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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.
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MEETING HELD ON 14th JANUARY, 1929.
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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 Co. Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 14th January, 1929.

Present:- Mr. Ml. Doyle, Chairman (Presiding); also:- Messrs J. Armstrong, J. Brennan, James Clinee, Patrick Colfer, Thomas Cooney, R. Corish, John J. Culleton, John Cummins, T.F. D'Arcy, James Gaul, James Hall, Michael Jordan, W.P. Keegan, Thomas Meyler, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, M. M. Roche, James Shannon, Myles Smyth, James E. Walsh Colonel Quin and Miss O'Ryan.

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.

ROAD WORKS SCHEME.
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The meeting considered the amended figures for Road Works Scheme for financial year 1929/30.

The County Surveyor, in reply to Mr. D.'Arcy, said he had not made the same proportionate reduction for main roads as for county roads, one reason being because there was more traffic on main roads and also if the Council were not prepared to put a decent price on the main roads, they would lose a considerable sum in Government Grant. The Mileage of the County was divided as follows:-

	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Miles</u>
National Roads ...	60	
Trunk Roads ...	43 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Link Roads ...	194	
Total Main Roads ...		297 $\frac{1}{2}$
County Roads Third Class	1242	
" " Fourth Class	431 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Total County Roads		1673 $\frac{1}{2}$
Gross Total		1970 $\frac{1}{2}$

This excluded the mileage ^{of} main roads in Urban Districts.

Mr. D'Arcy said that, comparing the figures presented by the County Surveyor at last meeting and those before the Council at the moment, the reduction made by the County Surveyor under

Main Roads was about 29 per cent and under County Roads over 50 per cent. He failed to understand the discrepancy in these two amounts of reduction which he considered unfair.

County Surveyor - If you take the £6000 for spraying work, you will find it is not so far astray. On spraying work we formerly obtained a Government Grant but we were told by the circular from the Local Government Department that we would now have to do it ourselves on a 50 per cent grant. In the circumstances I did not make any reduction in the amount set aside for spraying.

Mr. D'Arcy maintained that the revision was not a proportionate one, and that they should also consider that seventy miles of main roads had been completed. The third-class roads would deteriorate through want of material. This had been well worked up by somebody.

Mr. Hall - I believe it will kill the contract system tho' this may not have been intended.

The Chairman said he agreed with Mr. D'Arcy that the allocation for the County Roads was not fair. If the grants could be obtained by even expending a lesser sum on the main roads it should be done.

Mr. D'Arcy - Am I right in saying that the grants are paid on a percentage expenditure ?.

Secretary - Provided the Scheme has been agreed to by the Minister. If he does not agree to your scheme you will get nothing .

The Chairman suggested that if there was dissatisfaction with the allocations the estimate should be sent back for further revision.

Mr. Cooney said that if referring back the estimates meant that the County Surveyor would have to reduce the amount for trunk roads it would be unfair. Those roads were in a bad condition and traffic was increasing on them. What would be their state if the amount were reduced further. There were nothing but complaints from farmers about the state of the New Ross Wexford road.

Chairman - We never had the farmers here complaining about it.

Mr. Cooney - It is in a scandalous state. It will be no better than the Sahara if the amounts are reduced again.

Mr. D'Arcy proposed the following resolution:-

"That the sum of £2000 be taken from Main and Trunk Roads and put to the County Roads, amended figures to be apportioned by the County Surveyor".

Mr. Hall seconded.

Chairman - It seems to me the contract system is out to be killed by the allocation. I think it is only fair that the system should get a trial when it was passed by a majority of the Council.

County Surveyor - I deny I am out to kill the contract system. I acted bona fide in the matter, and these are my recommendations.

Mr. Shannon said the contract system had got a chance and it was an absolute failure. No argument had been advanced to show that there would be a saving of one penny by the adoption of the contract system.

Mr. Keegan asked the County Surveyor if he were of the opinion that the grant for spraying would be forthcoming if the £2,000 were transferred.

County Surveyor - I'll not say that. If you cut out the tarring you will surely lose it.

A poll was taken on Mr. D'Arcy's proposition which resulted as follows:-

For:- Messrs J. Brennan, J. Colloton, T. F. D'Arcy, J. Hall, M. J. Jordan, T. Meyler, M. M. Roche, J. Murphy, M. Smith, E. Walsh and the Chairman ... 11

Against:- Messrs J. Armstrong; P. Colfer, T. Cooney, J. Cummins, J. Gaul, W. P. Keegan, T. McCarthy; Sean O'Byrne; J. Shannon; R. Corish; Miss N. O'Ryan ... 11 .

Colonel Quin did not vote and Mr. Clince was not present when poll was taken.

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Mr. Gaul asked if that were an occasion on which the Chairman could exercise his casting vote.

Chairman - I don't want to take on any unnecessary responsibility.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, replying to Mr. Gaul's question said that as far as he knew there was nothing in the Act to prevent the Chairman giving his casting vote on the present occasion.

The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of Mr. D'Arcy's proposition, which was accordingly carried.

The County Surveyor said there had been an idea prevailing that he was out to damn the contract system. That was not so. What the Council had done was to add £1: 13/- per mile to each contract. A few yards of material one way or other was not going to make a great deal of difference and the Council would lose £800 in the grant by transferring £2000 from Main roads.

Mr. D'Arcy - A stitch in time saves nine.

The following resolution was then proposed by Mr D'Arcy and seconded by Mr Hall:-

"That we allocate the following amounts for Road Maintenance, Road Improvement and Contingencies for financial year, 1929-30, as set out on Road Works Scheme in respect of this period, viz., Main Roads, £23,435, and County Roads, £27,001; total, £50,436".

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Brennan, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Hall, Jordan, Mayler, McCarthy, Murphy, Roche, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman. 13.

Against:- Messrs Armstrong, Colfer, Cooney, Keegan, Sean O'Byrne, and Shannon. 6.

Declined to vote:- Colonel Quin and Messrs Corish and Gaul.

Miss O'Ryan and Mr Cline were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr D'Arcy moved and Mr Hall seconded the following resolution:-

"That all improvement works on County Roads be carried out by contract".

On a poll the following voted for the motion:-

Messrs Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Hall, Jordan, Mayler, Murphy, Roche, Smyth, Walsh, Colonel Quin and the Chairman. 12.

Against:- Messrs Armstrong, Colfer, Cooney, Cummins, Gaul, Corish, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne and Shannon. 10.

Miss O'Ryan and Mr Cline were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

POULMARLE TURN.

Miss O'Ryan, referring to the County Surveyor's estimate of £20 for the widening of a dangerous corner at Poulmarle Quarry, and erection of a wire fence, said that the people who asked to have

the work done never approved of such an expenditure, and were of the opinion that the work could be done for £3. The County Surveyor had estimated £20 which was ridiculous. She proposed:-

"That the widening of dangerous corner at Poulmarle Quarry be proceeded with, cost to be defrayed from Contingencies Fund".

Mr Cummins seconded. Passed.

TURN AT FAHY'S CROSS.

Mr Corish asked if the County Surveyor had made any provision to remove the dangerous turn at Fahy's Cross.

The County Surveyor replied that a proposal to do the work was passed last year, but nothing was done.

Mr Corish moved that the work be done this year.

Mr Shannon seconded.

Answering the Chairman, the County Surveyor stated he had money available for the work.

Mr Corish's proposition was passed.

CORAGH LANE.

Mr D'Arcy moved the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That the Wexford County Council take over as a Public Road 495 perches (approximately) of the lane known as Coragh Lane from the Forge, Coragh, to Johnstown Cross".

Mr Armstrong seconded.

Passed, Colonel Quin and Mr Roche dissenting, the former stating they had absolutely no money and he could not see how the County could stand any more roads being taken on.

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MONGLOSS LANE.

Mr Jordan moved the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That the Wexford County Council take over as a Public Road 220 perches of loop road in Monglass to the north of Road No 82 from east turn in Monglass to west turn in Monglass".

Mr McCarthy seconded.

Passed, Colonel Quin and Mr Roche dissenting.

KNOCKDUFF LANE.

Mr Jordan moved the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That the Wexford County Council take over as a Public Road 540 perches from the Bree Road, No 502, to the Kilgibbon Road, No 493, through Knockduff."

Mr Armstrong seconded.

Passed, Colonel Quin and Mr Roche dissenting.

WEXFORD-ROSSLAKE (SLOB) ROAD.

Mr Gaul asked how this matter stood and when could they expect the road would be completed.

The County Surveyor stated that it was in abeyance until they saw what they would get from the Government during the coming year.

Mr Gaul- It is ridiculous when we laid out a large sum of money on this road, and now we cannot use it. We should get some answer one way or another.

The County Surveyor stated that the Railway Company, by their demands in connection with the level crossing, had added to the cost of construction by about £900.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.
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Meeting 6th December, 1928.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee of 6th December, 1928, submitted as follows to this meeting be and are hereby confirmed".:-

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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 6th December, 1928.

Present:- Messrs. Sean O'Byrne, J.E. Walsh, M.M. Roche, John J. Culleton, John Murphy, James Hall and Thomas McCarthy.

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

On the motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Culleton the chair was taken by Mr. O'Byrne.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Mr. Shannon then attended and presided for remainder of the meeting.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3977.0.9 was examined and signed.

Rate Collection.

In connection with letter of Local Government Department to Messrs. John J. Kelly and Michael McCarthy, Rate Collectors, under date 17th November, 1928 (G.77294-1928 Loch Garman Fa), asking them to furnish within seven days from 17th November any explanation they might have to offer as to their suspension from office, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Walsh:-

"That in view of the fact that the collection in No. 5 District (Michael McCarthy) and No. 14 District (John J. Kelly) is at present held up the Finance Committee would be glad to have as soon as possible the views of the Minister on any explanation which these collectors have offered regarding their suspension from office.

The following shows the percentage of rate for first moiety of Rate for financial year 1928-29 collected up to 6th December, 1928:- E.J. Murphy, 97. J.J. O'Reilly, 94. J. Quirke, 91. S. Gannon 90. J. Doyle 90. T. Rowe 88. P. Doyle 88. M. Deegan 85. J.J. Sinnott 85. J. Curtis 85. J. Cummins 83. P.O'Byrne 80. T. Sutton 79. P. Donohoe 79. W. Cummins 79. P. Furlong 78. A Dunne 76. M. Kelly 53. M. O'Hanlon 50. Collecting books have not been issued for Districts No. 5 and 14.

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

"That the time for closing first moiety of warrant for year ending 31st March, 1929 be extended to 31st December, 1928 when all collectable rate must be lodged. That Rate Collectors be informed that no further extension of time will be entertained by the Finance Committee."

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

"That as regards future Rate Collections the Finance Committee recommend the Council to refuse to extend the period for closing of warrant beyond two months from date of close of financial halfyears viz., 30th September and 31st March."

Registration of Voters, 1927-28.

Under date 14th December, 1928 the following was received from Mr. James Quirke, Secretary to County Rate Collectors:-

The County Rate Collectors have requested me to ask you to bring the question of payment of their Registration Fees before the next meeting of your Finance Committee, or the responsible authority. You are aware that above payment is long overdue.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Finance Committee express their surprise that accounts due to Rate Collectors for preparation of last year's Register of Voters have not been paid to the present. They consider the latest date on which payment should have been made was 1st July last."

"That copy of this resolution be forwarded to the County Registrar

Preparation of Rate Books, and Receipt and

Demand Notes.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Walsh seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"That the Secretary be empowered to employ the requisite temporary staff for the purpose of writing up Rate Books, and

Receipt and Demand Note Books for next financial year.

Advertising County Council.

A resolution was adopted asking the three local papers to furnish tenders to cover ~~the~~ advertising of County Council for next year.

Proposed Committal to Industrial School.

Under date 1st December, letter was read from the District Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Wexford inquiring if a boy named Laurence Quirke, Knettown, Castlebridge who was of a recalcitrant character was committed to Industrial School would the Council defray the expenses of his committal.

It was decided to refer the District Superintendent to Section 76(2) of the Children Act, 1908, under which the expense of conveying the child to Industrial School should be defrayed by the Police Authority.

Mr. John J. Fanning, Assistant County Council

Offices.

The following report was read from the Secretary:-

I regret to report that on the 26th November, Mr. John J. Fanning, Assistant, County Council offices, was conveyed to the Mental Hospital.

Mr. Walsh proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded the following resolution, which was agreed to:-

"That a further month's leave of absence as from 8th December be granted to Mr. John J. Fanning, Assistant in County Council Offices."

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Meeting 20th December, 1928.

The following Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee
held on 20th December, 1928, were submitted:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford on 20th December, 1928.

Present:- Mr. James Shannon (Vice-Chairman) presiding: also Messrs. Sean O'Byrne, M.M. Roche, James Hall, John J. Culleton, Thomas McCarthy.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman then attended and presided for the rest of the meeting.

Rate Collection.

The state of the collection for first moiety of rate to March, 1929 was submitted as follows:-

E.J. Murphy, 98 per cent. J.J. O'Reilly, 96. J. Doyle 93. J. Quirke 92. T. Rowe 92. S. Gannon 91. P. Doyle 90. J.J. Sinnott 90. J. Curtis 89. M. Deegan 87. J. Cummins 86. P. Furlong 84. P. O'Byrne 83. T. Sutton 82. W. Cummins 81. P. Donohoe 80. A. Dunne 79. M. Kelly 58. M. O'Hanlon 57.

Particulars of arrears of rates to March, 1928 were also read.

Collection District No. 5.

In connection with the proposal that the outstanding arrears and current rate should be collected by Messrs. Quirke (District No. 1) and Furlong (District No. 4) letters were read from Messrs. Charles McCarthy (Senior) Murrintown and J.L. Doyle, 58 North Main Street, Wexford consenting to the recommendation of the Council.

The Manager, National Bank, Wexford wrote under date 14th December that Mr. Patrick Quirke, Ballycross, and Mr. William Quirke, Ballyruan were quite undoubted as sureties for £300.

The Secretary stated that Mr. Quirke was providing Cover Note from Insurance Company for £450.

It was decided that Mr. Quirke proceed with the collection and that Mr. Furlong be requested to submit names of personal

sureties to cover collection in No 5 District with Banker's reference as to same; also cover note for £450 from Insurance Company to cover fidelity guarantee bond in order that his portion of the collection should be proceeded with at once.

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

"That we approve of Mr. Quirke acting as temporary Collector for the following District Electoral Divisions in No. 5 Collection District:- ~~Dinnagh~~, Killinick and Rosslare and Mr. P. Furlong acting as temporary Collector for the following District Electoral Divisions in No.5 District:- Kilsoran, Lady's Island and St. Helen's."

The Committee decided that unless the necessary bonds were arranged for in the case of Mr. Furlong at once they would ask Mr. Quirke to carry out the entire collection in No. 5 District.

An application was read from Mr. C. McCarthy, Senior, for poundage in respect of collections made by his sons Charles, and Michael in No.5 District.

It was decided to inform Mr. McCarthy that the Finance Committee are not in a position to procure sanction to payment of poundage until the collection has been closed.

Under date No. 14 District.

Under date 18th December, 1928 Mr. John J. O'Reilly, Collector wrote submitting the names of the following as personal securities in connection with the work of collection which he had been appointed to carry out in certain Electoral Divisions in above District:- Messrs. Alexander Kinsella, Main Street, Gorey and Mr. Myles Webb, Main Street, Gorey. ~~for collection~~

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

"That we approve of Messrs. Alexander Kinsella, Main Street, Gorey and Myles Webb, Main Street, Gorey as sureties for Mr.

O'Reilly provided satisfactory reference from Banker is forthcoming.

Mr. J.J. Sinnott, Rate Collector wrote under date 18th December, 1928 forwarding the names of Andrew Wafer, Ballygarrett, Clonevan and John Wafer of same place as personal sureties for the work of collection which he had been appointed to carry out in District No. 14 in conjunction with Mr. J.J. O'Reilly.

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

"That we approve of Andrew and John Wafer, Ballygarret, Clon-
evan being accepted as personal sureties for Mr. John J. Sinnott,
in respect of work which he has been appointed to carry out in
collection district No. 14 subject to satisfactory Banker's
reference in respect of proposed personal securities being
forthcoming."

Under date 17th December, 1928 the Depart of Local Government wrote (G.86375/1928 Loch Garman Fa) that the Minister was prepared to agree to any reasonable arrangements for the collection of the rates in Nos. 5 and 14 Districts by existing collectors of the Council who were regarded as suitable. When the Division of the Districts was definitely made particulars could be submitted to the Department for formal sanction to the ~~rem~~ appointment of the temporary Collectors to Nos 5 and 14 Districts. "The Security" the letter concluded "should bear an adequate proportion to the total amount of the warrants and bonds should be mentioned when sanction is being sought."

Ex-Collector Cleary.

Under date 12th December, 1928 the Department for Local Government wrote G.82138/1928 Loch Garman Fa) acknowledging the resolution of the Finance Committee of 22nd November and stating that it was noted that the sum of £24.1.3d fees in respect of Voters Lists due to Ex-Collector Cleary had been lodged to the credit of the Council. The Minister, however, did not appreciate

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that poundage fees should be paid.

No order was made.

Vacancies for Nos. 5 and 14 Collection Districts.

In connection with above the meeting, in ^{view} of standing order No. 59, discussed the question of filling vacancies for Rate Collectors in these districts but decided to refer the whole matter to the Council for consideration.

Collection District No. 15.

Under date 19th December, 1928 the following was read from Mr. Art Dunne, collector for above district:-

The two men whose names I submitted as my personal sureties Messrs. Michael Ryan and Maurice Condon, are not prepared to sign a joint and several bond for £200 though they are agreeable to go security for £100 each and have furnished banker's references for that amount. Would it be possible for you to arrange the bond for two securities of £100 each, as I am unable to get sureties who can furnish bankers references. I can, however, get two men who are known to some of the County Council as solvent to the amount required though they cannot get banker's references. If you could admit them in conjunction with Messrs. Ryan and Condon it might satisfy the demands of Local Government Board. They are Peter Murphy, Courtnacuddy, Enniscorthy and Denis Condon, Courtnacuddy, Enniscorthy,

Trusting above will meet the requirements of case.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council communicate with the proposed securities and explain to them their exact liability under a joint and several Rate Collector bond.

Holding at Newtown, Clonevan.

Under date 17th December, 1928 Messrs. Huggsrd, Brennan and Godfrey, Solicitors, Wexford wrote asking that their application for remission of rates on holding at Newtown, Clonevan should be again submitted to the Council. They stated that the case was one

of great hardship as owing to no fault whatever of their client the holding had remained derelict. The real owner was a minor and unless the Council made some concession in the case there would be practically nothing left after the sale of the farm.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Finance Committee cannot see their way to alter their decision as regards the application for remission of rates on holding at Newtown, Clonevan.

