length of $11\frac{1}{2}$ miles; also that there ^{not} should be one single joint of inferior concrete, an almost unheard of thing. This spoke well for the manner in which the Contractors had carried out their work.

Mr. Gaul corroborated what Colonel Gibbon had reported in connection with the inspection of the Sub-Committee. He did not see anything whatever wrong with the road.

The County Surveyor mentioned that the cracks and joints would be all gone over in the late Spring or early Summer. He did not see any difference between "Ferrocete" and the ordinary cement. It would appear from the experience which they had gained in laying this road that the proper distances between joints should be about 45 or 50 feet.

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

"That the report of the Sub-Committee for Enniscorthy-Wexford road be approved."

Machinery Overhaul.

Mr. D'Arcy contended that the amounts paid by the Council for ^{also} machinery overseer and ~~xxxx~~/for employment of carpenter and blacksmith, should have been brought in as portion of the annual upkeep of the machinery.

Colonel Gibbon disputed this and held that these employees were only dealing with running expenses and not with the capital charges.

The County Surveyor pointed out that the remuneration paid these employees was charged against each particular job for the use of machinery. The £400 really represented capital expenditure. Anyone familiar with machinery will recognise that even a high

cost in maintaining it at the highest standard of efficiency was economic in the long run. If the remuneration of the employees mentioned by Mr. D'Arcy was brought in against the overhaul, this expenditure would be brought in a second time. He was absolutely satisfied that the machinery was maintained in the best and most economic manner.

Mr. D'Arcy proposed the following resolution:-

"That a sum of £200 be allocated for machinery overhaul."

This was seconded by Mr. Hall.

In reply to Mr. Corish the County Surveyor stated if this resolution were adopted it would mean that certain items of machinery which he had intended to be overhauled could not be dealt with.

Colonel Gibbon stated he was prepared to propose that this expenditure of £400 be suspended till the next meeting of the County Council and that the estimate of the County Surveyor in detail be placed before this meeting prior to which the figures can be in Mr. D'Arcy's hands, and let him show the Council meeting where a reduction could be made.

Mr. Keegan proposed:-

"That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be approved."

Mr. Corish seconded.

The County Surveyor mentioned that the expenditure of £200 only would mean that three or four times as much would have to be spent next year on overhaul.

In reply to Colonel Gibbon, he said that there would be no detrimental effect on the machinery if this matter were ^{postponed} ~~proposed~~ to next ordinary meeting of the County Council.

Colonel Gibbon moved a resolution to this effect, the detailed figures proposed by the County Surveyor to be circulated with the agenda paper for next ordinary meeting,

Mr. Culleton seconded this resolution which was agreed to without dissent.

Ford of Lyng.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, mentioned that he had read the South

Slob Embankment Act under which the Slob Company had been formed and it was a fact that they were supposed not to do any damage to adjoining lands, but to compel them to carry this out proceedings would have to be taken in the High Court and of course he would institute these proceedings any time he was instructed.

Colonel Gibbon said he believed the Act of Parliament referred to was not submitted to Counsel at the time the case was under consideration, as the Council was not aware of its existence.

Mr. Elgee said that every Act dealing with the matter had been submitted to Counsel.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall and agreed to, other motions being allowed to drop:-

"That Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, be instructed to take proceedings at once to compel the Slob Company to carry out their obligations as provided under South Slob Embankment Act as regards non-prevention of flooding of lands of adjoining owners.

Rosslare Road. The County Surveyor mentioned that he was afraid the slipping of the road was extending towards the existing houses.

It was decided to apply to the Minister for Local Government for local inquiry for closing of road, as all interests concerned could be represented there, ^{and} their views laid before the Inspector.

Flooding of Lane, Baldwinstown. The following report under date 30th November, 1928 was read from Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor

"In compliance with instructions from the Roads Committee I inspected, on Tuesday last, the laneway at Baldwinstown complained of as being flooded by Mr. Keating.

When raining the water from the Cross roads runs down by the side of the lane and about midway down - owing to a defective water table - spreads over the surface.

Mr. Keating told me that formerly the water went down the side of the public road, and that, owing to a resident there raising the side in front of his door the water was diverted into the lane.

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This must be thirty years ago, as he said it was before I had anything to do with it.

I told Mr. Keating the Roads Committee would probably be making an inspection in the early Spring, and that I would ask them to come and see the place.

He was quite satisfied with this, so that the matter may rest for the present."

The suggestion in Mr. Kehoe's letter was approved.

The following was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Keegan, and adopted:-

"That the Minutes of Roads Committee in respect of meeting held on 26th November, 1928 be and are hereby adopted."

Gorey-Courtown Road.

The following memorial signed by 159 Ratepayers in the Gorey and Courtown Districts was read:-

We, the undersigned, being ratepayers resident in the Gorey District, County of Wexford, hereby petition that your Council may, in our interest, and in the interest of the inhabitants of this District generally, take into your earliest consideration the necessity of having the Main road between the Town of Gorey and Courtown Harbour, put into a proper and efficient state of repair. This road has for some years been allowed to remain in a very bad state of repair to the detriment of tourist and other traffic to the sea-side resort of Courtown Harbour.

At the request of one of your Council's Surveyors the Harbour Master of Courtown Harbour took a census of all the traffic entering Courtown Harbour on the 15th August, 1928. His return shows that 521 Motor Cars, 8 Charabancs, 64 motor cycles, 170 horse drawn vehicles, and 1300 pedal bicycles passed over all or portion of this road. That was only one day in the Summer season. From this census it is evident that, in the interests of the public generally, this road should be put into a proper and efficient state without any undue delay. Your Petitioners are of opinion

that having regard to the volume of traffic this road has to carry, that the only proper and efficient method is that of steam rolling.

Your Petitioners would remind your Council that a rate is struck for the purpose of developing the tourist traffic in the County. Courtown Harbour is admittedly one of the most beautiful, popular, and safest sea-side resorts in the County, but tourists and Summer Boarders will not come to it if the Main road leading to it is allowed to get into such a state of disrepair that motor traffic is not reasonably safe upon it. Moreover, the majority of the residents in Courtown Harbour and Riverchapel are largely dependent upon the tourist traffic for a livelihood.

Your Petitioners, therefore, ask that your Council may take the terms of this Petition into your earnest consideration, and accede to the request therein presented to you.

Mr. Keegan mentioned that this road had certainly deteriorated recently as ~~as~~ a 'Bus Service had started using ~~it~~ about a month ago; unless it was attended to immediately it would soon become impassable. If allowed to remain as at present for another year the Council might calculate on spending about two thousand ~~or~~ three thousand pounds a mile in order to put it into ordinary condition.

Mr. O'Byrne pointed out that there was no possibility of this road being kept by the ordinary maintenance proposed. They had hopes to obtain a Grant from the Tourist Association for its repair. Unless it was steamrolled it would be come a complete wreck before the Summer.

The County Surveyor said the bottom of ~~the~~ road was fairly sound, but the surface went to bits from the class of traffic that went on it particularly during the dry weather when it became full of pot holes. To put a decent surface on it would cost about £5,000.

After further discussion the following resolution was proposed by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. D'Arcy and adopted:-

"That the position of the Gorey-Courtown road be brought specially to the notice of Mr. Quigley, Chief Engineer, Roads Department, Local

Government, on the occasion of his attendance at the meeting of County Council on 10th December, 1928.

Handbreaking Road Material In Quarries.