Rate Collector M.M. Kelly.

In reference to Collection in M.M. Kelly's district the Assistant Secretary stated he had ^{called} the attention of collector M. Kelly and Mr. Jasper Whitty (Deputy Checker) to items which had not been lodged by Collector, and in respect of which official receipts could not be produced by Collector. Portion of the items totalling £28.17.11 were immediately admitted and lodged by Collector when he had been questioned about them at the County Council Offices. A number of other receipts not accounted for were stated by Collector to be in respect of irrecoverable items the receipts for which were mislaid and in the event of his not being able to find them he would lodge the amount thereof and make application to the County Council for refund. The following letter was read from Mr. Jasper Whitty, Deputy Checker:-

The items questioned for above Collector are marked irrecoverable. He is looking up receipts and if he cannot find them he had promised to lodge the amounts and apply to County Council for refund.

The other items lodged since occurred through a mistake, which will not occur again.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. Jasper Whitty be informed ~~that~~ he must be more careful in future in carrying out his duties as official Rate Checker."

"That Collector M.M. Kelly be instructed to exercise greater

over official rate receipts which are the property of the County Council."

Housing Acts.

Under date 7th December, 1928 the Department of Local Government wrote (G.84585/1928 (Pc)-Ilgh) that the normal period for the completion ~~reconstruction~~/of houses by persons and public utility societies to qualify for State Grants under Various Housing Acts had been extended to 17th October, 1929 in all cases in which the reconstruction of houses was begun not later than 1st April, 1929.

Application Advance - Register of Electors.

Under date 15th December, 1928 an application was received from Mr. J.N? Scallan, Registration officer for an advance of £1,000 to meet the expenses of the seventh Register in course of preparation.

It was decided to adjourn the application in view of the condition of the finances of the Council.

County Library Service - Accounts.

Under date 11th December, 1928 the Department of Local Government wrote (G.85638/1928 Ilgh Pf) that prior to 1925 Library Committees could not be vested with the power of making payments or of borrowing and in consequence these functions were carried out by the appointing authorities. Section 58 of the Local Government Act of 1925 gives to County Councils much wider powers of devolving functions and the Minister for Local Government suggested that it would simplify the procedure and reduce the labour and responsibility of their own officers if the power of making direct payments were vested in the Library Committee, the latter being required to render halfyearly abstracts of accounts duly certified and provided by the Public Bodies Order. These abstracts could be incorporated in the accounts of the County Council for audit therewith.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. McCarthy:-

"That as recommended by Local Government Department the County

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Library Committee be vested with powers of expenditure as from 1st April, 1929. That in the event of County Council agreeing to this recommendation the County Library Committee carry out the procedure as regards the rendering of accounts etc. as set out in Public Bodies Order and as referred to in Circular letter of Department of Local Government 911th December, 1928 G.85638/1928 Ilgh Pf).

Continuance of Overdraft of County Council.

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

"That the Department of Local Government be requested to sanction present overdraft of £40,000 up to 31st March, 1928."

Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act 1926.

The Clerk to the select Committee wrote that the Committee had been set up to inquire and report whether having regard to the experience gained in the working of the above Act any amendment therein was desirable. Public Bodies concerned could make any representations they considered advisable by way of memorandum to the Committee.

Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded the following which was adopted:-

"We recommend the County Council to agree to the following for submission to Select Committee Dail Eireann enquiring into the working of Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act 1926:-

1. Names of all qualified candidates for positions to be submitted to the appointing authority.
2. Machinery to be devised by panel or otherwise to have the period of filling vacancies cut down to a minimum. The County Wexford owing to offices remaining open for an undue period has lost £500 or £600 in payment of Officers' Substitutes.
3. We consider that when an applicant has paid fee in connection with ^aparticular position he or she should not be called upon to pay any further fee in connection with any further examination for a similar post.

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Advertising.

Tenders for County Advertising for year 1929 at £135 each were read from "The People" "Free Press" and "Eche" newspapers plus Election and Road Contract advertising which would be charged at 6d. per single column line per insertion.

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

"We recommend the County Council to accept tender of Local Newspapers for County Council Advertising for 1929 at £135 per annum in each case, on condition that the newspapers are prepared to insert all ordinary advertisements as last year and form 2/ of Public Bodies Order 1925 as regards Road Contracts. There will be no County Council Elections next year so that no question of Election Advertising can arise for the period.

Printing Rate Books.

The only tender received for printing Rate Books for 1929-30 was from "The People" at £14.2.6d.

This tender was accepted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. McCarthy.

Printing Abstracts of Accounts.

The only tender received for the printing of 80 copies of two halfyearly abstracts of accounts was from the "Free Press" at £11.11.0.

This was accepted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. McCarthy.

Payments.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4925.1.9d. was examined and signed.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of Meeting held on 20th December, 1928, be received and considered:-
Local Authorities (Officers & Employees) Act, 1926.

In the course of a discussion in connection with this matter the Chairman said he was a member of the County Council and of other public bodies longer than many of them and he never knew of any corruption in appointments that were made in the County. He did not say that there might ^{not} be something of a corruptive nature elsewhere, but as far as County Wexford was concerned he never knew a man to get even a glass of whiskey as far as an appointment ^{was} concerned.

Mr. Keegan, concurring with the Chairman, said that speaking from twenty-one years' experience of public bodies he did not know of a single instance in which ^{the} finger of scorn could be pointed in regard to an appointment. The best applicants always got the positions. Mr. Keegan proposed that the Act be scrapped.

Mr. D'Arcy seconded.

Miss O'Ryan proposed:- "That the recommendations of Finance Committee as to amendments in Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, be confirmed."

Mr. Cummins seconded.

A poll was taken on Mr. Keegan's motion that the Act be scrapped, and the voting resulted as follows:-

For:- Messrs J. Brennan, T. F. D'Arcy, J. Hall, W. P. Keegan, J. Murphy, M. Smith and the Chairman7

Against:- Messrs J. Armstrong, J. Clinee, P. Colfer, J.J. Colloton, J. Cummins, T. Meyler, T. McCarthy, M. M. Roche, J. Shannon, Sean O'Byrne Miss No. O'Ryan and Col. Quin12.

The other members were not present when poll was taken.

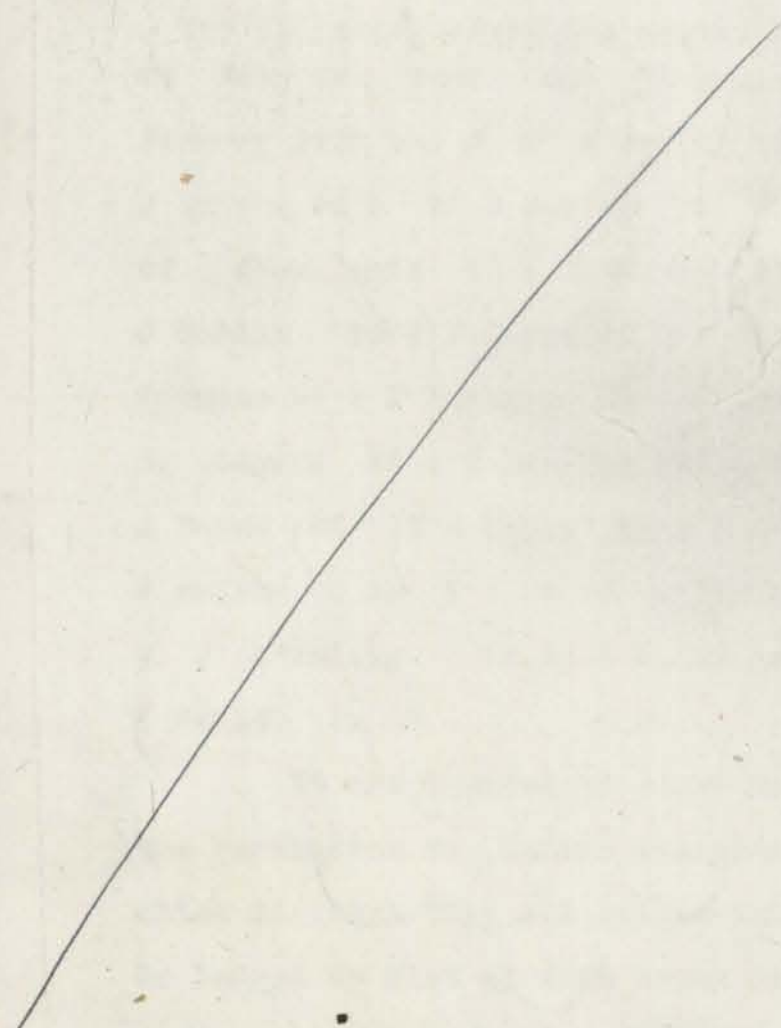
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The Chairman declared the motion lost.

Miss O'Ryan's proposal confirming the recommendations of the Finance Committee was then put and passed nem.con.

The following resolution was then 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 20th Dec., 1928, be and are hereby confirmed".

Meeting 3rd January, 1929.

The following Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting of Finance Committee held on 3rd January, 1929, were submitted:-



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The fortnightly Meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, Wexford on 3rd January 1929

Present :- Messrs M Doyle, Chairman, presiding
Messrs James Shannon V C Thos McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne M M Roche J E Walsh and John J Culleton

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, the County Surveyor and Mr Elgee, Solr., were also present

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Payments

Treasurer's Advice ~~xxx~~ Note for £2890 : 19 : 11d was examined and signed

Rate Collection

The following shows the amount of first moiety of Rate for year 1928 29 collected to 3rd January 1929 :- J J O'Reilly 99 per cent :
J Quirke 99 : E J Murphy 98 : J J Sinnott 97 : John Doyle 94 : S Gannon 94 : T Rowe 92 :
J Curtis 92 : P Doyle 90 : M Deegan 89 : Joseph Cummins 87 : P Furlong 85 : W Cummins 84 :
P. O'Byrne 84 : P Donohoe 83 : T Sutton 83 :
A Dunne 83 : M M Kelly 61 : M O'Hanlon 61 :
J Quirke (No 5) 9 : P Furlong do Nil
J J O'Reilly (No 14) 2. 31 and J J Sinnott do (No 14) 2. 16

It was decided to refer Rate Collectors to the resolution of Finance Committee of 6th Dec 1928 which directed that all collectable rate should be lodged by 31st of that month and that no extension of time for closing the collection after that date would be entertained

The Finance Committee, will, at their next meeting, deal with the cases of all Collectors

who have not complied with this instruction

Removal of Rate Collectors from Office

Under date 19th Dec 1928 sealed order (No 86056 / 1928) removing Mr J J Kelly, Sunnybank, Camolin from his office as Rate Collector for No 14 District was read from the Minister for Local Government

Sealed Order under date 19 December 1928 (G 86056 / 1928) removing Mr Charles McCarthy Murrintown, Wexford, from his office as Rate Collector for No 5 District was read from the Minister for Local Government

Under date 2nd January 1929, Messrs Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey, Solicitors, Wexford, wrote that Mr Charles McCarthy had asked them to place before the Co Council his resignation of the position of Poor Rate Collector owing to the condition of his health as had already been certified. Mr McCarthy asked the Council to kindly provide for the pension to which he was entitled

It was decided to refer this letter to Mr Elgee Solr., to the Council for his advice

Bonds for Collectors

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman :- " That as satisfactory bank references have been produced on behalf of Mr Raymond Doyle, Broadway, and James Pettit Ballycushlane, Broadway, they be accepted as personal sureties for Mr Philip Furlong for the additional work of Rate Collection in No 5 district

Mr L Tierney 7 Paradise Row, Wexford, wrote as agent for New Ireland Assurance Company Ltd that Mr Furlong had paid £4 10s for fidelity guarantee bond of £450 and cover note would issue

at once

It was decided that Mr Furlong should begin the work of collection in his portion of No 5 district at once

Reductions of Valuations

The Secretary reported that as a result of reductions in valuations made in railways whose systems ran through the County Wexford there would be a loss of £725 per annum in rates taking the figures for the current rate as the basis for calculation

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

" That the Commissioner of Valuation be requested to state the principle upon which he acted in reducing the valuation of railway premises, lines etc in this County, also if it be necessary to lodge notice of appeal to the Circuit Court in each individual case of reduction "

" That the various County Councils in An Saorstát be asked to state what steps they intend taking as regards appeals against the decision of the Commissioner of Valuation in this matter "

" That Mr O'Byrne, M C C be requested to raise this question at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the General Council of County Councils to be held on 11 January 1929 "

" That Mr Elgee, Solr., consider the advisability of lodging notices of appeal against the decision of the Commissioner of Valuation in all Railway cases "

Advertising Contract

Letters were read from the Managers of the " People " " Free Press " and " Echo " newspapers agreeing to accept the proposals of the Finance

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Committee to insert all ordinary advertisements as last year including Form 21 of Public Bodies Order 1925- for the ensuing twelvemonths at £135 in each case. The Managers of the " Free Press " and " Echo " pointed out that for last year's advertising calculating at the rate for public bodies the amount would have been £200. They asked this to be borne in mind and that advertisements be curtailed as much as possible.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Walsh :- " That as regards acceptance of advertising contract with local newspapers the Finance Committee, while adhering to the recommendation made to the County Council, at their meeting on 20th December 1928, cannot see their way to accept any arrangement which would mean any curtailment of their ordinary advertisements. That copies of this resolution be furnished the Managers of the " Free Press " and " Echo " newspapers

Co Library Committee Accounts

Under date 31st December, 1928, Miss Connolly, Librarian, Co Library Committee, wrote that at a meeting of the latter on 29th December it was unanimously agreed that the control of Library Finance should be taken over by them in accordance with the suggestions from Local Government Department in their letter of 11th December 1928, and subject to the sanction of the County Council

Illness of Mr John J Fanning

It was reported that the condition of Mr John J Fanning, clerical assistant in Co Council Offices (at present in Mental Home Enniscorthy) was improving

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

" That Mr John J Fanning, Clerical Assistant Co Council Offices be granted a further month's sick leave as from 8th January 1929

Sow Drainage system

Under date 2nd January 1929 letter (G 82530- 1928 Ilgh B. C. T.) was received from the Department of Local Government transmitting copy of sealed order (dated 28th December 1928) made in pursuance of section 3 of the Drainage Maintenance Act, 1924, by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in exercise of his powers under section 20 of the Local Govt Act, ~~XXXX~~ 1898, transferring the business of the Sow Drainage District to the Wexford County Council.

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

" That we recommend the County Council to refuse to take over maintenance of the Sow Drainage system This Council has, on several occasions pointed out to the Office of Public Works that it would decline to take over any drainage system in respect of which the Office of Works had carried out renovation or repair which had not met with the approval of the Trustees or Drainage ratepayers . We believe that in the present instance the ratepayers concerned are most dissatisfied with the work which has been carried out, and we further believe there is every justification for such dissatisfaction

Ford of Lyng

In reply to Mr O'Byrne, Mr Elgee, said that the case in connection with flooding at the Ford

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Lyng was at present before Counsel for his opinion

Weights and Measures Acts

Under date 20th Dec 1928 the Power Section of the Department of Industry and Commerce wrote that tenders for measuring instrument standards for the testing of petrol pumps by Inspectors of Weights and Measures had been considered by them. The best design submitted was that of Messrs Miller and Co Church St Dublin at £39 10s, per set of five standards ranging from one to five gallons, and it was satisfactory to note that the tender for this design was the lowest received. A condition had been agreed to that no instrument would be accepted or paid for unless verified and stamped on behalf of the Minister for use as a standard, while a guarantee had been given that every part of the instrument would be of Irish workmanship. The Minister was accepting the tender for a number of County and Borough Councils and if it was desired that a set for Wexford County Council should be included in the contract a notification to that effect should be sent to the office of the Ministry and Commerce not later than 12 January 1929.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Walsh :- "That we approve of the Ministry for Industry and Commerce accepting on behalf of the Wexford Co Council tender of Messrs Daniel Miller and Co., Church Street, Dublin, for supply of set of five standards ranging from one to five gallons for the testing of petrol pumps, amount £39 10s

Rating of New Buildings Order

An application under above was received from John O'Gorman, Poulpeasty, Taghmon, and adjourned to next

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meeting of the Committee for the report of the
Rate Collector for the District

Sow Drainage

In connection with recommendations of Finance Committee the following under date 9th January, 1929 (G.1707/1929 Ilgh.B.C.T), 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 5th instant transmitting resolution of the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council recommending the County Council to refuse to take over the maintenance of the Sow Drainage System, and I am to draw attention to Section 3 of the Drainage Maintenance Act, 1925, which makes the transfer of a Drainage District to the County Council compulsory where any work under the Act has been executed."

The following was read from the Secretary and Trustees of the Drainage System:-:-

"It has come to our knowledge that the Sow Drainage Area is about to be handed over to the control of the County Council.

'In view of the statements made by Mr. Burke, Minister, Board of Works, to a deputation from the Trustees of above area, we are amazed at this action.

'Mr. Burke was forced to admit, the self-evident fact, that the land is flooded and therefore the restoration work was not satisfactorily carried out.

'He promised to go into the matter and let the deputation have the result. We have had no communication from the Board of Works.

'At the interview, Mr. Olley, Engineer, Board of Works, persisted in stating, that the rock at Kilmallock bridge was the impediment and the cause of the flooding.

'This, in our opinion, is only an attempt to confuse the issue and to cloak the neglect and incompetency of those in charge or connected with the restoration work.

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'The rock at Kilmallock bridge has not grown since 1853 when original work was completed.

'In view of the admissions made by Mr. Burke, and that the area has not been restored to its original state, and that a poor return was secured for the amount of money expended, we consider our protests fully justified.

'We are not attempting to shirk any of our just liabilities in the matter re loan or maintenance rate.

'But we hold it is not just to saddle the rate-payers of the Sow District with the cost of this restoration work which is practically a failure and we mean to resist this imposition by every means at our disposal.

'We again demand the production of a copy of the original Plan - showing - depths, widths, levels, etc., -

'We also beg to state that the Deputation was surprised to learn from Mr. Burke that Mr. Gibbon, M.C.C., Wexford, had written to the Board of Works, praising the work carried out in the Sow Drainage area and that Mr. Burke could claim, that he, Mr. Gibbon, had come over to the side of The Board of Works.

'Comment on such action on the part of Mr. Gibbon, M.C.C., is unnecessary, but whatever may have been the object of said member, Wexford County Council, it certainly was not in the interests of the ratepayers concerned. '".

Mr. W. Mernagh and Mr. W. Gahan, two of the Trustees, came before the Council.

With reference to the letter from Colonel Gibbon referred to in the statement from the Trustees Mr. Mernagh said that Mr. Burke produced the letter to the deputation and said that tho' Colonel Gibbon was very much against the Board of Works two years ago he had now come over to their side. The deputation explained to the Minister that their grievance was that the river had not

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been restored to its original state. Mr. Burke said it was according to the Board's Engineer. The deputation asked him to produce the figures of the original depths and levels in support of his statement. Mr. Burke asked what proof had they of their statement and they said the only proof was that when the river was sunk it dried out the land but when the work which was supposed to restore the system to its original condition was finished it left the land in a swamp.. Mr. Burke admitted the river was not doing its work. He sent for Mr. Olley to know what was the cause. Mr. Olley replied that it was the rock at Kilmallock. However that rock was always there. Mr. Burke promised to go into the whole thing and the trustees expected to hear from him but there had been no letter up to the present. The deputation pointed out to him that, if the land were to remain in its present condition, it would not be worth the amount of the rate as the water would be on it for six or eight months of the year. Mr. Burke asked if the rock were removed would it take the water from the wet land. The deputation told him they could not give a definite reply.

Mr. Gahan - He appeared to be anxious to do something to meet the deputation.

Chairman - Then the Local Government Department throw it on us by sealed order to collect an impossible levy.

Mr. Mernagh - At the Conference with Mr. Burke, there was something mentioned about getting a grant under the 1924 Act to remove this rock. The Minister seemed to be anxious to do something and said he would go into the whole thing.

The County Surveyor mentioned that, when he got the longitudinal sections from the office of Public Works, he was directed by the Council to take levels. He did this in the lower reaches but could not follow the levels right up owing to the depth of water. He was always confused about this matter because

undoubtedly the local people believed the system was not at all in its original condition after the recent work had been carried out and anyone would see for himself the place was simply a swamp. Taking the levels on the longitudinal sections as far as he could go and plotting and taking out what was an ideal section, working out from the rock, the longitudinal section was, as near as he would ascertain, correct. However, he could not reconcile that with the fact that 60 or 70 years ago, when the work was originally done it gave satisfaction and nobody complained with its condition ~~now~~. The only conclusion he could arrive at was that the cross sectional area had been reduced and, in the renovation work, instead of restoring the drains with square bottom and side slopes, they had "dished" the bottom considerably reducing the volume of water. Until, however, they had the Original cross sections, it would not be possible to ascertain how the original work had been carried out and compare it with the recent work.

Chairman - From the statement of the County Surveyor, the work appears to be practically useless. This is good ground for the Council not to take over the system - in fact, it should be sufficient argument of itself.

Mr. Mernagh said that the Minister had admitted that the drains had not been cleaned out as they should have been.

After some further discussion, Mr. Shannon proposed and Mr. Clince seconded, the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That Mr. Burke, Parliamentary Secretary to Office of Public Works, be requested to furnish this Council, for their information, with copy of letter of Colonel Gibbon referred to by him at the Conference at the Office of Public Works between him and the trustees of the Sow Drainage System".

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

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"That the Office of Public Works be requested to furnish this Council with copy of the Original Map and of the Original cross-sections in connection with the Sow Drainage Area".

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

"That, in view of the statements made by Messrs Mernagh and Gahan, members of a deputation from the Trustees of the Sow Drainage Area, as to interview with Mr. Burke, Parliamentary Secretary to the Office of Public Works, we request the latter to inform this Council what he intends doing to meet the complaints of the Trustees as promised by him",

"That we request our T.D.'s to have placed before An Dail the action of the Office of Public Works in handing over to County Councils Drainage Systems in respect of which Drainage Rate-payers are not satisfied with the restoration work carried out by the Office of Public Works".

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 3rd January, 1929, be and are hereby confirmed"

FORD OF LYNG.

In reply to Mr. O'Byrne, Mr. Elgee said that he had not yet received Counsel's opinion as regards proceedings to obviate the flooding at the Ford of Lyng. The delay was occasioned probably by the Christmas Holidays.

The Chairman said they should not allow this present Spring to slip over without some attempt being made to have the work carried out. The people there had been suffering from this flooding for over a quarter of a century.

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APPLICATION FOR LOCAL INQUIRY RE MOTOR TRAFFIC, WEXFORD
URBAN DISTRICT, & CLOSING OF ROSSLARE ROAD.

Under date 1st January, 1929, letter (R/RV/32) was read from the Department of Local Government (Roads), asking to be informed whether it was proposed to close Main Street, Wexford, to all heavy motor cars (as defined by Article 2 of the Heavy Motor Car (Ireland) Order, 1905) or only to heavy motor cars used for the conveyance of goods. It was assumed that the application relating to the road adjoining Rosslare Coastguard Station was for an Order prohibiting the driving of all mechanically propelled vehicles on the road in question. The Department further asked to be supplied with a map, an exact description of the two portions of road concerned, and a full statement of the grounds (which must in each case come within Section 7(4) of the Roads Act, 1920) on which the applications were made. On receipt of the required information, the Minister for Local Government would indicate to the Council the form of the resolution they should pass in the matter.

The Secretary stated that a copy of the letter from the Local Government Department had been furnished to the Wexford Corporation and considered by them on the 7th January, 1929. A communication was received from the Town Clerk, Wexford, under date 8th January, 1929, stating that the wish of the Corporation was that all motor traffic, both heavy and light, should be diverted from the Main Street to the Quays except when they were required in any part of the Main Street for loading or unloading goods, etc.; and, further, that all heavy motor cars, as defined by Article 2 of the Heavy Motor Car (Ireland) Order, 1905, should be compelled to use the Quays on Saturday nights. The reasons which impelled the Corporation to ask for an Inquiry were:-

- (1) That the Main Street is so narrow in parts, being only 10 feet 8 inches wide in one part and 11 feet 8 inches in another,

that the present motor traffic passing along it may, at any time, cause a very serious accident.

(2) That, as there is an alternative route which is parallel to the Main Street, namely, the Quays, the surface of which has been recently concreted, and the uniform width of which is 30 feet, no hardship would accrue to motorists using this route when merely passing through the town.

(3) That the Main Street is so densely overcrowded by pedestrians on Saturday nights that the passage of heavy motor vehicles through it constitutes a grave danger to life and limb.

Mr Corish proposed:-

"That we fall in with the views of Wexford Corporation as regards motor traffic in Main Street, Wexford, and forward their views to the Department of Local Government".

Mr Gaul seconded.

On the motion being put to the meeting, Colonel Quin and Mr Roche dissented.

A show of hands was subsequently taken when it was found that 21 were in favour of the motion and two against. Mr Clinee was not present when the show of hands was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

As regards the closing of Rosslare Road, the following was read from Messrs Thomas James, Philip Wickham and Stephen Crowe, who reside on the road:-

"The undersigned desire to draw your attention to the dangerous condition of a portion of the public road from Ballybro Bridge to Rosslare Strand village. The present condition of the road can be traced to the acts of your servants and contractors to your Council.

"In the first place, thousands of loads of shingle have been carted from the base of this road on the sea shore and used for road material, which, we presume, was passed by your Road

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Surveyor who, no doubt, never questioned where the material came from although it has been so carted for years.

Secondly, the contractors, who laid the sewerage and water pipes, trenched the road and drained the water from the trenches down the bank thereby carrying away the only means we and our visitors had of reaching the shore.

We respectfully ask you to instruct your Surveyor to inspect this road and have the necessary work carried out as soon as possible to make it a safe thoroughfare. We are of the opinion that a considerable sum of money would be required in the near future to do this work if it is now neglected. We also feel that it is unnecessary to state that this road is the one used by motorists coming from Ballygeary to Rosslare Strand, and also a favourite walk for visitors who stay during the season.

We would feel very much obliged for an early reply as we consider the reply received from you to our previous letter on the subject unsatisfactory".

The Chairman stated that the County Surveyor and himself saw this road about a week ago and they did not believe it was "curable" without immense outlay and going back into the land. He saw no outlook except to close it to vehicular traffic. Some of the people complaining drew stuff over this road to build their houses but, in his opinion, they would not be interfered with for a very long time.

It was decided to forward map map and particulars, etc., to the Department of Local Government when received from the County Surveyor who stated he had the matter in hands.

GOREY-COURTOWN ROAD.

Under date 10th/January, 1929, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (R/RG/32/B) ~~that~~ that the Minister for Local Government had approved of the scheme for the improvement of the Gorey-Courtown road, proposed to be carried out by the Wexford County Council under the grant of £1,000. The conditions regarding men to be employed attached to previous grants applied to this Grant.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr D'Arcy, seconded by Mr Keegan:-

"That the material for Gorey-Courtown Road be obtained from Gorey Hill Quarry and broken by hand".

MEETINGS OF TENDERS COMMITTEES.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Hall, that the four Tenders Committees should meet as follows:-
Gorey- Tuesday, 5th Feb., 1929, at 10.30 a.m., at Gorey Courthouse.
Enniscorthy- Tuesday, 12th Feb., 1929, at 10.30 a.m., at Enniscorthy Courthouse.
New Ross- Tuesday, 19th Feb., 1929, at 10.30 a.m., at New Ross Courthouse.
Wexford- Tuesday, 26th Feb., 1929, at 10.30 a.m., at County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr Shannon handed in notice of motion, for consideration at meeting of County Council on 11th February, 1929, to rescind the resolution of the Council, deciding that third-class roads should be worked by contract, and proposing that the work on these roads should be carried out by direct labour.

It was decided to refer this motion to Mr Elgee, Solicitor, for his opinion and, in the event of his advising that the notice of motion is in order, dates of meetings of Tenders Committees, agreed to above, must be adjusted.

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GOREY-ENNISCORTHY ROAD.

Mr P Higgins, Parkbawn, Secretary, Gorey Executive of the Farmers' Union, forwarded the following resolution from the Camolin Branch:-

"That we, as users of the main road, Gorey to Enniscorthy, beg to draw the attention of the County Council to the slippery condition of it at present and the resulting danger to horse traffic. To our own knowledge, there have been 8 accidents between Gorey and Camolin within the past few weeks, resulting in serious bodily injury to persons, and property through broken shafts and injured horses. We, as large ratepayers, claim that we are entitled to have this road put in safe condition for our horse traffic, and we respectfully request the County Council to take immediate steps to do so, as anyone driving this road under present conditions, is liable to serious injury or worse. We suggest that screenings should be spread for a distance of 5 feet at each side of road, leaving centre for motor traffic".

Mr Higgins stated, in his own communication that his Executive had passed the following resolution relative to the complaint from Camolin Branch:-

"That we, the members of the Gorey Executive, are in entire sympathy with the Camolin resolution, and we respectfully ask the County Council to see what they can do in the matter to prevent accidents in future."

Colonel Quin stated they should sympathise with the farmers concerned in the matter. At the meeting of the Gorey Executive he had pointed out that it would be impossible to put screenings over twenty miles of road.

Mr Armstrong complained that parts of the road from Enniscorthy to Bunclogh were impassable for horse traffic.

Mr Smyth pointed out that several large ratepayers in the

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Courtown district had been with him, protesting against the proposal to repair the Gorey-Courtown Road in the same manner as the road from Gorey to Enniscorthy. They stated, if this were done, they would not be able to bring in their corn.

After further discussion, the County Surveyor stated he would try and provide some screenings for the steepest places which was about all that could be done in the matter.

COURTOWN HARBOUR.

Under date 5th January, 1929, the following letter, No D/5/2, was read from the Department of Fisheries:-

Adverting to your communication of the 3rd October last, relative to works of improvement proposed by the Wexford County Council at Courtown Harbour, I am directed by the Minister for Lands and Fisheries to state that he has had carefully examined the report and estimate furnished by the County Surveyor in this matter and he finds the following difficulties in making a case to the Minister for Finance for a contribution from State funds towards the cost of the work contemplated by the Council.

The price, £480, set down for new gates and sluices, is presumably based on the assumption that some of the existing material can be made use of, otherwise the Minister, from the advice he has received, is doubtful that the price mentioned would provide gates and sluices of a sufficiently durable nature.

The Minister notes that, while £450 is set down as an estimate for the provision of a grab dredger on rails, the County Surveyor has not yet settled with the makers as to the most satisfactory type of machine. Apart, however, from prime cost, the Minister is satisfied that the working of such a crane or grab by hand will be both slow and laborious, and he is, therefore, very doubtful that the necessary labour will, as hoped by the Council, be given freely in the future by the local fishermen. On this point he

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would be glad to learn in what way the Council would propose to bind the local fishermen to such an undertaking. Obviously, unless he could be definitely assured that the crane would be worked regularly in future as required, he could not consider recommending a grant towards the initial cost.

I am, accordingly, to ask for the observations of the Council on these points before the matter is further considered.

The Secretary stated that the County Surveyor had made the following reply under date 9th January, 1929:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 7th instant enclosing copy of letter from the Department of Fisheries under date 5th instant.

In regard to the Gates I have carefully gone into this matter and estimated them out in detail. I purpose modifying existing design of gate to some extent, but generally maintaining form of alignment. Of course, I purpose using as much of the existing iron work as possible, but I have provided for new straps and bolts, etc., at the joints. My revised Estimate for the Gates including their erection I put down at £507:15:0, and I believe this will be sufficient for the job.

In regard to Grab Dredger I have gone fully into this with Messrs Priestman, and have quotation from them for an eight cwt. portable hand propelled Grab Dredger at £238. This dredger will be mounted on under carriage, fitted with road wheels and horse shafts, and if necessary, can be moved from one side of the Channel to the other. The operating radius of the dredger will be twenty-seven feet, and will work to a depth of eighteen feet below the Pier level. It will be noted that the increased cost on revised Estimate for the gates is more than balanced by the saving on the Grab Dredger. Of course, it is a different question giving a guarantee that the Grab will be worked by the local Fishermen.

It was decided that the representatives on the County Council

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from Gorey Electoral Area convene a meeting of fishermen of Courtown Harbour to ascertain from them what guarantee they were prepared to sign regarding the working of Grab Dredger.

Mr Keegan proposed, on behalf of the Courtown people, their best thanks to the County Council and their officers- the County Surveyor, the County Secretary, and Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, for the help they had given in connection with improvements at Courtown Harbour.

Mr D'Arcy seconded. Passed.

KILMORE HARBOUR.

The following, under date 11th January, 1929, No D/73/1, relative to above, was received from the Secretary of the Department of Fisheries:-

With reference to your communication of the 14th November last, regarding the proposed dredging operations at Kilmore Harbour, I am directed to state that, having given careful consideration to the suggestion that the proposed State contribution would continue to be available should the Wexford County Council undertake the work with a Dragline or Grab Dredger, the purchase of which they have in contemplation in connection with arterial drainage works, etc., the Minister for Lands and Fisheries regrets that he finds himself unable to recommend a grant in such circumstances as he is advised that the work in question could not be carried out efficiently by means of a Dredger of the type under reference.

I am, accordingly, to inquire whether the County Council is still willing to contribute at least a moiety (say £200) of the total cost involved should the dredging be carried out by the Commissioners of Public Works.

The County Surveyor stated that Messrs Priestman's representative had seen Kilmore and he was satisfied that a Grabline Dredger would be able to do suitable work there. He (County Surveyor) also

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held that opinion and was personally in favour of a Grabline Dredger being obtained.

Proposed by Mr Roche, seconded by Mr McCarthy, and adopted:-

"That, in the event of the dredger from the Office of Public Works being employed for dredging at Kilmore, it is expected that work will be carried out on all tides as, in consequence of the crew of this dredger working for fixed hours on the last occasion, a very small amount of work was carried out which was entirely incommensurate with the amount of money allocated".

LATE MR P J O'NEILL, ENNISCORTHY.

The Chairman stated that, since their last meeting, one of their members, Mr Jordan, had sustained a bereavement in his family circle by the death of his brother-in-law, Mr P J O'Neill, Enniscorthy, and he (Chairman) had melancholy pleasure in proposing a vote of condolence, on behalf of the County Council, with Mr Jordan. He (Chairman) had the pleasure of knowing Mr O'Neill and there was no more popular gentleman in the town of Enniscorthy. He (Chairman) sat with Mr O'Neill's father who was for many years a most respected member of the County Council, and everybody was sorry that the occasion arose for the present resolution.

Mr McCarthy seconded the motion. Certainly, there was no more popular man in Enniscorthy and his death came as a shock to everybody who knew him.

The resolution was adopted in silence.

Mr Jordan said it was a great solace to him to have the sympathy of his fellow-members, as it would be to Mr O'Neill's family, on the death of Mr O'Neill. He had lost, apart from being his brother-in-law, a very good friend.

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VACANCIES FOR RATE COLLECTORS.

The following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr P Hayes:-

"That the County Council agree to the appointments of Rate Collectors for Nos. 5 and 14 Districts, fix remuneration for same, and arrange for advertising appointments when sanction of Minister for Local Government has been received".

The Secretary stated that Mr Hayes was unwell and confined to bed.

Mr Mayler, by permission of the meeting, moved the motion standing in the name of Mr Hayes.

Mr Hall seconded. Passed.

Mr D'Arcy moved:-

"That the poundage to be paid incoming Collectors for Nos. 5 and 14 Districts be at the rate of 5d in the £, with any statutory fees to which they are entitled. That the amount of personal bond be in the sum of £400 with fidelity guarantee bond of £900".

Colonel Quin seconded. Passed.

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

"That, in connection with appointment of Rate Collectors to this Council in the future, any person, who has already passed qualifying examination, be not asked to again submit to examination".

Mr Murphy gave notice that he would move the following motion at the meeting of the County Council on 11th February, 1929:-

"That the County Council arrange for the appointment of Rate Collector for No 21 District, fix remuneration for same, and advertise appointment when sanction of Minister for Local Government has been received".

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LAND ANNUITIES.

Mr Cummins moved the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That the Land Commission be asked to state the total amount of annuities in connection with Land Purchase Acts for which tenant purchasers in Co. Wexford are responsible annually and the amount of arrears of such annuities to the latest available date".

Miss O'Ryan seconded. Passed.

Mr Cooney said that, in the County Kilkenny, the names of defaulting annuitants were published. He suggested that a lot of people would pay to keep their names out of the Press. He knew big people that drove in limousine cars and followed the hunt, and they owed annuities.

Mr Murphy.- I don't know them.

Colonel Quin.- There aren't many limousines in this County.

Mr Keegan said that, under the present system, it was very hard for some people to pay land annuities or rates. Plenty of people lived for years by setting their land but now, if they were in arrears, no one would take their land because stock might be seized. That meant that they could not set their land and they had no money to work it. There might be people too lazy to work it, but there were plenty of people who had to set their land and, unless they paid up to the last farthing, it was impossible for them to set it. He thought people should be given an opportunity to pay a little every year, and let them set their land.