Miss O'Ryan mentioned that, notwithstanding the resolution of the County Council, no men since the last meeting had been employed at handbreaking in Windygap quarry although several were available.

The County Surveyor said that there had been no necessity for their employment. They must have fine stuff for the fast traffic and could not use coarse material unless they were ready to roll it in. He never agreed that handbreaking should be the only method of obtaining stones from all Quarries. In the Spring time he proposed to prepare a large quantity of screenings in Ballybrennan and circulate them by rail or otherwise through the County as they could be prepared there much cheaper than anywhere else.

Miss O'Ryan asked if since the last meeting of the Council any men had gone into quarries for handbreaking of material.

County Surveyor-Only a few, but these were as many as were required.

Miss O'Ryan - From now on will you require any handbroken stones?

Co. Surveyor - If we had early intimation of what Grant work and the amount of rolling we had to do, I would be in a position to answer that question. We do not know at present whether we will get £2,000 or £10,000 of a Grant.

The Chairman said that where the County Surveyor and his Assistants could give any employment at handbreaking they were bound to do so.

Rate Collector C. McCarthy, District No.5.

The Secretary reported that up to the present he had not received any intimation from Mr. C. McCarthy, as to when he intended taking up duty.

Colonel Quin proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded, the following resolution which was adopted nem.con.

"That, subject to confirmation by Local Government Department, we dispense with the services of Mr. C. McCarthy, as Rate Collector for No. 5 District, and hereby terminate his employment with the Council."

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Preparation of Voters' Lists, etc.

Mr. Cooney said that Rate Collectors had a grievance in as much as they had not been paid for Registration work carried out by them in 1927 although they had applied on more than one occasion to the County Registrar for payment.

It was decided that the Secretary call the attention of the County Registrar to the complaint of the Rate Collectors and ascertain from him when he intends satisfying their claim.

Loan. New Ross-Camblin-Campile-Duncannon Road.

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

"That, pursuant to letter of sanction of the Minister of Local Government under date 25th October, 1928 (S.Co. Wexford (Pg)), the sum of £4,000 be borrowed from the National Bank Limited, Wexford, for the purposes therein mentioned - to be repaid within 10 years with interest at the rate of half per cent under Irish Banks' rate varying, subject to a minimum of 4% per annum as in said Letter of Sanction provided and it is further resolved that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the necessary Mortgages over the rates to secure said loan.

Scholarship Schemes.

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

"That provisions of University Scholarship Scheme, as obtained for year 1928/29, with the necessary amendments as to dates etc., be and are hereby agreed to for scheme for 1929-30."

"That the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee that amount of Primary Scholarship be fixed for four years at £50 per year and that the limit of valuation of parents or guardians of candidates to secure eligibility for competition for these Scholarships be increased from £50 to £75 be specially considered at the meeting of County Council to be held on 10th December, 1928."

Derating of Agricultural Land.

The following resolution was read from the Offaly County Council:-

"That we, the Finance Committee of the Offaly County Council, having read a report of a Conference held in Northern Ireland, in which it was stated that the Northern Minister for Finance proposes to introduce legislation exempting Agricultural Land from Rates, request the T.D's, the Minister for Agriculture, the Minister for Finance, also all the County Councils in Southern Ireland, to unite with us in pressing for similar legislation in the Free State, owing to the present very depressed condition of Agriculture."

Miss O'Ryan said if this resolution was to be put in force it would be necessary that ^a fund should be set up to meet the deficit and this could be done by applying the Land Purchase Annuities for the purpose.

Colonel Gibbon said that a real difficulty in regard to remission of Rates on Land was that in England the percentage of Rate relative to Agriculture was only 2½ whilst in Ireland it was 67%. Any remission of rates would give no relief to Irish Farmers, as they would be obliged to meet it in other taxation.

Mr. McCarthy proposed that the resolution be noted. Everyone he said would be delighted if Agricultural Land could be relieved of rates, but from the information given in An Dail it was not feasible to carry out such a proposal.

It was very doubtful even if it could be successfully applied in Northern Ireland. The amount of derating would have to be put on other buildings and factories (which were very few in the 26 Counties) and would be prohibitive.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded.

The Chairman said that something should be done to give the farmers some further relief on Agricultural Land, but it was not feasible to derate Agricultural Land in toto. The Free State farmers had to compete with those in Northern Ireland and in Great Britain, who were benefiting

by derating. The farmers were never worse off than they were to-day. He saw that all around him in his own locality. To totally abolish rates on Agricultural Land was not feasible, all these taxes would come back in some other way. As regards the retention of Land Annuities he did not believe it had been ~~proved legal~~ that such a step was legal; if it were, he would be glad to fall in with Miss O'Egan's proposal. He did not want illegalities and he would not stand for them in this County. They should sustain the present Government as long as it is there and until replaced by some other Government.

Colonel Gibbon considered that a case should be made to the Government to relieve them from the deduction from their Government Grants, owing to defaulting Land Annuityants.

Mr. Jordan mentioned that the Farmers' Party had taken up the question of ~~the~~ derating a couple of months ago. A Committee had been appointed and the subject was well in hand. There would be a certain measure of relief, but he was unable to say to what extent. It was a very intricate matter and necessitated a lot of consideration. It had been arranged to have a full dress debate next session with regard to Land Annuities.

The Chairman put the resolution and declared it passed, Mr. Cummins dissenting.

Town Tenants Commission.

Recommendations put forward in connection with the report of Town Tenants Commission of 1927 from Blackrock Urban Council were read.

Consideration was adjourned until next ordinary meeting of the County Council.

Renunciation of War and Disarmament.

A memorial and suggested resolution in connection with above were received ~~in~~ from the Committee, 4 Eustace Street, Dublin.

It was decided to take no action in the matter.

Salaries of Officials.

The following resolution was received from the Agricultural

Protection Association (County Wexford):-

"Considering the oppressive Rates and the acute crisis which exists in the Agricultural Industry today, we ask the County Council to revise existing Official Salaries and put them on a pre-war basis, with an addition in proportion to the increase in the cost of living, and to recommend ~~to~~ the Local Government Board to sanction same; also, to reduce the number of Officials to compare with pre-war period."

Mr. D'Arcy proposed that a return of Salaries of Officials paid by County Council, the date of appointment of each Official, the terms of appointment, with opening and present salaries, the financial position of the Council and amount of overdraft to the Bank, be presented to next monthly meeting of Council.

Mr. Smyth seconded. Passed.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, stated he considered it right to point out to the Council that they had no power to reduce the salary of any existing official at the time of the Treaty. Reduction of Salaries had been brought forward at a meeting of the Former Council by Mr. O'Donohue, but it was turned down, in view of the state of the Law.

Michael Doyle

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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SPECIAL MEETING 10th DECEMBER, 1928.

MINUTES.

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A special meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford on 10th December, 1928.

Present:- Mr. M. Doyle (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs. James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Clince, Patrick Colfer, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, John Doran, James Gaul, Col.C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, William P. Keegan, Thomas Mayler, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Colonel R. P. Wemyss Quin, M.M. Roche, James Shannon, Myles Smyth, James E. Walsh and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Provisional Road Works Scheme.

The Provisional Road Works Scheme for financial year 1928-30 in accordance with estimatee for road maintenance and improvement and which had been supplied to each Councillor was considered.

Letter was read from Local Government Department (Roads) - RGM/201/29 - under date 22nd October 1928. This communication pointed out that that Minister was anxious to be in a position to notify the County Councils, as early as possible, the Grants which may be made from the Road Fund in respect of year 1929-30. Upkeep Grants had up to the present been ^{according} calculated to the sums which County Councils had allowed in the previous year for road maintenance. The Minister considered it would be more satisfactory if he could indicate before the Council passed their Road estimates for next financial year what measure of State aid could be given towards the cost of main roads. For this purpose he would be glad if Councils would, with as little delay as possible, frame provisional estimates of the amounts which they were likely to allow

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for (a) Trunk Roads (b) Link Roads (c) County roads for the next financial year. The Minister would have these examined and would then indicate the extent of State assistance. The Estimates should include the requirements in regard to the upkeep of Trunk and Link Roads in the Urban areas of the County. The Minister drew the special attention of Council to the fact that there is no County in the State in which road works had not been carried out at the cost of the Road Fund. Complaint~~was~~ occasionally made that the reconstructed or resurfaced roads were not having ~~an~~ sufficient attention paid them by Road Authorities. Where roads have been steamrolled or otherwise improved and are in a condition to receive surface dressing, the Minister considered that part of the normal maintenance allocated to such roads should consist in the application of such dressings. He therefore expected that County Councils in framing their estimates for the maintenance of roads which have been improved and which will require tarring etc. in the coming financial year would provide in their estimates for such tarring, and the inclusion of a provision under this head would be taken into account in determining the amount of the Grant towards upkeep. Particulars of the extent to which this work had been provided in the estimates should be clearly stated. As delay in considering this matter would mean delay in determining the amount of Upkeep Grants which would be available, provisional estimates should be submitted as soon as possible and it was suggested that the matter should be disposed of during the next four weeks. Normally provided the estimates show that a reasonable sum is proposed - having regard to the cost of upkeep in 1914 and the rise in wages since that date for the maintenance of roads - the intention of the Minister is to make grants of 50% of the cost of the upkeep of trunk main roads and 30% of the cost of the upkeep of Link main roads.

In reply to the Chairman the County Surveyor said that last year the Council got £6000 for spraying work. I included in this

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year's estimate there was a sum of £6505 for spraying and the Council would have to provide this themselves, but they would be recouped 50% of their outlay. Last year the Government provided the total money for spraying work.

In reply to Mr. D'Arcy the County Surveyor stated that there were 103 miles of trunk roads in the County and 194 miles of link roads.

On a point of procedure Colonel Gibbon asked if they were to arrive at the estimate for the maintenance of the roads by adding together the cost of everything that everybody thought should or ought to be done or would like to have done, or were they going to agree to a rate in the £ and keep their expenditure inside of this.

In answer to Mr. D'Arcy the County Surveyor said the total road mileage of the County was 1968, approximately 69 miles of trunk roads had been dealt with, but practically nothing had been done as regards the link roads. No Grants had been received up to the present in connection with link roads.

Colonel Gibbon - The County Surveyor had put down £76,000 in his estimate for road maintenance as compared with £53,000 last year. Were they to prepare a schedule of expenditure for the £76,000 which meant a net increase of 10.48d in the £. over last year taking Grants into account. Were they going to pass their estimates with that increase right away. If they did not contemplate an increase of 10½d in the £ and decided to reduce the amount it was better do it now. They could fix approximately the amount to be raised as a preliminary before going into what the County Surveyor proposed should be spent.

In reply to Mr. Roche the County Surveyor stated that taking them as a whole the roads were somewhat better than they were last year.

The Secretary in reply to a question stated that taking the net estimate of County Surveyor and comparing it with amount raised

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last year and allowing for increased maintenance Grants the net increase in estimate was £16,430.

The County Surveyor said he did not see how his estimate could be reduced seeing that the roads were getting a different~~and~~ increased traffic which necessitated an increased expenditure.

Mr. Roche contended that the by-roads were not getting this traffic.

County Surveyor—Some of them are, but taking it in bulk it is practically the same. Since 1914 there was 50% increase in the cost of by-roads.

Mr. Roche stated he would propose that all roads except main and link should be submitted for contract.

Mr. D'Arcy seconded.

Mr. Cummins asked in what position the County Surveyor stood as regards road finance for the coming three months, the worst in the year.

Mr. Corish said that the County Surveyor had informed him that since 1914 the cost of road upkeep had gone up by 100% and he might point out that any contracts for by-roads which had been entered into showed a very substantial increase in price.

The County Surveyor said it was only the fourth class roads which were under contract.

Miss O'Ryan pointed out that a lot of men who had been employed on roads were~~now~~ idle; it was now close on Christmas and those men had no chance of making a livelihood.

Mr. Hayes consider^{ed}/it waste of money to be putting tonnage on certain of their by-roads. At present the material was rolling about on these roads. He considered such roads should be kept under the observation of the Survey staff and only receive tonnage when absolutely necessary. ^{Better work} had been done by direct labour on the roads which had not been tendered for and which had been left on the County Surveyor's hands.

Colonel Quin said the Council had cut the Surveyor's estimate

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by £20,000 last year, and the County Surveyor had still enough to carry on.

County Surveyor-Just enough, but you must remember there are three and a half months to go to the end of the financial year.

Miss O'Ryan-I hold from statements made by the County Surveyor previously that we have not enough money to carry on to the end of the year and the men are out of work.

Chairman-Surely it is not the business of the Council to deal with unemployment. Let us spend the money on the roads if necessary but surely we are not going to do more work on them than is absolutely necessary because there is unemployment.

Mr. Keegan said that some of the roads in the North were in a very bad way. If certain by-roads did not require a great deal of material it was necessary the sides should be trimmed and water taken off. Everyone agreed that more work on the roads was necessary and that they were deteriorating in the Gorey area.

There was no use in certain Councillors insisting that they had money enough to carry on.

Mr. Culleton-The money is not being spent to the best advantage. The money is sufficient if we got the best value for it.

Colonel Gibbon said they should proceed to settle the total amount to be spent and then allocate it to each road.

Colonel Quin-The chief thing is to settle the amount we can afford to spend. If we settle that the remainder will fall in very much easier. We certainly cannot afford to spend more than last year.

Mr. O'Byrne questioned how the amount could be reduced by altering the system of maintenance from direct labour to contract. They had seen roads handed over to the County Surveyor not to exceed Contract price in each case, and they found they could get more done on the roads than would have been done by contractors.

Mr. Hall said he could refer to several cases in which there was not quarter the amount done by direct labour than would

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have been done by contract. The County Surveyor knew that.

County Surveyor(emphatically)-I don't know it.

Mr. D'Arcy said that everybody recognised that contract was much cheaper than direct labour. The small man with about 20 acres did not really put down anything against his labour. He utilises his labour on the road when he could not work on his farm. There was a number of days on which a farmer could not ~~work~~ work on his land when he could work on the road.

Mr. Keegan pointed out that if labourers were disemployed they and their families would have to be kept by Home Assistance. The fault he had with the direct labour was that it was not evenly divided. The small farmer had his land to look to for support, but the workers had nothing only their labour, and it was unfair for men to come there and take the bread from the mouths of the labourers and their families.

Mr. Roche said they did not want to take the bread from anybody's mouth; it was to cut down the burden on the ratepayers. He was out for cutting down the rates and that was the meaning of his proposal.

Mr. Shannon said he would like to have an expression of opinion from the County Surveyor as to the statement of Mr. Hall that contract work was cheaper than direct labour.