Mr Murphy.- I know several instances where a farm is derelict and the occupier or owner wishes to set it. (I know well enough that stock is liable to be seized, but I know that, where representations were made to the Land Commission, they agreed to take part of the money made on the setting of the land to go against the back rent. I know of two or three instances where they were very agreeable, and

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it is generally only in cases where a fellow won't lead or drive that you have this trouble. I know that in several instances they agreed that the rates be paid out of the money, and they took whatever was over to go against the back rent. I think, after all, that was very fair. Whenever I had anything to do with the making of the representations I found them very fair.

After further discussion, Mr Corish proposed:-

"That list of defaulting amuitants be supplied each member of the Council".

Mr Hall seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For- Colonel Quin, Messrs Armstrong, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gaul, Hall, Keegan, O'Byrne, McCarthy, Shannon, and Smyth. 14.

Against- Miss O'Ryan, Messrs Brennan, Culleton, Jordan, Mayler, Murphy, Roche, Walsh, and the Chairman. 9.

The proposition was declared carried.

At a later stage of the meeting, Mr Roche said he would hand in notice of motion not to have the list published. When they were elected they were sent there to give the people a hand to get them out of their difficulties, and not to expose them. They would not help them by making a public disgrace of them.

RAILWAY VALUATION APPEALS.

In connection with this matter, the following letter was read from the Valuation Department, under date 5th January, 1929, No 2,901,036 - S/M;-

In reply to your letter of the 4th instant, I am directed by the Commissioner of Valuation to state, for the information of your Council, the following details relating to the Valuation of Railways:-

1. The Valuation of Railways has been based on the profits of the

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undertakings, the Net Receipts thereof being subject to deductions in respect of the renewal of the permanent way, the tenant's capital sunk in rolling stock, etc.

2. The serious falling off in the net receipts of the various Railway Companies which, in some cases, had almost entirely disappeared, made it necessary to reconsider the Valuations on the Undertakings, some of which had been unaltered for some years.

3. The application to the greatly reduced Net Receipts of the formula giving the deductions already referred to, based on greatly increased costs of labour and materials, would have resulted in a Nil Valuation in most cases and it, therefore, became necessary to negotiate an agreement with the Railway Companies for a temporary suspension of these deductions and the adoption of a formula which would provide for the continuing in the Valuation Lists of a Valuation representing an equitable proportion of the Net Receipts.

4. The Railway Companies in accepting an arrangement which places as a Valuation of the principal Railways a sum equivalent to between 30% and 40% of the Net Receipts, stipulated that in the event of an appeal being taken against the Valuation thus arrived at they would be released from the agreement and would possess all the rights which the old formula gave them under several judicial decisions. The significance of this reservation would doubtless be appreciated by your Council.

5. The following figures indicate the serious change in the financial position of Railway Undertakings:-

<u>Net Receipts:-</u>	<u>Year 1913</u>	<u>Average of 3 years</u> <u>1925 - 27</u>
Great Southern Railways	£1,110,769	£544,453
Great Northern Railway	442,808	273,914

I am to add that in the event of an appeal being lodged by your Council it would suffice if it is lodged against the Valuation of the Railway Undertaking within the County, and such appeal will be subject to the consent of the Department of Local Government

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and Public Health.

Under date 8th January, 1929, the Minister for Local Government (G 2003/29, Ilgh. (Fa)), wrote, stating that an appeal against the valuation of Railways as now fixed would not be in the public interest. The Minister deemed it right to intimate that he could not consider the circumstances would warrant this course being taken and would consequently feel precluded from giving the sanction required by a Local Authority before making such an appeal.

The Secretary stated that, as directed by the Finance Committee, he had communicated with the various County Councils in An Saorstát and found that in a number of Counties the decision of the Commissioner of Valuation in Railway cases had not been considered. Several Counties had decided not to appeal while Tírconnaill had lodged an appeal.

Under date 12th January, 1929, letter was read from the Secretary to the County Councils' General Council that the question was considered by the Executive Committee of the General Council on the 11th January, 1929, and the Committee was unanimously of opinion that no useful purpose could be effected by appealing against the decision of the Commissioner of Valuation.

The Chairman considered the action of the Minister for Local Government very high-handed. The agricultural community could come in and put as good a case for reduction of their valuations as the Railways did and, in such an event, the Minister would more than likely allow Public Bodies to appeal. The receipts for agricultural products since 1916 had decreased by certainly more than half but the agricultural community were to get no consideration whatever. The Railway Companies, in many instances through their own thick-headedness, lost their trade and, until competition became fierce, they refused to reduce their prices. If they had done so at an earlier stage, they would not be so badly off as they were to-day. It was quite unfair to saddle the rest of the community with the

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Railway losses and, as he stated, it was most high-handed on the part of the Minister to refuse to allow the Council to appeal.

Miss O'Ryan proposed:-

"That we take steps to dispute the ruling of the Minister for Local Government in this matter".

Mr D'Arcy seconded.

It was pointed out that, according to the instructions under the Valuation Acts, no County or Urban Council can appeal to the Circuit Court without obtaining the previous sanction of the Minister for Local Government and, in consequence of this statement, Miss O'Ryan's motion was withdrawn.

Mr O'Byrne proposed:-

"That we protest in the strongest possible manner against the action of the Minister for Local Government in refusing to allow this Council to appeal in the case of the Railway Valuations. That our T D's be asked to raise the question in An Dail at the first available opportunity in the hope that the Government will be as lenient towards the agricultural community (on whose behalf an appeal will be shortly forthcoming) as they have been with the Railway Companies".

Mr D'Arcy seconded. Passed.

GRANT FOR MENTAL HOSPITAL.

The Chairman said he wished to mention that a meeting of the Mental Hospitals Executive was held last week and it was expected that the Government Capitation Grant would be increased. As they were aware, at present they only received 3s 9d, and the Committee was out for fighting for half maintenance cost if possible. They were making a firm stand and hoped to impress upon the Government that this should be done. If the contribution from the ratepayers had been treated on the same lines as the Capitation Grant, the Mental Hospitals would be closed. The T D's were to be invited to the next meeting in order to get their concentrated opinion to have

the grant restored to what it was previously

ANNUAL RATE ESTIMATE.

Correspondence was received from the Department of Local Government, under date 7th January, 1929, No P 90720/28, Loch Garman (Pb), agreeing to the County Board of Health and Public Assistance considering their Estimate on 21st January, 1929.

It was decided that the figures for Rate Estimate be considered by Finance Committee at their meeting on 31st January, 1929, and by the County Council at next monthly meeting on 11th February, 1929.

SANCTION TO OVERDRAFT.

Under date 7th January, 1929, letter No G.1071/1928, Loch Garman, was read from the Department of Local Government, stating that the Minister sanctioned a continuance to the 31st March next of overdraft not exceeding £40,000. Interest might be paid thereon at the agreed rate.

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS.

Under date 11th December, 1928, letter No A.S.84639/28, Enniscorthy M.H., the Department of Local Government forwarded report of Auditor on his audit of the accounts of Enniscorthy Mental Hospital for the four half years ended 31st March, 1928. The Auditor had certified that the Committee of Management was entitled to receive £5016:6:8 in respect of Capitation Grant for patients maintained in the Institution during the year ended 31st March, 1928; and £193:6:8 in respect of the maintenance of Criminal Lunatics.

Under date 8th January, 1929, letter No A.S.90941/28, Loch Garman, the Department of Local Government forwarded report of Auditor on his audit of the accounts of the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance for the two half years ended 31st March 1928.

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PLANS OF OLD JAIL.

The County Surveyor submitted plans for the conversion of old Jail for Courthouse and County Council Offices.

It was decided on the motion of Mr Culleton, seconded by Colonel Quin, that the plans be submitted to the Department of Finance and, in the event of their approval or if they required further particulars as to cost, etc., the County Surveyor be empowered to employ a Quantities Surveyor at a cost not exceeding 2½ per cent on amount of estimate.

MR CHARLES MCCARTHY, LATE POOR RATE COLLECTOR.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, wrote under date 8th January, 1929, as follows:-

I am in receipt of yours as to the above, and have looked into the Local Government Act of 1925 dealing with the subject of superannuation, and I find that by Section 42 of the Act of 1925 a Pensionable Officer is defined as :- (a) One who devotes the whole of his time to the service of one or more local bodies.

Section 44, sub-sec.3, provides that a local body shall, with the consent of the Minister, grant to a Pensionable Officer in their employment, whose service is less than ten years and who ceases to hold his office in such circumstances that if his service were not less than ten years an allowance could have been granted to him under the foregoing sub-section, a gratuity not greater than one-sixth ~~h~~ of his yearly salary and emoluments for each completed year of his service.

Charles McCarthy was appointed as Collector in the year 1921 so that he has only 7 years' service, and this being so, that what he would be entitled to would be a gratuity calculated at the rate of one-sixth ~~of~~ of his yearly salary for each completed year of his service, that is, that he would be entitled to seven-sixths of his salary and emoluments as a gratuity.

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The expression "yearly salary and emoluments" includes all fees, poundage and other payments made to an Officer as such for his own use, so that his gratuity would be calculated on the poundage fees which he receives for collecting Poor Rates, and also any other fees which would be payable to him in respect of the Register, &c.

It was decided to refer Mr Elgee's letter to the Minister for Local Government for his observations.

ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCIL.

Under date 4th January, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote (F.997/1929, Ilgh.(c)) that the annual meeting of the County Council should be held not earlier than 23rd June, 1929, nor later than 1st July, as fixed by the Council.

Proposed by Mr O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman, and Passed:-

"That the annual meeting of the Wexford County Council for 1929 be held on 24th June, 1929".

POISONS & PHARMACY ACT.

Renewal of licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act was granted to Mr W B Jackson, 51 Main Street, Gorey, on the motion of Mr Shannon, seconded by Mr Corish.

SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEMES.

Under date 18th December, 1928, the Secretary, University College, Dublin, wrote that the Academic Council had approved of the Wexford County Council Scheme of University Scholarships for 1929-30.

Under date 8th January, 1929, (L.34498/28, the following letter from the Office of National Education:-

With reference to your communication of the 12th December enclosing draft scheme of Scholarships for 1929, I am directed to

inform you that subject to the following amendments the proposed scheme is approved:-

(1) Title to be altered to read "Secondary Schools Scholarships 1929".

(2) In Clauses 9, 10 and 14 the words "Minister of Education" should read "Minister for Education".

(3) It is suggested that the first sentence of paragraph 4 might be altered to read "Scholarships and Bursaries are restricted to pupils who reside in the rural districts of the County and are tenable at Secondary Schools approved by the Department of Education for this purpose".

I am to forward for your information a copy of the revised syllabus for 1929 which supersedes that for 1928 and which should now be embodied in the scheme.

It was decided that the amendments suggested by the Office of National Education be made in the scheme and that the latter be printed and circulated as soon as possible.

DE-RATING OF LAND.

It was decided that the resolution from the Wexford District Executive of the Farmers' Union, as to de-rating of land, should be adjourned to next meeting and receive early mention on the agenda paper.

MOTOR TAX.

The following resolution was received from Kilkenny County Council:-

"That the tax or licence on Motor Vehicles be fixed at a sum of £5 on each car and that the charge be transferred to petrol up to sixpence per gallon, as the Council consider the present system of Motor Taxation unjust to owners who use their vehicles infrequently".

It was decided to make no order on the resolution owing to the

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difficulty of providing for suitable tax to include the various classes of petrol.

COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL.

Under date 4th December, 1928, the following letter was read from the County Councils' General Council:-

The County Councils' General Council have directed me to inform you that at their last meeting the following motions appeared on the agenda:-

(a) To confer on Town Commissioners the power exercisable by Urban Councils to purchase or acquire the Tolls of the Town and to empower them to charge tolls at Fairs and Markets and to make Bye-Laws for the control of the town.

(b) To extend the provisions of the Street Traders Act, 1926, to towns under the control of Town Commissioners.

At the same meeting a request was submitted by the Department of Local Government and Public Health asking for the considered opinion of the Council regarding the suggestion contained in the following resolution adopted by many Urban Authorities:-

That we call on the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to introduce legislation for the purpose of putting a stop to the trading done by travelling hawkers and second-hand clothes dealers, or to empower local authorities to charge these people a substantial fee or license for the privilege of trading within their area, as at present these hawkers constitute a serious menace to business people who pay heavy rates and rents, whereas these traders contribute nothing towards the upkeep of the Local Authorities in whose district they trade.

In this connection it may be mentioned that Hawkers and Pedlars are at present subject to the Hawkers Act, 1888, and the Pedlars Act, 1871, which require a hawker to hold an excise license (£2) and a Pedlar, a Pedlar's Certificate (5/-) issued

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by the Garda Síochána. Neither, however, require a License or Certificate to sell in a public market. Hawkers' licenses are local taxation licenses.

Before coming to a decision regarding the above proposals the General Council directed me to ascertain the views of the constituent Councils on the issues raised. I shall, therefore, be glad if you will kindly bring the above three motions before the next meeting of your Council, and inform me of their views thereon.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O Ryan, seconded by Mr Walsh:-

"That the communication from the County Councils' General Council be referred to the Urban District Councils of the County for their views".

APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION.

A resolution was received from Waterford County Council, stating that the time had arrived when they could dispense with the services of the Appointments Commission.

In view of the discussion and decision of the Council at an earlier stage of the meeting, it was decided to take no action.

BUILDING LEASES, ETC.

The following resolution from Blackrock Urban District Council was approved on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Shannon:-

"That this Council requests the Government to incorporate the following principles in the legislation which it is understood will be introduced in connection with the Report of the Town Tenants Commission, 1927:-

"(1) On the expiration of all existing building leases, the person entitled shall have the right to a lease in perpetuity, at a variable ground rent not exceeding 5 per cent of the letting value of the premises;

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"(2) If the ground landlord has expended money on a premises during the currency of the lease, by the effecting of improvements, he shall be entitled, on renewal, to an addition not exceeding 5 per cent of the total amount so expended;

"(3) All future leases for building purposes shall be in perpetuity, and at a variable ground rent not exceeding 5 per cent of letting value;

"(4) All revenues in the nature of ground rents accruing wholly or partially as a result of municipal developments and improvements shall be liable for a special financial contribution to the local authority concerned, on a basis to be determined by a duly constituted independent authority."

"It is the considered opinion of this Council that if proposals of this Character were given the force of law the circumstances created would be conducive to the better and more rapid development of the cities and towns of the Saorstad, and would at the same time contribute substantially to the solution of the Housing problem."

TRANSIT OFFICERS.

The following resolution from County Fermanagh Committee of Agriculture was approved on the motion of Mr Jordan, seconded by Mr Corish:-

"We, the County Fermanagh Committee of Agriculture, realising the damage that our Irish Cattle sustain in transit to British Ports from this country, and having heard numerous complaints from Farmers and Shippers relative thereto, consider the time has come when the Government should take up this all important question and appoint responsible Transit Officers who would supervise the loading and transit of our cattle, both by train & steamer, so as to ensure that our cattle will reach their destination in at least as good condition as cattle coming across the Atlantic."

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"It is a matter of common knowledge among those engaged in the Cattle Trade that this, our principal industry, has suffered incalculable loss in recent years because of the lack of supervision and proper accommodation and care both on this side, on the boats, and at the landing places".

SHEEP DIPPING.

Under date 11th January, 1929, Sergeant Dwyer, Garda Siochana, Rosslare Pier, forwarded names of eight farmers who had failed to give notice of the dipping of their sheep, failed to dip sheep, or failed to send in declaration regarding same, and asking authorisation to ~~pro~~secute these people on behalf of the Council.

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

"That the Sheep Dipping Inspector for Wexford Area be directed to call on the farmers reported to this meeting by Sergeant Dwyer, Garda Siochana, Rosslare Pier, for breaches of Sheep Dipping Order, ascertain why they did not obey the law, and inform them they must dip their sheep now. That report from Sergeant Dwyer be referred to next meeting in order to ascertain the outcome of the Inspector's visit to the farmers concerned".

Michael Doyle

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

MEETING - 11TH FEBRUARY, 1929.

MINUTES.

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WEXFORD

THE MONTHLY MEETING OF WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD IN THE COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBER, FORTVIEW, WEXFORD; ON 11TH FEBRUARY, 1929.

Present:- Mr M Doyle (Chairman) presiding; also:- Miss O'Ryan, Colonel C M Gibbon, Colonel R P Wemyss Quin, Messrs James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Clince, Patrick Colfer, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F D'Arcy, John Doran, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, William P Keegan, Thomas Mayler, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, M M Roche, James Shannon Myles Smyth, and James E Walsh.

The Secretary, The 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 confirmed.

RATES FOR 1929-30.

The meeting was specially summoned for the purpose of adopting the Rates for General and Separate Charges for financial year, 1929-30.

Under date, 2nd February, 1929, the following letter was read from the Secretary, County Councils' General Council:-

"I have been directed to inform you that a Special Meeting of the County Councils' General Council was held on yesterday for the purpose of taking action to have effect given to the following resolution adopted by the Council on 26th April, 1928:-

"That this Council draws the attention of the Executive Council to the treatment of Agriculture in England since 1898 as compared with the treatment meted out to Agriculture in this Country.

"In England the Agricultural Grant each year since 1898

amounted to 50% of the actual rate on Agricultural land up to 1923, and since that year to 75% of the rate on Agricultural land. It is proposed to still further increase the Grant for relief of rates on Agricultural land in England.

"This Council now recommends that our Government should at once extend to Irish Agriculture the same measure of assistance in the matter of increased Agricultural Grant as is being accorded to Agriculture in England."

"The Council appointed a Committee to explore the means by which the desired object could be achieved and to enter into negotiations with the Executive Council of Saorstát Éireann for this purpose. The Committee is to report the results of its efforts to an adjourned meeting of the General Council to be held on Friday, 1st March.

"I have been also directed to suggest that County Councils should postpone the adoption of estimates for the forthcoming financial year pending the report of the Committee, and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health should be requested to grant extension of time, where necessary, in striking the rates for 1929-30".

Chairman.- I don't know if it will make very much difference even if you go ^{on} with your Rate to-day. I am afraid you will not have any legislation to deal with the matter for some time. However, it is open to the Council to take any action which they consider necessary. We might have some ways and means devised as there have been in other countries to give us relief.

Mr D'Arcy asked if, in the event of postponing the adoption of the Rate to next meeting, it would be possible to have any effective legislation within a month.

Miss O'Ryan said, even if relief did not come in time, it might be possible to apply it to the second moiety. As regards

relief itself, farmers were 70 per cent of the community and what relief they got as ratepayers would have to be made good as taxpayers. Until this Government had courage enough to stop some of the money that was going out of the country, there would be no relief for farmers.