Mr. Hall denied he said that contract was cheaper. He said that only a quarter of the amount of work was done.

Mr. Shannon said the small farmer of 20 acres would do much better by giving his best to his land instead of working partly on the land and partly on the road and doing a poor job at both. The man with 20 acres of land and who put his labour into it would not have a minute to spare for any other work. This thing of going out on the road when he could not work on the land was bound to be detrimental to the road. They found in the past when the road required attending to the contractor found he had to work on his land and this system was responsible for the high rates today.

Mr. D'Arcy said that some Councillors believed the Council existed to relieve unemployment, but their business was to get the work done on the roads as cheaply as possible. In 1920 the roads cost £20,000 when farmers were getting twice the price for their produce. To increase the 1914 figure by £30,000 would mean that the ratepayers would not exist.

Mr. Keegan said that Mr. D'Arcy failed to call attention to the difference in the class of traffic. There were not many eight or ten ton lorries on the roads in 1920-and not one car in 50 and not a truck in 50. It was ridiculous to say that roads could be done at the same price as in 1920.

Mr. Gulleton said they were not getting fast traffic on the third and fourth class roads.

Mr. O'Byrne said when the Council passed the County Surveyor's estimate the amount to be spent would be the same for contract as for direct labour.

The County Surveyor said there was very little competition for last accepted road contracts. Tenders were generally at the amount of his estimate and a lot of the roads were untendered for. Mr. D'Arcy had said that the small farmer went to the road when he could not work on his farm but modern traffic was such that the road required close and constant attention. That is where the contract system would fail. The Contractor could put on a certain amount of tonnage and do a certain amount of surface work but he would not do this at the best time and it would not be done five per cent under the cost of direct labour.

Colonel Gibbon considered that Mr. Roche's proposal went too far. Where buses were running over a road a certain amount of direct labour would be necessary and if this occurred in Spring the farmer would be engaged on his farm. Some roads which were taken up by bus traffic should be exempt from Mr. Roche's proposal. He then referred to the proposed taxation of buses which would help the road fund and Grants for roads.

Colonel Quin asked what was meant by the contract system. Was it giving little contracts to people who did not know anything about making roads or giving a mile or two to men who did know something about it. Road making was not a fool's job. It required skilled labour and skilled supervision.

The County Surveyor in reply to Colonel Quin said that material was supposed to be spread in wet weather, but with present day traffic a good deal of work formerly done in Winter had now to be carried out in the Summer.

Colonel Quin said the barbarous system of throwing loose stones on roads and allowing them to be consolidated by traffic should be discontinued. Road making was a job for the skilled man and not for the amateur.

The Chairman said that in 1924 they could not get contracts for roads at the price allowed. People had a better way of making money by their agricultural produce. They took Land on the eleven months' system and would not go on the roads because it was not as beneficial to them or gave as good an income as farming. No one was now taking land under the eleven months' system and it was impossible to set an acre of land for tillage. He was sure owing to this condition of affairs the Council would now be able to get more contractors than they could during the war or a few years after it.

Mr. Hayes said that during the years peak prices for Agricultural produce prevailed the Council were not able to obtain contractors and had to adopt another system under which they could build up the roads. Now the men who did this were to be fired out and starved and the fruits of their labour handed over to contractors.

Mr. Hall said he did not think the contractors threw up the roads; they were relieved of their contracts.

Mr. Jordan said that the Contractors had given up the roads because they could not get paid for their work. One man whom he

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knew had a contract at £12 and it was not possible to do the work for the money. He was told he would get an increase to £20 provided he obtained a certain type of material. He did this but he never got payment beyond the £12 and that was the reason why they could not ~~get~~ the contractors.

The County Surveyor said he could not quite follow ~~the~~ case given by Mr. Jordan. If an Assistant Surveyor told a contractor that ~~his~~ contract price of £12 could be raised to £20 the Assistant had no power to do so-in fact so long as the contract remained in force it would not be increased by any means.

Mr. Jordan-The contractor applied for an increase and got it from the District Council.

County Surveyor-Once the Contract was entered into the amount ~~in~~ it could not be changed by anybody.

Mr. Corish-How many men would be put out of employment by this resolution?

County Surveyor-500 or 600.

Mr. D'Arcy said he could not see why the labourers could not take the contracts.

Mr. O'Byrne-Nobody has shown that we are going to save a single shilling by the change.

Miss O'Ryan-Is it quite fair because the times are bad to take the roads from the men who made them.

Chairman- But are you in a position to strike a rate to relieve the unemployment of the County ?

Miss O'RYan I am not asking the County Council to strike a rate at all. I am only trying to get fair play as between the classes.

Mr. Corish said the labour party were not asking for an increase in the road estimate, in fact they did not think it desirable there should ~~be~~ an increase, but it was not fair to throw out of employment the men who had build up the roads.

The County Surveyor said where roads ~~were~~ scattered here and there

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at distances were thrown on his hands they could not be done by direct labour and the only option they had in the past was to set these roads to adjoining contractors who were doing good work.

But they could not employ men on direct labour to work on roads five or six miles apart.

After further discussion Mr. Roche decided to drop the resolution moved by him at an earlier stage of the meeting and proposed the following:-

"That all roads in the County, excepting main roads be done by Contract."

Mr. D'Arcy seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the proposal:- Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Meyler, Murphy, Quin, Roche, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman....14.

Against:- Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Shannon and Miss O'Ryan ... 13.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Keegan-Mr. Jordan should bring in a motion to build a new wing to the County Home.

Mr. Jordan-Why should you ask me any more than anyone else?

The Chairman-We have not that on the agenda.

Colonel Gibbon said that when tendering came into force the cases of some men would have to be looked into. They should see how they could get employment for men who had horses and carts working under the direct labour system.

Mr. Corish-Don't be trimming.

Mr. O'Byrne-You have not ~~ya~~ been able to prove that your resolution will save a shilling.

Colonel Gibbon proposed that amount agreed to for road maintenance last year be ~~a~~ fixed for next financial year. Each year they had been saying it was a bad year for the farmers, but

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there could be no questioning the fact that so far as Wexford district was concerned this was really one of the worst experienced. If they took the potato shipping industry though they had a far larger yield/^{than} last year they would be able only to get off one cargo from Kilmore this year, as the potatoes were not in the Country since they failed to keep. Last year they got off six or seven cargoes. Taking Barley, the price was down as compared with last year while the yield was approximately very little over half.

Oats was also a small yield and there was no straw in the Country for feeding cattle this year. The weather had also seriously interfered with the beet crop which brought in a good deal of money to the farmers in previous years in Wexford district. Whilst it was good in other parts of the Country it was poor in their district. Farmers were not in ~~a~~position to pay a penny more than last year and this was why he put his proposal before the Council.

Colonel Quin seconded.

Mr. D'Arcy did not agree with the proposal and held there should be a substantial reduction on last year's rate. Seventy miles of the principal roads in the County were finished. According to the County Surveyor's reports of some years ago the Wexford Enniscorthy road was costing an enormous amount of money. That was now finished and will not need a very appreciable outlay for some time. In face of this they were asked to contribute the same amount as last year. He (Mr. D'Arcy) held that according to the disclosures made during the last few months they were entitled to some reduction. While motor traffic was increasing it could not be said that it was increasing to any appreciable extent on the third or fourth class roads. That was his experience. Their receipts for motor taxation were £21,000 and they should see they got back from this what was their due. He proposed:-

"That a road maintenance rate of 2s.8d. in the £ be agreed to as against 2s.11d. rate for last year.

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Mr. Shannon said ~~he~~ had been speaking to the representative of Fairway Bus Company and if they carried ~~out~~ a programme which they had in hands there would be plenty of bus traffic on their third ^{and} ~~or~~ fourth class roads. There was no sense ~~or~~ reason in saying that such traffic would not come on such roads.

Mr. Hall seconded Mr. D'Arcy's proposal

After further discussion Colonel Gibbon withdrew his resolution

Mr. Cooney said that farmers who paid £60 or £70 in rates had gone to him complaining of the scandalous condition of the roads in their districts and asking what could be done to get the Council to realise their responsibilities in the matter. Everything was grand when the estimates were brought ⁱⁿ but everything was rotten when the roads had to be done. Farmers paying big rates were complaining of the condition of the roads which would ultimately cost ten times the present figures, unless an adequate sum for their maintenance was provided.

Mr. Smyth-The County Surveyor has stated that the roads are improving and he ought to know better than the farmers.

Mr. Gaul-It is only waste of time going through this. I quite understand that the Farmers' party have come in with a cut and dried programme and it is only waste of time to carry the discussion further.

The Chairman said it was unfair of Mr. Gaul to make such a statement. The Farmers Party had no meeting of any sort for some months. Everyone of them went there that day with an open mind to do what was best for the ratepayers and for the roads. It was an injustice to the farmers to use the expression that Mr. Gaul had made.

Mr. Gaul-I say you are going to throw 500 or 600 men out on the road and the rates will have to feed them.

Mr. Hall said they had been informed that once the Wexford-Enniscorthy road was off their hands the estimates would be reduced by thousands of pounds.

Mr. Shannon inquired what was going to happen to third and fourth class roads at 2s.8d. in the £. if the money estimated for main roads was to be retained. His answer was that these roads would suffer such deterioration that the Council next year would have cause to remember it.

In reply to Mr. Culleton the County Surveyor said that there were 45 road gangers with wages from 36/- to 40/- per week. If their services were dispensed with it would mean £4,500 less.

Mr. Corish-But a fair proportion of their wages is paid out of Government Grant.

Colonel Quin said last year they had agreed to a sum of £53,814 for road maintenance and he proposed that £50,000 be allowed for this year.

This ~~pro~~posal was not seconded.

Mr. Shannon proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution:-

"That last year's estimate for road maintenance viz., £53,814 be agreed to for financial year 1929-30."

A poll was taken on this with the following result:-

For:- Messrs. Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Shannon and Miss O'Ryan ...13.

Against:- Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Meyler, Murphy, Quin, Roche, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman ...14.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

Mr. Shannon-I would never have ~~proposed~~ that only to test Colonel Gibbon's mettle. He proposed this motion himself.

Mr. Cooney-Oh! He often did that before.

Mr. D'Arcy then formally moved the following which was seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"That a rate of 2s.8d. in the £. for road maintenance for financial year 1929-30 be agreed to."

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For:- Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Meyler, Quin, Murphy, Roche, Smyth, Walsh, and the Chairman ...14.

Against:- Messrs. Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, ~~Salfer~~ Cummins, Hayes, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Shannon and Miss O'Ryan..10.

Declined to vote:- Messrs. Corish, Gaul and Keegan. 3

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Gorey-Courtown Road.

Under date 7th December, 1928 the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (R/RG/201) that a Grant of £1,000 from the Road Fund had been set aside for works of road improvement on the Gorey-Courtown Road. Proposals for the most suitable works should be submitted on Form No.11 as soon as possible in order that the work may be commenced without delay.

Colonel Quin said that the previous Grant for £1,000 had been all spent in Gorey area and he thought that the present grant should be spent on the road outside Gorey Urban area.

In reply to the chairman County Surveyor said it would take £5,000 to put this road into proper repair.

Mr. Keegan-The County Council should add the necessary amount to the Grant and be finished with the road for a certain number of years. Even if they spent another £1,000 with the Grant they could do some useful work. Now that the estimate was cut down, £1,000 would be nothing in comparison with the improvement which would be effected.

It was decided that work on this road should begin at Courtown end as soon as possible, road to be steamrolled to a width of 18 feet and material to be provided from Gorey Hill Quarry.

Working of Quarries.

The County Surveyor said that as regards inviting tenders and possibly setting contracts for third class roads formerly

done by direct labour a lot of material for most of those roads had been provided in the past from County Council quarries. Did the Council now propose that their quarries should be worked by direct labour or by contract. It was not possible to allow individual Contractors into a quarry to get 100 or 200 yards of material. The only alternative was to get a big contractor to work a particular quarry. But ^{if} the main roads (trunk and link) were to be supplied with the necessary material at the specified time the quarries must all be worked as formerly.

In reply to Mr. Jordan the County Surveyor said the average cost of producing material in County Council quarries was 7/- per cubic yard.

Mr. Jordan said it would be a mistake to allow a lot of Contractors to go into a quarry and over run it. The proper way to work a quarry was to get gangs of men at day's work rates. If that scheme was generally adopted it would absorb all those who would be thrown out of employment by the contract system and in certain areas absorb unemployed men also. He could not see why they could not go in for handbreaking in quarries on a larger scale. Complaints had been made to him of two inch machine material not taking ^{up} bond, rolling about the road and cutting the tyres of motor cars. If these were broken by hammer they would have a certain amount of binding material. A number of men had been with him and offered to turn out material ^{from Cherry Orchard quarry} quarried and broken at 6/- a cubic yard. This would double the amount of employment in quarries which was badly needed.

The County Surveyor said he would be quite satisfied if the men turned out the material according to specification but an enormous amount of material required from Cherry Orchard ~~which~~ could not be provided by hand drilling and blasting. There were restrictions on the use of blasting material at the present time and everyone using it had to be authorised. They were not allowed to have a lot of blasting material all over the County and even for the smallest

blast had to provide for a Civic Guard escort. It was necessary to provide an escort and motor car for even five lbs of gelignite whereas they could bring 500 of it in the same manner and at the same expense.

Mr. Ennis (Assistant Surveyor) said he required 1,500 yards of chippings from this quarry and about 5000 cubic yards of material annually. Was Mr. Jordan prepared to give a guarantee that this would be forthcoming?

Mr. Jordan replied in the affirmative.

Chairman-If direct labour got out the stones and the men on piece work did the banking and breaking? I would not say it would be economic to drill by hand.

Co unty Surveyor- Handbroken material will be increasing the nuisance you have about large material.

Mr. Jordan- Against that you have the fact that the few men you have as road contractors when they go to Cherryorchard quarry they will take the handbroken material in preference to the machine broken material.

Colonel Quin thought it would be impossible to get the 5000 cubic yards required from Cherryorchard quarry broken by hand. What were the machine breakers in the quarries for? Because it was much cheaper to obtain the material by machinery and it would be much more uniformly produced. It is exactly the same as the sickle compared to the reaper and binder.

County Surveyor-I suggest that we set off a face of the quarry and let the men break and quarry material there. Let us work the other part of it by direct labour. This could be done in any quarry in which there is a sufficient extensive face to allow of it being carried out. Of course there are some quarries in which this could not be done.

Colonel Quin-Is your machinery sufficient to produce all the material you require? If your machinery is to remain idle it will be an uneconomic business.