Colonel Quin.- The farmers of England are only $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent of the population, while in this country they represent 70 or 80 per cent. England was an enormously rich country; Ireland was not and they could not afford the money necessary to provide for the de-rating of land. I think the proposal is beautifully Utopian, largely propaganda, and a lot of it "gallery".

The Chairman said they had a resolution from the Wexford District Executive of the County Wexford Branch of the Farmers' Union which it would be well for the Council to hear.

The following is the resolution:-

"That we, the members of Wexford District Farmers' Union Executive, feel dissatisfied with the members of the County Council in not adopting the resolution that came before them relative to the de-rating of Agricultural Land in the Saorstát".

Mr O'Byrne said that the farmers in Northern Ireland represented thirty-three and one-third per cent of the community and they were to get the benefit of de-rating of land.

Mr D'Arcy.- They have the land annuities in Northern Ireland and, if we had these and de-rating, it would settle the whole thing.

The Chairman said that the annuities was a political question. If any party wished to dispute the legality of the present position why not go into a court of law and settle it. The party advocating it would be perfectly right in taking a test case and having it decided. The country was divided on the question in many ways but the Party, who so strongly advocated the retention of these annuities in the country, would be justified in taking up a few test cases and having the matter decided in law.

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Colonel Gibbon said they had to face the facts. The agricultural community in Wexford had never been worst hit since he began farming than they were last year. Reading an account lately of the annual meeting of one of the big English banks, one saw the statement that, although the English farmer had one of the best harvests for years owing to favourable weather, still, owing to the slump in prices, the year could not be looked on as otherwise than disastrous. He (Colonel Gibbon) had been farming in Wexford for 12 years, and this year the yield of crops was the most disastrous he had experienced. He never had corn "drowned" out in the same manner as last year, nor had he ever before had to hand weed his land three times to keep it clean. In face of the good harvest, relief from rates on land is to be given to the farmer in England who had been in clover compared to the farmer in County Wexford, and he wished to know how they were to find the heavy rates until some relief was afforded to them. He did not know if the de-rating solution was altogether practicable. That was a question ^{for} of the Government. But they should represent to the Government that they should see how the local agricultural ratepayer is to be assisted in such a terrible time as he had been through.

Colonel Quin proposed:- "That this meeting decides to adopt the rate for 1929-30".

Mr Corish said that something would have to be done for the relief of the farmer. He was in favour of the consideration of the rate being adjourned for a month. It might cause some inconvenience but that could not be helped. The different Councils all over the country should not strike their rates until the Government seriously considered the question of a measure of relief for the farmers. Something would have to be done for the farmer as it was apparent he was not getting what he was entitled to for his labour and for the capital he had put into the land. The different County Councils should be circularised to get the General Council of County

Councils to appoint a deputation to put the matter before the Minister for Finance.

Mr O'Byrne.- The General Council have appointed a Committee and I don't think you can do much harm by adjourning the adoption of the rate to-day. This would strengthen the hands of the Committee of the General Council.

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

"That the adoption of Rate for 1929-30 be adjourned to 11th March, 1929, the date of next meeting of the Council".

Colonel Quin's motion to adopt the rate at that day's meeting was not seconded.

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to extend the time for the adoption of the rate for 1929-30 by this Council to 11th March, 1929".

Colonel Gibbon said they should urge the Government to set down an early date for the discussion of the question in An Dail as to how the problem was to be faced.

Mr Jordan said that the Farmers' Party had approached the Government in the matter of relief for the farmer as far back as last October but nothing definite had been yet decided. He believed they would get something, not as much as was given in England because it was not possible.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEES - FINANCE.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee, in respect of meeting held on 17th January, 1929, submitted as follows, by the Secretary, be received and considered":-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 17th January, 1929.

Present:- Messrs Sean O'Byrne, John Murphy, James Hall, T. McCarthy, J. E. Walsh,.

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

On the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the chair was taken by Mr. Sean O'Byrne.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, after which Mr. James Shannon, vice chairman attended and presided for the remainder of the meeting.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3945: 3 : 6d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

The following represents percentage of amounts of poor rate collected in respect of first moiety of Rate for financial year 1928-29 ~~collected~~ up to 17th January, 1929:-
 E. J. Murphy 99; J. J. O'Reilly 96; J. Curtis 95; J. Doyle 94;
 J. Quirke 93; T. Rowe 93; Philip Doyle 92; J. J. Sinnott 92;
 S. Gannon 92; Art Dunne 91; M. Deegan 90; P. Donohoe 87;
 J. Cummins 87; P. Furlong 86; W. Cummins 85; P. O'Byrne 85;
 T. Sutton 83; M. Kelly 72; M. O'Hanlon 66; No.5 District;
 (J. Quirke and P. Furlong) 30; No.14 District (J. J. O'Reilly and J. J. Sinnott) 41.

It was decided that all Rate Collectors be communicated with and asked to explain why they did not, as directed by Finance Committee, close their warrants for first moiety of current rate by 31st December, 1928. Also that all Collectors who had less than 87 per cent of this moiety collected be

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summoned to meeting of Finance Committee on 31st January, 1929, and directed to bring their collecting books to this meeting in order that the Committee would be in a position to examine all items of first moiety rate outstanding.

The amount of second moiety of rate collected to 17th January, 1929, was £3238: 15: 11d out of a total of £61007: 16: 2.

RATES ON SMALL DWELLINGS ACT.

Under date 7th January, 1929, Mr. J. Quirke (Secretary Co Rate Collectors) wrote, on behalf of the Collectors, for an allowance towards travelling expenses in connection with the making of returns of holdings under the above-mentioned Act. According to instructions Collectors had to visit every holding valued to £5 which meant four or five weeks of extra travelling for which they thought a fair amount of remuneration would be £1 for each electoral division.

The meeting did not - in view of the fact that the information obtained by the collectors in this instance would be the means of making their work in future years much easier as regards the actual work of collection - consider the claim of the Collectors should be acceded to.

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY (COMPENSATION) ACT, 1923.

Under date 4th January, 1929, the Local Government Department wrote (R/DB/32) stating that the Minister for Finance had again drawn attention to the delay in payment by Wexford County Council of £19,772: 11/- due under the above-mentioned Act. It was requested that the special attention of the ~~Minister for Local Government~~ Council be called to the letter with a view to having the amount cleared off without further delay.

It was decided to request the Council at the Meeting in February to pay an instalment of the amount and to call the

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the attention of the Minister for Local Government to the fact that the Council found great difficulty in getting in rates and would discharge their liability in full the moment they were in a position to do so.

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE OF SALARY.

Under date 3rd January, 1929, Mr. John J. Roche, Coroner for South Wexford, applied for an increase in his salary of £100 per annum owing to increased work. Probably - Mr. Roche pointed out - the Council were not aware that under the New Coroner's Act very little discretion is left to Coroners regarding the holding of Inquests. In cases which before were left to the discretion of the Coroner it was now compulsory on him to hold inquests. His district extended 79 miles in one direction and 33 in the other. Should he be unable to attend an Inquest he had to pay for the services of a deputy.

The meeting having considered the application decided to adjourn the matter to next meeting.; Mr. Roche to be asked in the meantime, to supply details of the Inquests held by him for each of the three past years with the names of the places in which they had been held.

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT RATE.

Under date 12th January, 1929, the Secretary of the Irish Tourist Association wrote, asking for payment of the full amount of rate for the current year practically all of which had been already spent in preparation for the record tourist season assured for 1929.

It was decided that the County Council be recommended at next meeting to make as large a payment as was possible to the Association having regard to the condition of the finances of the Council.

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INCOME TAX- COURTTOWN HARBOUR.

It was decided that Income Tax demand in connection with Courtown Harbour, amount £1: 3: 3d should be paid.

REPAIRS TO MACHINERY.

Under date 16th January, 1929, the following was read from the County Surveyor:-

"At meeting of County Council on Monday last, owing to pressure of business, and time taken up with Estimates the Council did not deal with this matter of repair which is now pressing. As you know each Councillor was supplied with detailed particulars in regard to the cost of the work, and note of method of estimating, and, where possible to obtain, I supplied quotations from outside Firms for the various items. There can be no question, I think, that my Estimate was substantially the proper value of the work to be done, and I now ask the Finance Committee to give me instructions to proceed with it."

It was decided that the County Surveyor be given an allocation of £400 for repairs to machinery with an instruction to expend as little ^{as} possible out of this amount until it had been raised by the Council.

PREPARATION OF RECEIPT AND DEMAND NOTE BOOKS
OF COLLECTORS.

Under date 14th January, 1929, the following was read from the Underwood, Typewriter, Company, 5, Leinster Street, Dublin:-

"For years past we have been drawing the attention of County Council Secretaries to the economy which can be effected in the cost of filling up Rate Demand Forms on the Simultaneous System. The saving in every direction is so considerable that we have brought the matter to the notice of the Local Government

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Department, with specimens of the work, which must be admitted by all to be immeasurably superior to anything ever performed in the old way.

The possibility of this great saving of time, money and the trouble of quadruple or quintuple checking will be obvious to the Council, but in case of any doubt we hereby tender to carry out the whole work of type-filling the forms and checking the completed form with the Rate Books - all for a flat figure of six shillings per thousand ratings (six shillings per hundred), you to supply the necessary forms: there would be no increase for the inclusion of the alternative receipt demanded this year by the Small Dwellings Act.

We may say that for years past we have performed this work here for several County Councils, so that we are quite conversant with the task and we would do yours on the same lines.

We shall thank you to have this Tender submitted for consideration by the County Council at the appropriate time.

If you be interested in this question we shall be glad to hear from you at an early date, so that at your convenience, we could demonstrate the process and to give you any further ~~and~~ details that you might require".

The meeting having dealt with the cost of preparation of Receipt and Demand Note Books by the existing system and taken into consideration the fact that the temporary clerical staff engaged for this purpose belonged to the Unemployed and were, in the main, men with wives and families, decided that no advantage would be gained by employing an outside firm to perform the work.

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SHEEP DIPPING ORDER.

In connection with request of Sergeant Dwyer, Rosslare Pier for permission of the Council to prosecute eight persons for breaches of Sheep Dipping Order, and in regard to which the Council had directed the Sheep Dipping Inspector for Wexford District to call on the defendants and inform them they would have to dip their animals the Secretary reported that the Inspector had informed him that three of the defendants stated to him they would sprinkle dip on the sheep but were not prepared to dip them.

It was decided that, in the event of the defendants refusing to dip their sheep the Council should give permission for prosecution. The Finance Committee are not in favour of accepting sprinkling with dip as a compliance with the Order.

ILLNESS OF MR. J. J. FANNING.

The Secretary reported that Mr. John J. Fanning, Clerical Assistant in Co. Council Offices, was about being discharged from the Co. Mental Hospital on a month's probation.

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Rate Collectors and Rates on Small Dwellings.

Mr Cooney proposed and Mr Keegan seconded the following resolution:-

"That we dissent from the recommendation of the meeting of the Finance Committee of the 17th January, 1929, declining to approve of the payment of any remuneration to the Rate Collectors for their work in compiling returns under the Rates on Small Dwellings Act, and that we hereby agree to pay to the Collectors a sum of 10/- per Electoral Division to cover the extra work which the Collectors had been called on to perform".

The Secretary said the amount involved would be £59.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the motion:- Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Shannon, and Miss O'Ryan. 12.

Against:- Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Hall, Jordan, Mayler, Roche, Smyth, Walsh, and the Chairman. 13.

Mr Murphy was not present when the poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

Tourist Rate.

Mr Culleton proposed:-

"That we strike no rate for Tourist Development for the coming financial year and do not contribute anything to the Tourist Association".

Mr D'Arcy seconded and said that he thought some time ago 36 hotel proprietors had a fine holiday on the continent and when they came back they recommended that the conditions were so different over there that it would be ridiculous to put the hotels in Ireland on the same footing. He did not believe the farmers got anything at all from the tourist traffic like what they suggested. It was stated that in County Wexford last year they got £75,000, but he thought the people who got the benefit were

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the owners of hotels.

Colonel Gibbon suggested that the grants for tourist road improvement depended on striking a rate to help the Tourist Association. It would be a good investment to give £400 in order to get grants of a couple of thousand pounds.

The Chairman said there was a certain amount of money allocated to different counties and he thought that, without the interference of anyone, the grants would come if they were entitled to them. Of course, he was not an authority on the matter. The Tourist Association might^{do}/some useful work in getting the grants but he did not think they were the people who got them.

Mr O'Byrne said the Association's application was for a rate of $\frac{1}{4}$ d in the £ - £410. He believed they had got benefit for their contributions. The Association had been responsible for getting £3,000 in grants for the County and, if they had not been contributing to the Association, these grants would have gone elsewhere. The Association were doing good work in bringing people to the country and he thought it would be economic on the part of the Council to give the $\frac{1}{4}$ d in the £.

Mr McCarthy said he wished to support the recommendation of the Finance Committee for the rate of $\frac{1}{4}$ d in the £ as last year. He looked upon it as a good investment for the country. If the farmers did not directly get the benefit, they indirectly got it, and, if £2,000,000 came to the country last year, it must have meant something for the country: None of them might get it directly, but if it came into the country it should be a benefit. He thought they should encourage the tourist traffic and the small amount they were asked to spend would, in his opinion, be an excellent investment. The Tourist Association were a very influential body, and it was probably through their influence that the grants for the tourist roads were obtained.

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They had got £3,000 up to the present and at the moment they were endeavouring to get a grant for the road from Wexford to Rosslare and from Rosslare to Rosslare Pier. He did not say they would be successful, but they were doing their best. All the accounts of the Association were audited by the Local Government Department and the greater part of their funds was spent on publicity; and Wexford got its share of that publicity. He thought the Council would be wise to strike the rate.

Mr Keegan supported Mr McCarthy's statement. If the farmers did not get a lot out of the tourist traffic there were other people in the country who had a right to live as well as the farmers- the hotel keepers, servants, motor owners.

Mr Culleton.- To my mind the railway companies and shipping companies are getting the lion's share.

Mr D'Arcy agreed and said the companies should carry out publicity work.

Mr Walsh also spoke in favour of striking the rate.

Mr Jordan said he believed with Mr McCarthy that money contributed to the Tourist Association was really money well spent. As a public man he thought they should encourage any movement that was going to bring money to the County. He thought the country lent itself to tourist development as well as any other country in Europe, and the day would come in this country when they had the tourist traffic developed as it should be, when they could put a tax on tourists as in other countries, but they had to induce them to come to the country first. He was out for economy himself but he thought it was in the interests of everybody that there should be a contribution.

Mr Corish, in supporting the recommendations of the Finance Committee, thought it was apparent that, since the Association had become active, a great many people had been attracted to the country. If the railway and shipping companies had not the traffic that tourists were making, there

would be far more men idle. It had been stated that the Tourist Association could not give them money for the upkeep of roads, but their recommendations were very successful.

Colonel Quin said he was in favour of a contribution. Every man that came to the country had to eat something and they raised the cattle and other things for him and that was certainly good for everyone.

Mr Roche remarked that the tourist traffic tore up the roads and they got no compensation.

Mr Cooney said he thought the beet traffic was also doing a great deal of harm to the roads.

Mr Roche.- The beet question hits several ways, you know.

A poll on the acceptance of the recommendation of the Finance Committee resulted as follows:-

For:- Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs Armstrong, Brennan, Clince, Colfer Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Doran, Hayes, Jordan, O'Byrne, Shannon, Walsh, McCarthy, Keegan, and Mayler. 18.

Against:- Miss O'Ryan, Messrs Culleton, D'Arcy, Hall, Roche, Smyth and the Chairman. 7.

The Chairman declared the recommendation of the Finance Committee carried.

Sheep Dipping Order.

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

"That the persons reported by Sergeant Dwyer at last meeting of the Council be prosecuted for breaches of the Sheep Dipping Order".

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee, in respect of meeting held on 17th January, 1929, be and are hereby confirmed".

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee, in respect of meeting held on 31st January, 1929, as submitted to this meeting by the Secretary, be considered, except the portion referring to the adoption of the rate which is adjourned to next meeting of the Council":-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 31st January, 1929.

Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman (Presided) also present:-
Messrs J. J. Culleton, T. McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne; M.M. Roche;
James Shannon (V.C.); J. E. Walsh and Colonel Gibbon.

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.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2978: 6: 8d was examined and signed.

FIRE IN COUNTY SURVEYOR'S
OFFICE.

The following report was read from County Surveyor:-

"I beg to report that on the evening of the 22nd instant a fire broke out in my General Office at Fortview. At about 9 p.m., it was noticed that smoke was coming from the room, and at once the Civic Guards were noticed who came and also a number of other people, and the fire was got under control. It is impossible to arrive at the cause of the fire. My Clerks had left the Office about 5.30 p.m., and at the time Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, and myself were in my office dealing with Pay Forms. At about 6.10 p.m., Mr. O'Neill left my office and went into the General Office merely to get his hat and coat which he had left there, and at once left the building. At this time the stove was out, having been quenched at about 4 p.m., but the gas lights were on as the Caretaker had not yet swept the room. After Mr. O'Neill left the Caretaker was in the room cleaning it out, and apparently left it all right. I have examined the timbers, and do not believe that it was possible for either the stove, or the flues from the lower floor, to have caused the fire. If there was any fire smouldering when the Caretaker was cleaning out the room

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he should have observed same.

"The Insurance Company have been notified and have authorised expenditure for making good structural and other damage, but they repudiate liability for the Insurance Cards and stamps. I have been in communication with the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, and the National Health Commission in regard to having the Workmens' Cards certified as correct. I have submitted a complete list of all the Cards dealt with during the half year period, with particulars of those discharged by being returned to the Workmen, and the number which were in the Office and destroyed."

The County Surveyor said that, in his opinion, the fire should have started from the surface of the floor and not from the flue. It appeared to have been caused by something smouldering for some time.

The damage done was about £35. In addition they would have to pay something to ten men who had helped to extinguish the fire. The most serious loss was the National Health and Unemployment Stamped Insurance Cards and stamps which were in hands. These represented a sum of £574: 5: 11d. As they had in his office an exact record of the number of stamps which had been cancelled and which were in hands they expected to recover the amount from the Insurance Commission.

Mr. O'Byrne asked why were not the cards issued before the date of the fire.

The County Surveyor said they could not have been issued earlier. The men were paid at the Finance Committee of the 17th January; the stamps were purchased on the 18th and the cards for Enniscorthy were then dealt with and issued. There was not time to deal with the others between the 18th and the date the fire occurred, the 22nd. They had an absolute record of all the stamps and were in communication with the Ministry of Industry and Commerce in the matter.

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

"That we return our best thanks to Chief Superintendent McCarthy and the Gardi under his charge for the expeditious manner in which they dealt with outbreak of fire in the office of the County Surveyor on 22nd instant. As we understand that some of their uniforms were damaged by water etc., when engaged in this service we request the Chief Superintendent to furnish any claim which he considers should be dealt with in this connection and which will be forwarded to the Insurance Co., with a recommendation for payment.

"That the ten civilians, whose names have been submitted by the Chief Superintendent to this meeting, be paid a sum of 15/- each in recognition of the assistance which they gave and to cover damage to their clothing &c; the Insurance Co., to be asked to meet this amount, as the prompt measures taken on the occasion prevented the fire from getting hold on the entire building".

ESTIMATE OF RATES FOR GENERAL & SEPARATE CHARGES:
FINANCIAL YEAR 1929-30.

Before considering the figures for General Estimate of Rate, the meeting decided to hear Mr. Barry of the Irish Tourist Association, as to the rate for Tourist development.

Mr. Barry said it was not necessary for him to emphasise the great benefits derived from tourist traffic by practically all sections of the community. It had been estimated that the amount spent last year by tourists was £2,500,000, representing an increase of £400,000 over the previous year. This was the result of publicity and propagands which had been carried out with the support of the public bodies of the country, who contributed about £10,000 for publicity purposes. He asked them to continue this support in the same measure as last year if they were not able to see their way to increase it. The Tourist Association believed that about £75,000 had been spent

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by tourists last year in the County, an increase of about £10,000 on 1927. Last year also the Association had made representations to the Department of Local Government which helped to obtain grants for the improvement of tourist roads. They had taken steps to improve hotel accommodation and appointed a qualified Inspectress. He thought it would be admitted that, during the twelve months, hotels had improved very considerably. He estimated that of £100 taken by a hotel, 75 per cent went to outside people.

The Chairman pointed out that, in Rosslare and in other seaside resorts, owners of hotels were farmers and were able to provide their own vegetables so that the local people obtained practically no benefit.

Colonel Gibbon said, if the Council agreed to the amount of last year's contribution, it would really represent double what they gave owing to the economic depression in the County.

It would not be possible, even if they were willing, to make any increase on last year's figure.

Mr. McCarthy mentioned that the Tourist Association should do what they could to obtain a grant for the improvement of Wexford-Rosslare road, and it was decided that the matter be considered at the meeting of the Roads' Committee.

Colonel Gibbon mentioned that the most useful work the Association could do for Wexford would be to make representations to the Great Western Railway Company to construct a road for motorists to travel over from the end of Rosslare Pier. The present arrangements were hampering tourists owing to cars having to be loaded on the railway. When a man arrived at the pier, he expected that he would be able to drive straight away and not be held up as at present. He did not think it would be a very big engineering job.

The County Surveyor mentioned that the best way for the motor track would be between the rails.

After further discussion, Mr. O'Byrne proposed:-

"That the Finance Committee recommend the County Council to agree to the same amount of tourist rate for the coming year as provided for in last year's estimate!"

Mr. McCarthy seconded.

Mr. Culleton proposed:-

"That, owing to economic stringency, no rate be struck for tourist development for the coming year".

The Chairman seconded.

After further discussion, a show of hands was taken when it was found that three were in favour of the amendment and four against. One member did not vote.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost, and on the original motion being put, on a show of hands, four were in favour and three against.

The Chairman declared the original motion carried.

The meeting then dealt with the figures in the General Estimate from the following tables submitted by the Secretary:-

Estimate County Services 192930.

Expenditure	1929-30	1928-29	Increase	Decrease
	£	£	£	£
Public Works	7483	4566	2917	
Salaries: Secretary's Office	1911	1902	9	
Salaries other Co. Officers:-				
Analyst: Lamplighters &c.	341	326	15	
Retiring allowances & Gratuities	339	339	-	
Cost of Rate Collection	3864	4293		429
Refunds of Irrecoverable Rates	3500	3000	500	
Franchise & Jurors Lists	1656	1693		37
Printing in connection with				
Registration Act ...	449	426	23	
Valluation ...	208	208		
Members Travelling Expenses	210	235		25
University Scholarships	700	700		
Primary Scholarships	830	755	75	
Legal Expenses	308	306	2	
Coroners and Inquests	320	286	34	
Printing & Stationery	170	170		
Postage & Office Requisites	297	275	22	
Advertising Pleasure Resorts	410	412		2
Other Advertising	395	220	175	
Contribution Co. Council General				
Council ...	20	20		
Conveyance of Prisoners	144	65	79	
Weights and Measures	60	45	15	
Food and Drugs	100	110		10
Salaries Court Officials &c.	97	97		
Rents & Expenses of Courthouses	383	370	13	
Library Scheme ...	820	412	408	
Reformatories & Industrial Schools	4590	4285	305	
Courtown Harbour £106				
Rent Old Jail £207	313	313		
Refund to Wexford Urban				
Adjustment Financial				
Relations ...	30	30		
Diseases of Animals Acts,				
Salaries, Veterinary & Sheep				
Dipping Inspectors	677	510	167	
do Other Expenses	532	695		163
Audit Fee £85:Dept Interest				
£1050	1135	1135		
Superannuation allowances -				
ex-Union Officers ...	1603	1773		170
Superannuation allowances -				
Ex-R.D. Council Officers	280	217	63	
Contingencies	750	750		
Money supplied Mental Hospital	21000	20306	694	
Agriculture & Technical Instruction	3323	3338		15
Election Expenses	-	1160		1160
TOTALS	£59248	£55743	£5516	£2011

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The meeting then considered the detailed items making up the County Surveyor's estimate for Public Works.

For the renovation, &c., of Wexford Courthouse, the County Surveyor had included a sum of £2000.

Colonel Gibbon proposed that this item be struck out and that the best arrangements with regard to the Courthouse so as not to raise the money for the repairs this year, be considered by the Council.

Mr. Roche seconded.

Passed.

This item was accordingly struck out.

In connection with proposed repair of Ferrycarrig Bridge, the County Surveyor reported that he had already called the attention of the Council to the closing of the bascule span. There was still some slight movement and the tops of the piles at the opening span were becoming fractured. By postponing its repair this would certainly become worse, if not absolutely dangerous.

Colonel Gibbon proposed and Mr. Roche seconded:-

"That the £450 for proposed work at Ferrycarrig Bridge be struck out of the estimate and, if the Council find later it is necessary to attend to same, that the amount be raised in next year's estimate."

Passed

As regards money included for dredger at Courtown Harbour it was decided that it would be struck out of the estimate at the County Council meeting unless a satisfactory assurance was received from the fishermen that they would bind themselves by legal instrument to work the dredger when necessary.

It was also decided to strike out £50 for making roadway to Carne Pier.

These reduced the County Surveyor's Estimate for Public Works by £3817.

The following items in the County Surveyor's estimate for

for Public Works were then adopted:-

Bridges:-

	£	£
Wexford - Maintenance	1 00	
Repairs	<u>50</u>	150
Ferry carrig - Maintenance		50
Deeps - Maintenance		30
Edermine - Maintenance	£25	
Repairs	<u>£50</u>	75
New Ross - Maintenance	£70	
Caretaking	£50	
Repairs	<u>£150</u>	270
Mountgarrett;-		
Maintenance	£20	
(Roadway)		
Caretaking	<u>£15</u>	35
TOTAL	...	<u>£610</u>

Bridges (Loans) -

Deeps	£278
Mountgarrett	£ 913
Waterford	£435
TOTAL	...
	<u>£1626</u>

Harbours:-

Courtown - Repairs	£50	
Improvement	<u>£375</u>	£425
Poulduff - Repairs		20
Carne - Improvement (Arrears)		200
Kilmore- Repairs	£100	
Dredging	<u>£200</u>	300
Fethard - Repairs		50
Slade - Repairs		50
Duncannon - Repairs		50
Arthurstown - Repairs		50
Ballyhack - Repairs		10
TOTAL	...	<u>£1155</u>

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Courthouses -

Enniscorthy	...	£25
Gorey	...	£25
New Ross	...	£25
General	...	£ 50
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TOTAL	...	£125
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County Buildings		£ 150
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TOTAL	...	£150
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Summary:-

<u>Bridges</u> - Ordinary Maintenance and Repairs	£610
Loans	£1626
<u>Harbours</u>	1155
<u>Courthouses</u> & Co. Buildings	275
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	£3666

Colonel Gibbon said that, with the system of road contracts extended, and modern means of locomotion, he considered they could do with one Assistant Surveyor less. In fact, to his mind, it would be more satisfactory if they had but four Assistant Surveyors - one for each County Electoral area. If it were absolutely necessary to take on drainage and harbour works an additional one could be taken on. In his opinion, six Assistant Surveyors for 2000 miles of road were absolutely uncalled for.

The County Surveyor disagreed absolutely with Colonel Gibbon. He found the present staff essential and when the Committee of the Council considered the amount of supervision done by the Assistant Surveyors, they should remember that very often for ten or twelve miles of travelling to quarries

and special works the whole day was taken up. The inspection of 2000 miles of roads would certainly mean at least travelling 4000 miles. It was absolutely wrong to believe that Assistant Surveyors had nothing to do but travel by motor all over the County.

Colonel Gibbon mentioned that, in the past, a good deal of the time of the Assistant Surveyors was spent in supervising work on trunk roads which were now put into repair and would not require much supervision.

The Chairman thought it would be better if the suggestion of Colonel Gibbon was considered when a Surveyor resigned or left the service. The Council would then have an opportunity of dealing with the entire question of road supervision.

After further discussion, Colonel Gibbon proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following:-

"That we recommend to the County Council that the staff of Assistant Surveyors be reduced by one".

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Roche, Culleton, Colonel Gibbon and the Chairman...4.

Against:-Messrs McCarthy, Walsh, Shannon and O'Byrne.....4.

The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the motion which was accordingly adopted.

All the figures of the General estimate having been gone through in detail, the only reduction made was that in postage and Office Requisites..

Mr. Roche mentioned that agenda papers to members and other stencilled matter issued from the office could be sent under half penny stamp.

The amount included for Separate Charge No.28 (part of transferred balance on Wexford Rural District Charges Account) was reduced from £2390 to £1195.

RATES IN THE £

The rate in the £ on the allocation agreed to by meeting is 8/- in the £ for General charges and Separate Charges are as follows:-

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No.	Name of Charge	Area	Rate in £
4	Repayment Arklow Harbour Loan	Barony of Gorey	1½d
20	Expenses, Labourers' Acts	Enniscorthy R.D.	5½d
21	Expenses Labourers' Acts	Gorey R. D.	2½d
22	Expenses Labourers Acts	New Ross R.D.	5½d
23	Expenses Labourers Acts	Wexford R.D.	4d
25	Part of Balance transferred from Enniscorthy R.D.Charges Account	Enniscorthy R.D.	3½d
28	Part of Balance transferred from Wexford R.D.Charges Account	Wexford R.D.	3d
1A	Expenses Public Health Acts	Enniscorthy R.D.	1½d
2A	Lighting Newtownbarry Town	Townlands of Ballinapark & Newtownbarry	5½d
4A	Post Office Act	Oulart Dispensary District	½d
5A	Sewerage	Clonroche Dispensary D.	2d
1B	Sanitary Works & Water Supply Gorey R.D.	Gorey R.D.	1½d
1-100	Public Health Acts	New Ross R.D.	½d
1D	Water Supply Rosslare	Wexford R.D.	1½d
4D	Public Health Acts	Taghmon & Glynn Dispensary D	1½d
7D	Public Health Acts	Bannow Dispensary District	½d
<u>Criminal Injury Decrees:</u>			
226	Decrees of Circuit Judge- Francis W. Bailey	Wexford Urban District.	Included via Demand on Wexford Urban Dist
227	Brigid Kirwan		
228	Thos.O'Hanlon and Vincent O'Hanlon		
229	Crim.Injury Decree Alexander Kinsella;Thos Behan,James Maher	Co.Electoral area of Gorey	¾d
230	Crim.Injury Decree:Wexford Hibernian Association Football Club	Wexford Rural & Urban District District of Wexford in equal parts	¼d (£5:1:3 £5:1:3 included in Demand on Wexford Urban Dist

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No.	Name of Charge	Area	Rate in £
231.	Crim. Injury Decree: Mrs Mary Kate M'Tamney	Electoral Divisions of Drinagh, Killinick, Killscoran, St. Helen's, Tacumshane, Lady's Island, Rosslare and Tomhaggard.	2d

KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE SCHEME.

Proposed by Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, and adopted:-

"That the County Council be recommended to raise a sum of £83: 7: 10d, drainage rate for Kilmannock District as set out in Charging Order of Office of Public Works".

Colonel Gibbon mentioned that it was most essential that the County Surveyor should consult with the drainage ratepayers of this area as to the necessary maintenance drainage work to be done and its cost. He proposed a resolution to this effect which was seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted.

RATE COLLECTION.

The state of the Rate Collection in respect of amounts collected for first moiety of Rate for financial year 1928-29 was submitted as follows:-

E. J. Murphy 99 per cent; J. J. O'Reilly 97; J. Curtis 96; J. Doyle 94; T. Rowe 94; J. Quirke 94; J. J. Sinnott 93; P. Doyle 92; A. Dunne 92; Sean Gannon 92; M. Deegan 92; P. Donohoe 89; W. Cummins 89; P. Furlong 88; P. O'Byrne 85; T. Sutton 64; M. Kelly 75; M. O'Hanlon 73; (No. 14 District - J. J. O'Reilly and J. J. Sinnott) - 61; No. 5 District (J. Quirke and P. Furlong) 52;

The amount outstanding on this moiety was £8168: 19: 9d and on second moiety £55,540: 15: 8d with £3732 arrears of previous rates.

Letters of explanation for their failure to close Collection on 31st December, 1928, as directed by the Finance Committee were read from the following Collectors:- J. Cummins; W. Cummins; J. Curtis; Deegan, Donohoe, John Doyle; Philip Doyle, A. Dunne; Sean Gannon; E. J. Murphy; J. J. O'Reilly; Quirke, Rowe and Sinnott.

The statements of the Collectors attributed the backward condition of the collection to the following :- Poor prices for live stock; derelict farms; difficulty of setting land, awaiting result of proceedings in Decrees.

The following collectors were summoned to attend the meeting with their books:- Messrs W. Cummins; Furlong; M. Kelly, O'Byrne, O'Hanlon, T. Sutton.

Collector W. Cummins thought he would be able to close his collection by the 19th February (Fair day of Enniscorthy).

Mr. O'Byrne said that they should under normal conditions have 50 per cent of second moiety collected at the moment.

Collector Furlong said he would not be able to give a closing date. He would get a good deal of money when the payments for sugar beet were available.

The Chairman said that Mr. Furlong should make a special effort to close.

Collector M. Kelly said he was owed over £100 in two instances.

Attention was directed to the amount of arrears., viz., £479 in this collector's district.

He admitted that tho! stock was grazed on a derelict farm he had never made a seizure.

The Chairman said unless Mr. Kelly made a determined effort to close his warrant the Council would be compelled to dispense with his services.

Collector P. F. O'Byrne came before the meeting.

The Chairman pointed out that Mr. O'Byrne had outstanding in arrears £591 which was the largest in any of the

c collection districts..

Collector O'Byrne said that the arrears of rate on B. Bantry Commons and derelict farms would account for £200.

Chairman - If you don't get in the rate or at least try to get it in we will not continue you in office; We can't carry on the Institutions unless the Collectors get in the rates and if you do not carry out your duty we cannot retain you in office.

In reply to Colonel Gibbon, Collector O'Byrne said he had brought nine or ten cases into Court. He was successful in some and in others he had to pay costs.

Collector O'Hanlon said that owing to the district being strange to him, as he was only recently appointed temporary collector, the work in connection with Voters & Jurors and the Small Dwellings Acts, the rate collection got into a backward state. Then a number of people who knew that the books of the former collector had been destroyed were surprised that the Council knew they had not paid their rates.

Chairman - When do you expect you will be able to close? We want the money and in consequence of all that is outstanding we have no money to pay our bills or finance our Institutions. If we can't get the rates we cannot carry on.

Collector O'Hanlon said he could not give a definite date as to when he would be able to close. He was doing his best.

Chairman - You will have to do something better than your best.

Colonel Gibbon - Have you brought any one into Court ?.

Mr. O'Hanlon - No but I expect to shortly.

Collector Sutton said he had a number of derelict farms in his district. All outstanding items were in the hands of his Solicitor. He expected that he would be able to collect only 91 per cent of his warrant; the balance was irrecoverable. He had about £300 of the second moiety collected.

Chairman - You must make a great effort to get in all the money within the next fortnight.

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Under date 25th January, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote as follows (G.5530/1929 Wexford County) relative to proposed appointment of Rate Collectors for Districts Nos. 5 and 14.:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant forwarding resolution adopted by the Wexford County Council at their meeting on the 14th instant relative to the appointment of rate collectors for Nos. 5 and 14 District and

I am to state that while the Minister regrets that the Council have not taken the opportunity of reducing the number of collecting districts he is not prepared to raise any objection to their proposal to appoint new collectors for Districts Nos. 5 and 14.

"In addition to the terms of remuneration and security required the advertisement should specify a suitable standard of general education and should indicate that preference will be given to any candidate otherwise suitably qualified with a knowledge of Irish. Appropriate age limits should be mentioned..

"A draft of the advertisement should be submitted for consideration before issue".

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That age limits for Rate Collectors to be appointed for Nos 5 and 14 Districts be fixed at from 21 to 45." "That we point out to the Minister for Local Government that the qualifying examination for the positions covers the following subjects:- Irish, English and Arithmetic".

EX-RATE COLLECTOR McCARTHY.

The following under date 25th January, 1929, (G.5531/1929 Fa Wexford Co.) 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 22nd instant relating to the claim of ex-Collector C. McCarthy for compensation on resignation and I am to state that Mr. C. McCarthy

was removed from Office for his failure to adequately discharge the duties of his Office as Rate Collector. Section 44(3) of the Local Government Act, 1925, accordingly does not apply and the Minister could not consent to any proposal to grant Mr. McCarthy a gratuity".

Mr. John Joyce, Butlerstown, Broadway, applied for refund of rates paid on wireless station and houses at Carne since the date they became vacant.

Referred to Mr. Furlong, Rate Collector for the district, for his observations.