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Mr. Jordan suggested that 50% of all material to be provided should be hand broken.

Mr. Ennis said ^{if} the gang mentioned by Mr. Jordan started now in Cherryorchard quarry they would be getting the benefit of 1/6d per yard owing to rock shaken by blasting. Mr. Jordan's men should be obliged to start at the straight rock.

The County Surveyor said it would take the men 12 months by handbreaking to get 2,500 yards of material.

Mr. Keegan-All the better.

County Surveyor-But you want the material.

Mr. Jordan-Get more men.

Miss O'Ryan asked if it would be possible for the County Surveyor to manage to provide a little employment in all the quarries in view of the Christmas season.

Mr. Meyler called attention to Carrigbyrne Quarry. The men who had been employed there had given satisfaction but they were thrown out. He proposed they be reinstated and that they get the preference for piece work in the quarry at 6^s/0 per yard.

Mr. Walsh seconded.

Mr. Hayes asked if Mr. Meyler would specify in his proposal that the men who had been working since the new arrangement of working it had come into operation would not be displaced.

Mr. Corish said no question of throwing the first set of men out of employment arose. It was found they were working at less than the other men in the County and for longer hours. The Labour Party submitted this was responsible for unemployment and suggested they be put ^{back} ~~back~~ on direct labour and he understood this had been done.

Mr. Jordan-These men were prepared to give you the material at 6/- per cubic yard which is less than it could be obtained by direct labour.

County Surveyor-The condition of going to direct labour was that the work should be done at the same figure as the men had

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been doing it by piece work and figures were submitted to the County Council showing that this was the case.

Mr. Shannon pointed out that when the men referred to by Mr. Meyler were working in the quarry the Roads Inspection Committee found on their visit there a lot of inferior material mixed with clay. The men were reprimanded, the ganger put out of office and replaced by another man.

Mr. Corish-We never suggested they should be thrown out. It is not throwing a man out of employment when he is changed from piece work to day work. He (Mr. Corish) objected to these men working overtime. There were idle men in the district at the time but these quarrymen were allowed to do practically two day's work in one. This should not be allowed while their fellows were walking about idle.

Mr. Meyler said he would move his motion in the following terms

"That the men who had been disemployed at Carrigbyrne quarry get the preference of employment there at piece work at 6/- per cubic yard and be employed on the same conditions as previously obtained."

Mr. Walsh seconded.

The Chairman suggested that Mr. Meyler should move the following instead of his proposal:-

"That the piece work system be restarted at Carrigbyrne quarry.

Mr. Corish-We object to the same conditions as obtained there previously.

Mr. O'Byrne- What about giving preference to married men with families, and giving work to one person in each house so long as unemployment was manifest in the district? In the conditions prevailing in the past married men were supposed to get the preference and you were not supposed to give work to two or three people in the same house. I understand that two or three of the same family have been employed at Carrigbyrne.

Mr. Corish Proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded the following:-

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"That piece work be restarted in Carrigbyrne quarry."

After discussion this was withdrawn by the proposer and seconded but was subsequently proposed by Mr. McCarthy and seconded by Mr. Cummins.

A vote was taken on this proposal with the following result:-

For:-Messrs. Clince, Cummins, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, and Miss O'Ryan ...6.

Against:-Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Jordan, Meyler, Murphy, Roche, Smyth and Walsh ...11.

Declined to vote:- Messrs. Armstrong, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Hayes, Gaul, Hall, Quin, Shannon and the Chairman10.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

A poll was taken on Mr. Meyler's motion with the following result:-

For:- Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Meyler, Murphy, Quin, Roche, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman ...15.

Against:- Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Shannon and Miss O'Ryan.12.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

After adjournment Colonel Gibbon called attention to the fact that the £31,488 for main roads in County Surveyor's estimate was made up as follows in districts:- Gorey £5,694. Enniscorthy £13,682. Wexford £5,842. New Ross £6270, or according to percentage of expenditure:- Gorey 18. Enniscorthy 43½. Wexford 18½. New Ross 20. He thought when Wexford Enniscorthy road had been completed there would be a much bigger percentage available for Wexford District in future years. It now appeared that Wexford district was not to get a fair crack of the whip because the figure of £5,842 included roads which were not in the present Wexford Local Electoral area. He considered that in the revision of expenditure that would have to be made owing to the cutting down of the County Surveyor's estimate Wexford district should receive

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a bigger proportion of the expenditure. The road from Wexford to New Ross was growing worse and the road to Rosslare was in a terrible state.

County Surveyor—The real point is the question of mileage. You will find that the mileage rate is approximately the same but a greater number of miles happen to be in Enniscorthy district than in the others and naturally more money must be provided there. Continuing the County Surveyor explained how he had arrived at his estimate for each road. He went into the manner in which each road was to be maintained with the Assistant Surveyors and having regard to last years expenditure, the traffic, the condition of the road, the amount of tonnage required, the situation of the quarry and in fact all the other circumstances which would affect the figures necessary for maintenance. Wherever spraying work or improvement work had been carried out the maintenance figure had been curtailed. The average for trunk roads including spraying worked out at £130 per mile and on link roads £101. If spraying work was excluded from trunk roads the amount was £71.15 per mile. Where the normal cost had been about £150 to £157 per mile for non-reconstructed main roads a certain amount of drainage and patch work would now be necessary on the reconstructed roads and this he had put down at £30 per mile. Spraying work cost from £160 to £180 per mile for second spraying.

Colonel Gibbon said that as regards spraying work it worked out as follows in districts:— Gorey £1975. Enniscorthy £2960. New Ross £860 and Wexford £160.

Mr. Walsh suggested they should consider the maintenance amount for each trunk road one after the other, then the ordinary ~~the~~ main roads and they would know how they stood as regards the balance of the estimate.

In reply to the Chairman the County Surveyor said that £1320 was proposed to be spent on the trunk road between Wexford and Rosslare Harbour. The meeting was proceeding to deal with the other figures

for Wexford district when Mr. Corish moved:-

"That in view of the reduction in the County Surveyor's estimate the figures be sent back to him for reconsideration and adjustment and that the new set of figures be considered by the Roads Committee."

Mr. Hayes seconded the motion which was adopted.

The County Surveyor ~~asked~~ asked if he were to take a pro. rata reduction for trunk and link roads as on County Roads. If this were done the grant of 50% for trunk roads and 30% for link roads would be proportionately reduced and if the Minister considered the allocation for these roads was not sufficient they ran the risk of losing the Grant altogether.

It was decided to leave this matter to the discretion of the County Surveyor.

Mr. D'Arcy then proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was passed:-

"That in all quarries where possible handbreaking be carried on at a piece work rate of 6/- per cubic yard."

Mr. D'Arcy proposed and Colonel Quin seconded the following ~~which was adopted~~:-

"That Contracts for third and fourth class roads be entered into for three years from 31st March, 1929, material to be supplied from County Council quarries at 7/- per cubic yard."

A vote was ^{on Mr D'Arcy's motion} taken with the following result:-

For:-Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Meyler, McCarthy, Murphy, Quin, Roche, Smyth, Walsh, Miss O'Ryan and the Chairman ...16.

Against:- Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, O'Byrne, and Shannon .. 10.

Mr. Cummins was not present when vote was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Ballinacarrig Lane.

A proposal to expend £100 for repair of old lane from

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Road 134 in Ballincarrig to Road 133 in Kilcavan stood in the name of Mr. Keegan.