In connection with ratings Nos. 82 £1: 3: 3d; 84 £3: 0: 4d; 33 £3: 10: 5d; 109 £6: 8: 10 and No. 220 £1: 8: 6d in Killinick E.D., for Rate 1927-28 letter was read from Messrs Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey, Solicitors, that the Reps. of Martin Kehoe, the rated occupier had paid the amounts to Mr. C. McCarthy and they would defend any proceedings which might be taken for their recovery.

Under date 22nd January, 1929, Mr. C. McCarthy, Senior, wrote, that he met Mrs Kehoe by appointment in the offices of the Solicitors mentioned. He gave her to understand that without the production of a receipt from his son he could not possibly pay the money but that he would write to his son and if it had been paid he would remit the amount to her or to the Secretary of the County Council.

Mr. McCarthy, Senior, came before the meeting and said that a brother of Mrs Kehoe stated he was present when the money was paid to his son when some conversation about the sale of a pillion for a motor cycle took place. He had written to his son mentioning this incident and if his son definitely stated the money had been paid he would be responsible for it. He might have a letter in a week's time.

It was decided that consideration of the matter be adjourned to next meeting.

Mr. McCarthy also mentioned that tho' both of his sons

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had been working as Rate Collectors for the Council they had not been paid any poundage since January twelve months.

Chairman - We will pay the moment we receive the sanction of the Local Government Department.

MESSRS MOLONEY AND HAWKINS: TEMPORARY CLERKS.

The Local Government Department forwarded letter received from Mr. Henderson, Secretary Local Government Officials Union asking Minister to sanction Messrs Moloney and Hawkins as permanent Officials in accordance with resolution passed by County Council.

Mr. Henderson's letter stated that his Committee had carefully considered the number and duties of the clerical staff, and, even with the possible return of Mr. Richards, Taxation Officer to his former duties, the essential work of the County Council could not be carried out with a smaller clerical staff.

The operation of the Local Government Rates on Small Dwellings Act 1928 was certain to increase the duties of clerical staff.

Mr. Walsh stated he considered this was a matter which should be dealt with by Local Government Department as the Co. Council had already given their decision in the matter. He proposed that the Local Government Department's attention be called to the resolution adopted by County Council on this matter on 11th June, 1928.

This was seconded by Mr. O'Byrne.

Passed.

The Secretary stated he submitted the following Scheme of permanent staff organisation to Local Government Department:-

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Service

Appointed Co.
Accountant in
1911.

T. A. Frizelle - Assistant Secretary and Accountant

Appointed
Clerical
Officer 1899

C. H. Richards - Local Taxation Officer

Appointed
Clerical
Officer 1911

J. H. Cadogan - To act as 1st Clerk and Clerk
in charge of Rates Department.

Temporary
Official for
six years

J. Moloney - Clerk in Accountant's Office.

Temporary
Official for
five years

P. Hawkins - To act as Abstracting Clerk in
Rates Department.

Appointed
Clerical
Officer in
1920

S. Hayes - To keep Road Books and Forms 22;
fill fortnightly Paying Orders,
Treasurer's Advice Notes &c.

Transferred
from R.D.
Council to
County Council

J. J. Fanning - Do do do do and
also superintend temporary staff
engaged in writing up Rate Books
and Rate Collectors' Receipt and
Demand Notes.

Appointed
1923

Miss M. Frizelle - Shorthand-Typist.

Approved on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr.
McCarthy.

SOW DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Under date 23rd January, 1929, the Secretary, Office of
Public Works wrote (195/29) as follows:-

"With reference to previous correspondence, we forward
herewith one sealed and certified copy of our Charging Order
in connection with the expenses incurred in the restoration of
the above named district under the Drainage Maintenance Act 1924,
together with a map of the district showing the improved lands
coloured green, the drainage works marked in red, and the boundar-
ies of the holdings, numbered to correspond with those set forth in
column 2 of the Schedule attached to the Order. A copy of the

Final Award dated 26th April, 1853, is enclosed, Schedule "B" of which sets forth the drainage works to be maintained by the County Council. The names as given in the Schedule of the Charging Order are those of the occupiers of the various holdings. The amounts payable by them in repayment of the cost of the works by half-yearly instalments etc., are shown therein. It is to be understood that the names are those of the occupiers in each case, and where the proprietor is not also the occupier (See sec.7 (2) of the Act), the amount due is collectable by the County Council from the occupier, who, in turn may recover the amount from the proprietor by deducting it from the rent payable by him..

"As you will observe the first instalment becomes due and payable by the proprietors or occupiers to the County Council on the 1st March next and by the County Council to us on the 1st May following.

"It is important that the Council should arrange for the collection of the charges without delay as the instalment payable to us is subject to poundage at the rate of 1/- in the £ if the amount be not paid within 31 days of the gale day. This is a statutory charge and in no circumstances can poundage be remitted.

"The obligation on the County Council to pay the rent-charge to us is quite independent and separate from the obligation of the drainage ratepayers to pay ~~to~~ the County Council.

"The Secretary to the Trustees is Mr. John Murphy, Coolanickbeg, Cylegate, Enniscorthy, and you should communicate with him and arrange for the transfer of the books etc., of the Trustees to the County Council.

"We are having the Charging Order printed and a copy will be forwarded to you later. Further copies will be supplied if required at a charge of 1/9d each.

"We shall be obliged if you will kindly acknowledge the receipt of the enclosures to this letter."

The Secretary stated that in view of the resolution of

the County Council declining to take over this drainage system hee had submitted the correspondence to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, who wrote as follows under date 24th January, 1929:-

"I am in receipt of yours of to-day's date enclosing letter No. 195/29 from the Office of Public Works enclosing Sealed and certified Charging Order and copy of the Final Award of the 26th April, 1853 dealing with the above Drainage District.

"I note from the letter that the Board of Works ask that the first instalment amounting to £131: 12: 2d due on the 1st March next should be paid to the Board of Works on the 1st May following and that they further point out that if the Charge is not then paid it will be subject to a poundage of 1/- in the £ if the amount be not paid within 31 days of the due day.

"I have looked into this matter and cannot see out of what funds the County Council could pay this ²Drainage Charge by the 1st May next, as in their Estimate for last year they have not included this demand, nor made any provision when they struck the Rate, for this payment, and the Council cannot collect the rate from the parties named in the Charging Order until they have struck same and issued Demand Notes for it.

"This Demand should be included in the Estimate for the Rate which the Council is now about to strike. The first date on which they would have funds in hands to meet the claim would be, when the rate for the half year ending the 30th Sept., next is received, as this is the first fund out of which they could possibly make a payment. This being so, I do not think that the Council should pay the instalment demanded at the present time without going further into the matter and explaining the position to the office of Public Works"

Colongl Gibbon referring to a statement made by one of the Trustees at last meeting of the County Council that he had written a letter to the Office of Public Works which had been quoted by Mr. Burke, Parliamentary Secretary, to a deputation

from the Trustees , said he had never written any letter to any official of the Department either officially or unofficially nor did he have any personal communication with any official of the Department in connection with the Sow ~~Brink~~ Drainage Area except when acting on the deputation to the Office of Public Works about a year ago and at which the Trustees for the Sow Drainage area were in attendance. .

After discussion the following resolutions were adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"That Mr. Seumas Burke, Parliamentary Secretary, Office of Public Works, be requested to receive the following deputation in connection with Sow Drainage District, in the forenoon of Thursday, 14th instant:- Colonel Gibbon, Messrs M. Jordan, T.D., R. Corish, T.D., and John J. Culleton, County Councillors, with two representatives appointed by the Trustees of the Drainage District! That the County Surveyor accompany the deputation".

"That, in view of the attitude of the Council as regards the taking over of this system, we direct our Secretary not to ask for any books or records in relation thereto until he be instructed to do so by the Council."

BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER.

Under date 14th January, 1929 the following letter (No. L2414-28) was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"With reference to the Department's letter of the 3rd Sept. last, and previous correspondence relative to the question of the revision of the rates of remuneration of your Local Authority's Veterinary Inspectors for duties under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order, I have to enquire whether the matter has since been further reconsidered by your Local Authority as was evidently intended, having regard to the decision of the Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction at their meeting held on the 3rd September

"In connection with the matter, I have to append the following particulars indicating the number of cases recorded here as having

been dealt with by the individual Inspectors during the nine months ended the 31st ultimo, and to state that the Department will be glad to be favoured at an early date with the views of your Local Authority in regard to the proposed re-adjustment of remuneration:-

<u>Inspector</u>	<u>No. of cases dealt with.</u>
Mr. Taylor	25 cases
" Lynch	12 "
" Hayes	10 "
" Malone	9 "
" Mernagh	Nil. "

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Shamon, seconded by the Chairman and adopted:-

"That the Finance Committee will be glad to receive from the Department their views as to the fixing of remuneration of Veterinary Surgeons under Bovine Tuberculosis Order".

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE OF SALARY - CORONER, SOUTH WEXFORD.

In connection with his application for increase of salary, consideration of which was adjourned from last meeting, Mr. J. J. Roche, Coroner, South Wexford, wrote, under date 30th January, 1929, that since the Coroners Act 1927, came into force, his work had increased about 250 per cent over 1927 and almost 400 per cent ~~more~~ over 1926. As very little discretion was left to Coroners under this Act, his work was more likely to increase rather than diminish. Since his appointment as deputy Coroner, some 19 years ago, he had travelled many miles in the service of the Council and never received one farthing towards such expenses, while, during a long illness in 1926, he had paid a Deputy from his own pocket. In another County a Coroner, with far less work to do, had his salary increased from £100 to £200 per year. The Street sweepers of Wexford had £130 per year and were supplied free with boots, etc., while the Coroner

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for South Wexford had £100 per year and had to pay all the enormous expenses connected with his office, out of his own pocket, including those of a Deputy.

From a return submitted by Mr. Roche, eight inquests were held in 1925, which would work out at £12: 10/- per inquest. In 1926, seven inquests were held, working out at £14: 5: 8 per inquest. In 1927, eleven inquests were held, working out at £29: 1: 10 per inquest; while in 1928, 27 inquests were held, working out at £3: 14: 0d per inquest.

Mr. Culleton proposed and Mr. Roche seconded:-

"That no alteration be made in the salary of the Coroner for South Wexford".

Passed.

APPLICATION FOR REFERENCE FROM EX-RATE COLLECTOR.

Under date 21st January, 1929, Mr. John J. Kelly, ex-Rate Collector, Sunnybank, Camolin, asked for a reference in connection with his employment as Rate Collector.

It was decided that Mr. Kelly should receive a reference in the following terms:-

"Mr. John J. Kelly, Sunnybank, Camolin, was appointed Rate Collector to the Wexford County Council on the 15th January, 1921. He discharged his duties with satisfaction for a number of years, but for the last two financial periods, as he did not collect the rates to the satisfaction of the Finance Committee, his services were dispensed with".

NEW BUILDINGS LIST.

Application of John O'Gorman, Poulpeasty, Taghmon, in respect of new house for insertion on New Buildings List, was agreed to, a report having been received from Mr. Sutton, Rate Collector for the District, that the house in question was a new two-storey dwelling containing eight rooms.

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DE-RATING OF AGRICULTURAL LAND.

The Chairman initiated a discussion, in view of the meeting of the County Council's General Council, on 1st February, 1929, relative to the de-rating of Agricultural Land.

Various members expressed their individual opinions for and against but no resolution was adopted.

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Fire in County Surveyor's Office.

In reply to a query, the County Surveyor stated he had been in communication with the Ministry concerned, relative to the men, whose cards had been burned, being paid the benefits to which they were entitled. The last thing he asked them was to have his certificate as to the destruction of the cards recognised at the local Employment Exchange so that they could deal with the men affected. He had not had a reply to this suggestion. However, he believed that the matter would be dealt with in a few days.

Kilmannock Drainage Scheme.

Under date, 9th February, 1929, the following report was read from the County Surveyor:-

As directed by the Finance Committee at the meeting held on the 31st ultimo, I visited Kilmannock and made inspection of the drainage area on the 6th instant. Present with me were Mr N J Murphy and Mr O'Neill, parties interested, and Mr O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, was also present. At the lower reach of the Drainage area several other men met me. It was pointed out to me that, when the farms were bought out, a sum of £400 of the purchase money was ear-marked for the purpose of maintaining the embankment and the sluices, and that this sum is in the hands of Trustees and is invested. It is stated that no expenditure has been made since 1920 so that there must be an accumulation of funds for the maintenance of the embankment. At the present time, I believe the embankment is all right except in the corner near the sluices where some small repairs should be carried out. The sluices are apparently now in good condition, having been made good by the Board of Works as part of the expenditure charged against the local owners, and this is stated to be unfair as there were funds otherwise provided for the work. The local people maintain that the £1100 expended was not an economic proposition as the work could have been done for a considerably smaller amount.

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The area is at present in a fairly good condition but the upper reach from the embankment at the road to the Railway embankment will require to have some maintenance work carried out during the coming Summer. The Railway Company objected to the Board of Works deepening the channel under the culvert as they were afraid of their bridge foundations being undermined, and I am informed that they undertook to do the work themselves, but nothing has been done. I understand that the Trustees of the £400 above-mentioned have not appointed any Caretaker, and this I consider a default. There is a land-owner (William Doherty) adjoining the sluices who pays a high drainage rate for a small holding, and I believe would be a suitable person to put in charge. The County Council should consider whether it be possible to have a member of the Council added to the names of the Trustees of the invested Funds as any neglect on the part of the Trustees may endanger the whole drainage area.

I estimate that an expenditure, during the coming Summer, of £220 would clear the weeds out of the drains and leave the whole in fair condition.

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

"That, in connection with the Trust Fund of £400 for repair of the Embankment of Kilmannock Drainage Area, the Land Commission and the Office of Public Works be requested to state if this amount should be paid over to the Wexford County Council or the amount of annual interest only, as the Kilmannock Drainage System has been handed over to the Council under the Drainage Maintenance Acts, 1866 and 1894".

Mr Murphy gave notice of motion to consider appointment of Caretaker for Kilmannock Drainage Scheme at next meeting of the Council.

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

"That a sum of £20, as recommended in report of County Surveyor, for the maintenance of drains, etc., at Kilmannock Drainage System, be included in amount of Drainage Rate to be levied off the Drainage Ratepayers of the District".

Appointment of Rate Collectors.

It was decided that the Finance Committee should consider the standard of the examination for the position of Rate Collectors.

Mr Mayler proposed and Mr Colfer seconded the following:-

"That age limit for new Rate Collectors for Nos. 5 and 14 Districts be fixed at from 20 to 40".

The Secretary pointed out that no person could be appointed Rate Collector who was under 21 years of age.

After discussion, a resolution to confirm the recommendation of the Finance Committee as to age limit was proposed by Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Roche, and adopted, Mr Mayler dissenting.

It was also decided that the Local Government Department be requested to allow the Council to make a payment (on account) of poundage fees to Messrs C McCarthy and M McCarthy, former Rate Collectors for No 5 District.

Now Drainage Scheme.

The following, under date 8th February, 1929, (2158/29), was read from the Office of Public Works:-

If we understand rightly the provisions of the Drainage Maintenance Act, 1924, the County Council has no power to refuse to take over the Drainage District, but as to this point, if in doubt, they will probably wish to consult the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

A copy of the original Award was sent to the Council on the 23rd ultimo, and we regret we have no copy of the original cross-sections.

As regards the deputation wishing to see the Parliamentary

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Secretary, we enclose for your information a copy of a communication forwarded to Deputy Jordan, relative to the points raised by a former deputation received by Mr Burke in December last. We doubt if any good will accrue from the Parliamentary Secretary seeing another deputation, at any rate unless they explain the particular point they wish to see him about and it turns out to be a new one.

The complaints of the drainage ratepayers have been fully investigated and we are satisfied that they are without foundation.

Copy letter to Mr M Jordan, T.D., was dated 8th February, 1929, No. 383/29. It was as follows:-

' You brought a deputation to see the Parliamentary Secretary Mr Seamus Burke, T.D., on this subject on 5th December, 1928. The deputation desired that further rock-cutting should be carried out in the district, in addition to the work of restoration which has been completed. Mr Burke pointed out that such additional work, if done at all, would have to be done as a new scheme under the Arterial Drainage Act, 1925, and he promised to obtain an estimate of the cost and a report on the proposal. Accordingly, our Chief Drainage Engineer has made an estimate for some extra sinking and side dressing of the Sow above and below Kilmallock Bridge. From his report it appears that it will be possible to make within any reasonable cost a relatively small improvement only along this section of the district. To excavate about 1 to 1½ feet deeper through the rock at Kilmallock Bridge and grade evenly above and below it involves work for about two miles along the Sow, that is, for roughly ¾ mile below and 1¼ miles above the bridge. This work would cost about £1,200 and would probably, if carried out, disappoint the ratepayers along this section. Others less directly interested would ~~not~~ no doubt criticise it as a waste of

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money. The alterations would make little or no real improvement along the very low lands near the upper end of the system where not only is the channel bottom of running and unsatisfactory material liable to silt but it is at the mercy of the rapid discharge from the much steeper reach of the district where it begins at Ballaghkeene Village. The fact is that floods will not be readily drawn from these low lands till a much quicker continuous fall can be got for at least $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 miles below them, the present average inclination being inadequate for efficient drainage on so small a river as the Sow. It would appear that the original main river excavation must have been largely based on, and limited by, the presence of the rock in the Kilmallock area, just as the existence of that rock modified the depths we aimed at when planning our restoration works.

If a new district were made and all the softer parts of the channel were machined out considerably deeper than they are now in order to reduce permanently the water levels along the very low lands it would, we are advised, still be essential to lower the rock bottom to suit at and below Kilmallock Bridge in order to induce a more rapid flow for floods in the outfall.

We should therefore deprecate any proposal to carry out the proposed works under the Act of 1925; but of course if a petition for them is sent to the County Council and transmitted by that body to us it will receive due consideration."

In connection with the letter of Mr Elgee, Solicitor, as to the payment of first instalment of loan to the Office of Public Works in view of the time at which the Rate would be raised, the following under date 31st January, 1929, (1564/29) was read from the Office of Public Works:-

We beg to inform you that, in the case of the Kilmannock Drainage District, the first instalment became due on the 1st May following the date of the issue of the Charging Order and was paid on the 31st of that month. Presumably there should

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be no difficulty in the Council adopting a similar course in this case.

The following, under date 16th January, 1929, was read from Colonel Gibbon:-

I have never written, to my knowledge, a letter, either officially or unofficially, to the Public Works Department, in connection with the Sow Drainage Works. The only conversation I have had with the Public Works Officials was when the Deputation was received about a year ago and at which Representatives of the Sow Drainage Area were represented. I shall be glad if you will kindly endeavour to obtain a copy of the letter which was said to be written by me.