Colonel Quin said he considered in view of the great stringency of money ^{no} ~~new~~ new road should be taken into account by the Council this year.

Mr. Keegan said that the circumstances in connection with this lane were explained in full by him to the Roads Committee. There were 20 to 30 families living on it. It had been made by some of the old ascendancy class but these were gone out of the Country and the unfortunate people living on the lane were not in a financial position to put the place in repair. They had no way to go to Mass or meeting -bring their crops to market or sending their children to school except by this lane which was practically impassable. He did not suggest the Council should make a new road there but grant £100 to allow of repair to make the place so that it could be used by those concerned.

Mr. O'Byrne in seconding said the repair was badly needed.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, said that everything stated by Mr. Keegan as regards the lane was true. £100 would simply clean up the sides, but would provide for very little material.

The Chairman asked if the inhabitants were prepared to do anything in the way of putting the place in order.

Mr. Keegan said he thought the lane had been constructed by the Earl of Courtown and as the late landlord he had been responsible for its maintenance up to the period he went out of it. He would guarantee that the people concerned would do all that was possible and he would insist on them making the most out of the £100.

Chairman-But they have not put forward any offer as to what they are prepared to do in the way of help.

Mr. D'Arcy proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That consideration of Grant of £100 towards repair of lane

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at Ballinacarrig be referred to Roads Committee. In the meantime that proposals in writing as to amount of help they propose giving be obtained from the local people."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by the Chairman:"

"That County Councillors in Gorey Electoral area with Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, inspect Ballinacarrig lane and report to next meeting of the Roads Committee."

"That they interview the local people with a view to obtaining a written guarantee as to the amount of help which would be forthcoming to supplement County Council grant of £100.

Coragh Lane.

The County Surveyor stated that the condition of this lane had been before the Roads Committee which had recommended it should be repaired by the County Council at a cost of £500 and maintained in the future out of County funds.

Mr. Martin Kehoe, Coragh, ^{came} ~~came~~ before the meeting and explained that the lane ran from the forge in Coragh to Johnstown, Clonegal. He came to the meeting to repeat the assurance given to the Roads Committee that there was no farmer who would not give the help of men and horses to assist in the work. If they were not satisfied that this was one of the worst lanes in the world he would be prepared to withdraw his application. It was not fair to the ratepayers concerned to ask them to pay rates and not have the same facilities as other people.

A discussion took place as to doing half the lane and the balance in a future year.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, said the place was rock and the future maintenance would be high unless the £500 estimated be spent on it. He did not count very much on the assistance to be given by the local people; he did not believe it would be a great deal.

Mr. Armstrong said the people of the district would do a good

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deal of the work and would shape the road from fence to fence so that the County Council would not have to do anything but the surfacing and the future maintenance.

Colonel Quin asked if the County Council gave the material would the local people do the rest.

The Chairman suggested that the Council should fix a certain sum to expend on the lane provided a certain amount of work was done by the local people, before the Council did anything. In this ^{way} they would have the matter in their own hands.

The County Surveyor stated that one half of the lane would not cost more than £70 or £80 but if this only were done there was the risk that the work owing to the very steep hill on the other half would be washed away. It was a mistake to do it piecemeal.

Mr. D'Arcy proposed:-

"That £100 be voted for the repair of Coragh ^{lane} at Coragh end the local people supplying the necessary haulage and carrying out any other work which in the opinion of the County Surveyor should be done by them"

Mr. Hall seconded.

Colonel Gibbon thought it would be better to allow the matter to remain for the present with the County Surveyor who could draw up a regular agreement of contract with specification of what was to be done and see what is actually meant in the work and material. The County Surveyor could then inform the Council what it was going to cost them and what the help offered by the local people would be worth.

Mr. Corish proposed:-

"That the County Council agree provisionally to take over Coragh lane and that a sum of £250 be voted for its repair the County Surveyor to report to next meeting of Roads Committee the amount of help which the local people propose to give, and if in his opinion these proposals are satisfactory."

Mr. Corish pointed out that they had the opinion of the County

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Surveyor that if half of the lane which was most easily dealt with was repaired the whole work in a flood from the hill portion might be washed away and there was also the point that if they took over only half the lane they would be responsible if anything happened on the other end.

Mr. Armstrong seconded the motion which was adopted Colonel Quin and Mr. Roche dissenting.

Mr. D'Arcy said he would give the necessary notice of motion to bring this lane within the provisions of Section 25(1) of the Local Government Act of 1925.

Knockduff Lane.

A motion stood in the name of Mr. Jordan that a sum of £70 be allocated for the repair of Knockduff lane.

Mr. Jordan in moving said that the matter had received very full consideration from the Roads Committee and it was not necessary to deal with it at length.

Mr. Shannon seconded the motion which was adopted, Colonel Quin and Mr. Roche dissenting on the ground that the County Council could not take over any new roads at present, as the County could not afford the outlay.

Mr. Jordan said he would give the necessary notice to bring the road within the provisions of Section 25(1) of the Local Government Act of 1925 .

Monglass Lane.

Mr. Jordan moved that as recommended by the Roads Committee £40 be voted for repair of Monglass lane.

Mr. Shannon seconded the motion which was adopted.
Colonel Quin and Mr. Roche dissented.

Mr. Jordan said he would give the necessary notice of motion to bring the road within the provisions of Section 25(1) of the Local Government Act of 1925.

Barraglan Lane.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed:-

"That a sum of £1,200 be allocated for repair of Barraglan lane. The amount he said was big but there was a big stretch of Country concerned and it had been recommended by a Committee."

Mr. Gaul seconded.

Colonel Gibbon said the work had been turned down by the District Council.

Mr. Ennis said that the lane was one and a half miles long-half a mile of new road would have to be made. It was in his opinion pure nonsense to go on with the proposal.

Colonel Quin proposed:-

"That the proposal to repair Barraglan lane at a cost of £1,300 be rejected."

Mr. Brennan seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For rejection:- Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Jordan, Meyler, Murphy, Quin, Roche, Smyth, Walsh, Miss O'Ryan and the Chairman ... 14.

Against:- Messrs. Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hall, Hayes, McCarthy, O'Byrne, and Shannon . 11.

Messrs. Cummins and Keegan were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the proposal to take over the lane rejected.

Hedge Cutting.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, reported that notices to cut hedges had been served on William Somers, Limerick, Kilanerin, Thomas Hall, Ballinacree, Inch, Thomas Barrett, Coolishall, Bryan Murphy, Parktown, Gorey. Mrs. Lynch, Ballinclare, but work had not been carried out.

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

"That proceedings be instituted against the persons reported to this meeting as having failed to comply with statutory notice

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to cut hedges which are detrimental to roads."

Rate Collection.

The following motion of which previous notice had been given was moved by Mr. Roche:-

"That for the purpose of completing the collection of outstanding arrears and of current rate in District No. 5, the resolution of the Council appointing Mr. James Quirke to perform this work be rescinded and that the collection be divided between Messrs. Quirke and Furlong, Rate Collectors, these collectors to agree amongst themselves as to the electoral divisions of Mr. McCarthy in which they propose to collect.

Mr. Gaul seconded.

Under date 8th December, 1928 the following letter (G.79294-1928 Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government:

Adverting to the Minutes of the Wexford County Council of the 12th ultimo regarding the suspension of Deputy Collector Michael McCarthy (No 5 District) and Collector J.J. Kelly (No 14 District) from their offices pursuant to Article 99 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state the he concurs in the withdrawal of the Council's consent to Mr. Michael McCarthy acting as Deputy for Collector Charles McCarthy.

Failing the immediate resumption of duty by Collector Charles McCarthy, the Minister approves of the proposed appointment of Collector Quirke (No.1 District) to close the 1927/8 collection in No. 5 District, provided Collector Charles McCarthy's sureties agree. The Minister has not been supplied with any adequate reason for the continued absence of Mr. Charles McCarthy from duty and unless the Council are fully satisfied that he is genuinely incapacitated they should forthwith pass a resolution terminating his services with a view to vacating the office, the sanction of the Minister will be necessary and when this had been ^{he} ~~done~~/will be

prepared to approve of the proposed appointment of Collector Quirke to collect the current rates in No. 5 District, subject to adequate security to cover the extra sum to be collected.

The Minister confirms the suspension from office of Collector J.J. Kelly (No. 14 District) and removes him from Office. The Minister also approves of the proposed arrangements for the closing of the 1927-28 and the collection of the 1928-9 rates in this District (No. 14) by Collectors O'Reilly and Sinnott provided Collector Kelly's sureties agree as regards the 1927-8 warrant for ~~£~~ which they still remain responsible. Collectors O'Reilly and Sinnott should be required to provide adequate additional security for the additional current rates to be collected by them.

Copies of letters addressed to Messrs. McCarthy and Kelly are enclosed for the Council's information.

The resolution was adopted and it was also decided that Collector Quirke's personal security in respect of work in Mr. McCarthy's district be reduced to £100 and that Furlong provide further personal security of £100 wither ~~by~~ addition to his present personal bond or by new personal bond in the amount.

Secondary Scholarship Scheme.

In connection with the above scheme the following recommendations^{ns} of Scholarships Committee were submitted:-

Primary Scholarship Scheme.

"That the aggregate valuation of parents or guardians^{of scholars} competing should be raised from £50 to £75."

Recommended that the Council fix the value of Scholarships at £50 for the four years for which they are tenable; that the figure for bursaries should remain at £15 and maximum amount of Scholarship, where ordinary residence of Scholarship holder is convenient to railway or other means of locomotion in order to attend Seconday School, at £30 should stand."

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

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"That the recommendations of Scholarships Committee submitted to this meeting be and are hereby adopted."

Wexford Corporation and Motor Traffic in Main Street.

The following resolution was received from Wexford Corporation

"That we, the Corporation of Wexford, hereby request the Wexford County Council to be so good as to make application to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under Section 7(4) of the Roads Act 1920, for an Order to prohibit heavy motor lorries from traversing the Main Street of Wexford, and to substitute the Wexford Quays as an alternative route for such vehicles."

In forwarding the resolution the Town Clerk, Wexford, wrote under date 5th December as follows:-

The Corporation of Wexford have had under consideration on several occasions recently, the advisability of prohibiting, if possible, the passage of heavy motor lorries through the Main Street, and compelling drivers of such vehicles to use the Quays as an alternative route when coming into, or going out of town.

The Main Street, as you are aware, is very narrow in some parts, and on Saturday nights especially, when it is overcrowded with pedestrians, the passage through it of motor cars and motor lorries constitutes a grave menace to life and limb.

The matter was again before the Corporation at their statutable meeting on Monday last, when it was explained that any application for an Order for the diversion of heavy motor traffic should be made under Section 7(4) of the Roads Act 1920 to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, but through the medium of Wexford County Council.

Accordingly the accompanying resolution was unanimously adopted on the matter, and I was directed to forward it to you, with a request that you would lay it before the County Council at the earliest available opportunity.

The Corporation will be prepared to tender evidence of the inconvenience caused by the passage of heavy & vehicles through the

principal thoroughfare of the town at any inquiry which the Minister may decide to hold on the matter.

Mr. Corish in reply to the Chairman said the Corporation would contribute to the cost of the inquiry any amount which they legally could pay. He then proposed the following resolution:-

"That the Minister for Local Government be requested to arrange for holding of local Inquiry to prohibit heavy motor lorries from traversing the Main Street, Wexford and to substitute, Wexford Quays as an alternative route for such vehicles."

Mr. O'Byrne seconded the resolution which was adopted.

Sealed Order-Water Supply Dunsinane.

Sealed Order of Minister for Local Government under date 29th November, 1928 (P.H. 74,934-1928) fixing the Clonroche Dispensary District as the area of charge for improving and maintaining Water-supply at Dunsinane was read.

Road Grant.

The Secretary reported that £343 had been received since last meeting of the Roads Committee from Department of Local Government in respect of Roads T.11 (£296) and T.16 (£74).

Petrol Pump in Gorey.

Under date 30th November 1928, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (IR/93/32) forwarding copy of appeal from Messrs. Bates and Son, Gorey against the decision of the County Council declining to renew licence for petrol pump and asking for a statement of the Council's views in the matter.

The letter of appeal from Messrs. Bates and Son having been read the Secretary stated that when Messrs. Bates applied for licence and it was granted but, in issuing it was forgotten to point out to them that Council had adopted a resolution that the Council would not grant a licence for any pump the tank of which was under the footpath.

Mr. Treanor, the day after issue of licence called attention to the resolution in question and Bates were notified. At that

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time they had only about an hour's work done. They refused to stop work and erected pump with tank under the footpath. The Council allowed the matter to stand but informed Messrs. Bates two or three times during the year that they would not grant a renewal of licence unless tank was removed from under the footpath. Messrs. Bates took no notice. They allowed the licence to lapse and on application ~~for~~ for new licence the Council refused to grant it and called attention to their resolution that they would not grant a licence in respect of any pump the tank of which was under the footpath, so long as resolution remained on the books, but that if Messrs. Bates would place tank of pump on their own premises licence would be granted, subject to site etc. being approved by the County Surveyor.

It was decided to forward the Secretary's statement in this matter to the Department of Local Government.

Committee-County Library Service.

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

"That as recommended by County Library Committee, Rev. John Sinnott, Adm. Wexford, be appointed a member of Library Committee vice Rev. R. Fitzhenry, P.P. deceased.

Poisons and Pharmacy Act Licence.

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

"That renewal of Poisons and Pharmacy Act licence be granted William Hogan, Fethard-on-Sea.

Storage Tanks etc.

Under date 3rd December, 1928 the Irish B.P. Company 11-13 O'Connell Street, Dublin wrote forwarding drawings showing building etc. which they proposed erecting and installing on land at Temple-shannon, Enniscorthy, the property of Messrs. J. Donohoe, Ltd. and asked the approval of the County Council to the plans. The County Surveyor stated that in his opinion the Council should not approve

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of the proposal unless all the buildings concerned were placed 30 feet from the centre of the road.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy seconded by Colonel Gibbon:-

"That ~~the~~ Irish B.P. Company, 11-13 O'Connell Street, Dublin be informed that the Wexford County Council having considered their letter of the 3rd December, 1928 and accompanying plans cannot see their way to approve of erection of proposed buildings, storage tanks, etc., at Enniscorthy, unless same are placed in positions at least 30 feet from the centre of the public road.

Food and Drugs Acts.

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

"That Guard Michael Stephens 7,101 Bunclody be appointed ex-officio Inspector under Food and Drugs Acts vice Guard M.M. O'Carroll transferred."

Michael Doyle