Mr Jordan said he was very sorry he was not present when the deputation from the Sow District attended, as he could have pointed out that what they saw was a copy of the Minutes of a County Council meeting and they took these to have been a letter from Colonel Gibbon. They gathered from the statement that Colonel Gibbon considered the job had been a good one.

Miss O'Ryan said there seemed to be an idea among the Sow Drainage Ratepayers that the Council would let them down.

Colonel Gibbon said there were two points in the question about the Sow Drainage, one regarding the depth of the main drain, and the other the cleaning of the side drains. As regards the main drain, he never said whether the job was a good job or a bad one, but he did say that was a question of fact which could be settled by the County Surveyor taking the necessary levels and, when he had reported, they could ascertain how far the contention, as regards the views put forward by the deputation, had been borne out. So far, the County Surveyor had taken some levels; others, owing to flooding, he had not been able to take. He (Colonel Gibbon) never expressed any opinion one way or the other regarding the main drain. The question of the side drains was one of whether they formed

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portion of the drainage area or were private property of the landlord. A third question was that the Public Works Department finished cleaning the drain three years ago and he suggested that new cleaning be done. As regards his making a statement that the work was satisfactory, on the occasion of the deputation to the Office of Public Works and subsequently, he expressed the opinion that the work was not satisfactory and that the results were not satisfactory. As regards the inspection of the drain, he was the only one who went down through the flooded area. The County Surveyor and the Secretary could bear out that statement. He walked every yard of the flooded area. He strongly supported the case of the people of the drainage area against the Public Works Department, and pointed out that the job was not a good one. He never changed his opinion.

Mr Jordan, referring to the letter addressed to him from the Office of Public Works, said he did not agree with the statement that any work to be done must be carried out under the 1925 Act. He held that any work to be done would be only a continuation of the original work. It seemed to him that the whole difficulty arose over the meaning of the statement "restoring the drainage area to its original state". For some reason the Office of Public Works have not produced the original plans, which were very important and could not be found. They had other records, ^{to show} they contended that they had restored the place to its original state. He disagreed with that contention and one farmer told him that he had picked potatoes on the bank of the river where rushes six feet high were now growing. They also stated that the new work would cost £1,200, which he presumed they based on the amount they already spent which, in his opinion, was money squandered.

The Chairman said they would adhere to their decision not to take over this or any other drainage system in which

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the work carried out by the Board of Works had failed to satisfy the local people.

At a later stage in the meeting, Colonel Gibbon quoted from the Minutes of the County Council and, at the conclusion of his remarks, the Chairman said he considered that the whole matter had been cleared up.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee, in respect of Meeting of 31st January, 1929, with the exception of recommendations as to adoption of rate, postponed to next meeting, be and are hereby confirmed."

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DEPUTATION FROM ROAD WORKERS.

The Council decided to hear a deputation from Road Workers after the adjournment.

Previous to resuming, one of the Councillors, Mr D'Arcy, was roughly handled by some members of a collection of about 200 workers who assembled outside the Council Chamber. As the result of the intervention of the members of the deputation and of some of the other workers in the crowd, Mr D'Arcy succeeded in reaching the Council Chamber.

The incident aroused great excitement amongst the workers, and matters looked rather ugly for a time, but following the appeal of Labour members of the Council- Messrs Corish, Shannon, Cooney, and Hayes,- the excitement abated, and other Farmer members were allowed to proceed to the Council Chamber without molestation.

Mr Hayes said that he and other members of the Labour Party were very sorry that Mr D'Arcy had been assaulted and he assured him that the Labour Members did not wish the incident to take place.

Mr D'Arcy said that he did not blame the Labour Members of the Council for what had happened. He quite understood that, where they had a number of men such as had congregated outside, it was very hard to control them.

Mr Shannon said that no ~~more~~ one was more sorry than he was on account of the attack on Mr D'Arcy. Unfortunately, he was not present when the attack took place; if he had been there, he thought he could have averted it.

Mr Cooney said he felt very sorry that any member of the Council should be attacked coming there as a member of the Council. Of course, there were a few hotheads in every crowd that could not be controlled. Of course, Mr D'Arcy would not blame the majority of Labour.

Mr D'Arcy- Not at all.

Mr Cooney said they had to admit that Mr D'Arcy was fighting for his principles as the Labour members were fighting for theirs.

Mr O'Byrne also expressed regret for the attack on Mr D'Arcy.

The following deputation came before the meeting:-

Messrs Francis Purcell (Head Office, Transport Union), P J Fanning, Cullenogue, Gorey, William Boggan, Whiterock, Wexford, Andrew Cleary, Enniscorthy District, Peter Byrne, Camolin, Patrick Lawlor, do.

Mr Purcell said that the deputation had attended on behalf of some 400 roadmen who were about to lose their employment through the reversion from the direct labour system to the contract system. He wished to express their sincere regret for the unfortunate incident that had occurred. The Deputation and himself wished to disassociate themselves entirely from anything in the nature of violence. They were present in order to place their case before the meeting from two aspects. One was the economic aspect. The proposal to revert to the contract system was not, in the opinion of the workers, going to save the ratepayers. It was questionable if the cost of maintenance would be any cheaper but, even if it were, the saving would be offset by the fact that many of the men would sooner or later become a burden on the ratepayers through having to get Home Help. Secondly, it was the feeling of the workers concerned that the step that had been taken by the Council was not so much actuated by the desire to carry out their pledge to the ratepayers in regard to keeping costs low as it was an act of vindictiveness towards the workers, and it would be a pity if that feeling should prevail among a large section of the workers in County Wexford. There was no doubt about it, the men who were going to be disemployed would suffer tremendous hardship. They wanted the Council to consider the humanitarian aspect of the matter. They wanted them to look into the fact that probably a thousand souls would suffer severe hardship and, when that was considered, and in the light of the fact that they were going to gain nothing for the ratepayers, the workers believed that, in the name of all that was good in human nature, the Council should, even at that eleventh hour, draw back and not revert to the contract system. The workers were in a very indignant mood and, of course, that was quite natural. He was sure, if the members

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were in the position of a road worker who was going to lose his employment and have his children hungry, they would feel indignant too.

Mr P J Fanning, on behalf of the Gorey road workers and the Tara Hill carters, submitted the following resolution, which had been adopted at a meeting, held in Tara Hill on 8th February, 1929, on the proposition of Mr Michael Kavanagh, seconded by Mr James ~~Hugh~~ Hughes:-

"That this meeting of the carters of Tara Hill Quarry protest against the action of the County Council in going back to the system of maintaining the roads by contract, a system that was long ago conclusively proved to be destructive to proper road maintenance, and a system that will furthermore entail the dismissal of the road workers who have, during the past five years, under the system of direct labour, brought the County roads into their present improved condition. We protest against the action of the County Council as being equally detrimental to the interests of the ratepayers and the comfort and convenience of the users of the roads, as well as inevitably creating further unemployment and consequent destitution throughout the country, destitution that will mean an additional burden on the rates".

Continuing, Mr Fanning said that, five or six years ago, the Council, recognising the then existing acute unemployment and destitution, as the result probably of war and revolution, adopted direct labour, and it was a great surprise to everyone when, without ^{any} notice whatever, they again reverted to the contract system. There was no mention of the proposed change when the elections were being held some months ago, and it really amounted to a breach of confidence to spring such a surprise on the unfortunate road workers. The assault on Mr D'Arcy was very regrettable but they could understand that as the men were losing their employment they were very sore. Their living was being taken from them and they had nothing to depend on but the work

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of their hands. Mr D'Arcy knew many of the men in the Gorey and Tara Hill districts and he knew there was not a single farmer to give them a day's work when they were discharged. What way would those members who had large families feel if they had to go home to their wives and say they were deprived of the last shilling they had. That was really happening to the men. For the past five or six years there was not the slightest intimation from any councillor that they were going to revert to the contract system, or deprive the road workers of their means of livelihood - in fact all their discussions were directed to the maintenance of the roads by the direct labour system. He thought in all fairness they would all have to agree that the roads had vastly improved. The Council had not reverted to the contract system on the score of saving. They had agreed to the same estimate as last year for the direct labour system, so they were not going to save a farthing. Some of the members had put forward the contention that the carters would not lose anything by the contract system. He, as a carter himself, denied this. Mr Fanning, having given an example to prove that, under the new system, a carter would have practically nothing for his labour and would have to wait for months for his money, went on to ask what was to happen the 500 men who were to be disemployed as it was not possible for them to secure work on the land. What then would they do with these men? It was a more serious matter than they thought. Were they going to turn them out to starve? Some one said they would get the dole, but how long would that keep them? He did not think there was much dole coming to them. He thought the question was one for the Council. After all, they were the custodians of the people, and had not only to spend the rates, but to see that the people were not stricken with famine, and those men would certainly be stricken with famine if, as proposed, the Council refused to continue them in employment. Members of the Council were farmers. He was a farmer himself, and had always supported the farmers and

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had often exchanged blows with the Transport Union, but he was glad to be on the platform with the Union that day to plead for these men. He asked the Council with all the earnestness he could command not to dismiss the poor men. If they did, they would be sorry.

Mr Boggan said the contract system, under which he had worked as a boy, had failed but he hoped those on the opposite benches to the Labour Party in the Council would be prepared to admit that even with abnormal traffic the roads had improved under direct labour. The previous failure of the contract system would be repeated and the roads would go down as no small farmer could afford to pay labour and maintain the roads with present day traffic for the amount of money allowed. The roads could not be properly maintained under the reduced estimate of the County Surveyor and contractors would not be able to do the work. He appealed to the members of the Council to take into consideration the most needy class. Under the direct labour system a considerable number of small farmers got almost half the money for haulage. Now the Council were going to give all the money to the small farmers, and the man who had no means of hauling or of taking contracts was going to be placed on the side of the road with his wife and family, to live for a week on 6/- provided by the rate-payers for one day's work in the County Hospital. He hoped for a little more unity between farmers and labourers eventually, and that they would try to do their best in the interests of the labourers and farmers. He knew small farmers who were not in a satisfactory position, but at the same time an unfortunate worker was in a worse position. With regard to anything that had happened that day, he did his best to prevent it but, if any member of the Council had a loaf on the table, and some one came and grabbed it from his wife and children, he would be very sore, and the men outside thought the majority of the County Council were trying to steal the loaf off their table, which they got by long

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agitation and fighting. He hoped the members of the Council would do their best in the interests of the people of the County and, in doing that, they should not forget the unfortunate worker who had nothing but his two hands with which to earn a living.

Mr Lawlor, who had worked as a carter on the roads, said there were two roads in the Gorey district, to which he had drawn stones during the last three or four years. He could have tendered for those roads and had as good a chance of getting them as McDonald, the man who had got them, but he thought twice on the matter. There was a man who was employed on the roads since direct labour started, and he had nine children. He suggested that it would not look well to see another man taking those two roads from one who, after three months, was finished with the dole. Where was that man going to get work when the three months' dole was over? The eldest of his nine children was aged about ten, and he (Mr Lawlor) did not want to be the man to walk in and take the bread out of his mouth. He believed that it was not the labouring class the Council should strike at. It was the bosses of the country they should strike at, and the farmers of the county and of every county would be quite capable of striking at the bosses, and providing a means of livelihood for themselves and the labourers if they got the labourers/behind them but, surely, with the step they had taken they ^{were} ~~would~~ not going to bring this about

Mr Lawlor then referred at length to the necessity for farmers and labourers to combine to combat the middlemen who were not dealing fairly in the purchase of farm produce and stock.

Mr Purcell said they all realised that the present was a time of frightful economic stress for farmers and workers and, if they could not help each other, they should try to avoid doing their "^{damnedest} ~~damnedness~~" against each other. They should not inflict the misery that unemployment would involve.

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The deputation then withdrew, Messrs Purcell and Fanning thanking the Council for receiving them.

A long discussion then ensued relative to a notice of motion handed in by Mr Shannon to rescind the resolution of the Council reverting to the contract system and to the fact that the motion to revert to this system had not been made through a notice of motion.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor, stated that, when these motions arose, he had given it as his opinion that, according to the Public Bodies Order, it was unnecessary to move the resolution reverting to the contract system on notice of motion. Regarding the notice of motion of Mr Shannon to upset the decision of the Council reverting to the contract system, Mr Elgee held that, as this was not handed in until after the Council had finally confirmed the Road Works Scheme for the year, it was not in order.

Colonel Gibbon said he understood that a certain amount of direct labour would be continued in the quarries and on the trunk and first-class roads. He would like to know what proportion of the direct labour was being dispensed with. As some contracts had not been given out, he presumed the work on these roads would be done by direct labour. He also desired to know the saving that would be effected through the tenders that were accepted in Gorey district.

The County Surveyor said in regard to trunk roads and quarries about 30 per cent would represent employment. He had not gone into the figures and spoke offhand. The county roads were to be done by contract. One half of the roads offered for contract in Gorey were accepted and it was agreed that new tenders be asked for the numbers which were not tendered for, and there might possibly be more forthcoming. The price quoted was in most cases about that allowed. In a few cases, the price was cut - not more than 10 per cent. To do the roads that were not tendered for by direct labour would be difficult because they

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were isolated.

Mr Cooney.- How many men will be unemployed?

County Surveyor.- Three hundred and fifty, I suppose.

Mr Cooney.- Men with families.

Miss O'Ryan, who said that small farmers, big farmers and labourers were alike to her as long as they were good Irishmen and had the necessaries of life, asked for information on certain points, as she gathered from the County Surveyor's statement that all the men stated would be ~~through~~ thrown out of employment would not be unemployed, that some would be absorbed on the main and trunk roads.

The County Surveyor stated that £1902:10:0 was allocated for the roads in Gorey district for which tenders were accepted, and the amount of the tenders was £1827:18:1, a reduction of £74 odd.

Mr Corish asked if there was any member of the Council who could put up a defence for the contract system after the views they had heard from the deputation.

Mr Roche said the reason he brought forward the question of the contract system was that some people in his own locality, very poor men who had been road contractors, had ^{the roads} ~~rights~~ taken from them without any compensation whatever. They had no dole or any other means of livelihood and these men had made a very strong case to get back the roads. They had not enough land to live out of and could not work for anybody else. Since they had lost the roads, they were practically starving. It should be ^{remembered} ~~mentioned~~ that he mentioned ~~that~~ only third and fourth class roads in his proposal to revert to the contract system and said nothing about trunk or main roads.

Mr Hayes asked if some of the former road contractors in Mr F Roche's district did not secure haulage.

Mr Roche replied that some of them did and some of them did not.

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Mr Corish.- Did Mr Roche think that the proposal he made would have such a serious effect on the men who were employed? They had the figures of the County Surveyor.

Mr Roche.- I cannot understand Mr Barry's figures because I cannot say whether all the men are put out of employment.

Mr Cooney.- He told us before it was cheaper to go on with the contract system than with direct labour and now he has abandoned that argument.

Chairman.- He never mentioned anything about the price at all.

Mr Cooney said the man who told him that the small farmer was going to be left without bread and butter was making a mistake, whereas the reversion to the contract system would mean throwing 350 men who had no other means of earning a livelihood out of employment. Where were the farmers who would employ them? There would be no saving as these men would have to be provided with home assistance or in the County Home which would cost a great deal more than they would earn on the roads.

Mr Keegan said he did not believe the contract system would do any good but the direct labour system as it existed required amendment so that every man, whether belonging to the Farmers' or the Labour Union would get an equal share.

Miss O'Ryan said she did not think her colleagues would have supported the contract system if they were aware so many men would be thrown out of employment and advocated that preference would be given to road workers for roads untendered for.

Mr O'Byrne appealed to the Council to reconsider their decision and to continue the system of direct labour which had improved the roads and brought the administration of the County to a high standard which was being adopted by other counties. There was no chance of the money allowed for contracts being exceeded by the direct labour system.

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Chairman.- Will you get the same amount of work done?

Mr O'Byrne.- You have always got far more done.

The County Surveyor stated that £16,000 was allocated for main roads, and £30,000 for county roads, and the amount of labour would be proportionate. Anyone passing over the roads might imagine there were more men employed on the main roads than on the by-roads. ~~Because~~ On the main roads, there was a larger concentration of men per mile. It looked as if there was a bigger proportion of the County money expended.

Colonel Gibbon said he gathered from the County Surveyor's statement that a saving of £74 was effected by the tenders accepted in Gorey or practically 4 per cent of the total amount.

County Surveyor.- One point I would like to make in connection ^{with the} ~~the~~ saving is that it takes into account that the work would be as well done as under direct labour. I say that it will not.

Mr Jordan advocated the appointment of a small Committee of the Council to go into the matter. It was evident any further discussion at that meeting would not get them much further. The demonstration of the workers that day was not in the interests of their claim and, in adopting the attitude they did, they went the wrong way towards a settlement. He did not think it was right to put the Farmers' Party into the position that they were up against labour. They did not want to be up against anybody, and a small Committee of five or six, representing every party on the Council might find a way out. He moved that a Committee be appointed.

Mr Corish seconded the proposition to which he suggested the addendum that all meetings of the Road Tenders' Committees should be suspended.

Replying to the Chairman, Mr Elgee, Solicitor, gave it as his opinion that the scheme was already settled as final and binding on the Council unless the Department might see their

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way to sanction any change which the Council might propose to make. If the Committee were to meet, he suggested that *their* decisions be immediately submitted to the Department.

Chairman.- If it is the wish of the Council, I will put the proposal to the meeting. Mr Elgee has told us his opinion. To my mind, although, it may be an unpopular statement to make everybody has been considered except the ratepayers.

Mr Corish.- I don't think so.

Chairman.- I am stating my opinion. We didn't grumble at your opinion. I am stating that every consideration has been taken with the exception of the ratepayers.

Mr O'Byrne.- I don't think that is so.

Chairman.- That's my opinion. I am saying it is not a popular one. Still I have the courage of my convictions. I have no desire to thwart the Council if it is their will to appoint the Committee, but what I have stated is conscientiously my own opinion. I don't want to cast a slur on any member of the Council in stating that that is my opinion.

Colonel Gibbon said that, by reversion to the contract system, they would have to add the amount the Public Health Board would have to provide for the support of the unemployed men. At 6/- per man, this would mean £5,000 per annum. That was a very serious question. He felt that the saving which was shown by the tenders accepted in Gorey District was not sufficient/ ^{at the moment.} He, however, did not agree with Mr Corish's suggestion that the consideration of tenders should be held up until they had a chance of seeing the result of the tenders in other places. As an amendment he moved that Mr Corish's addendum be not included in Mr Jordan's proposition.

Mr Corish.- What good purpose can be served by opening tenders that are not going to be accepted. If Mr Jordan's intention, which he believed a genuine one, was to have any

good effect, tenders should not be drawn across it. He had an idea there was a feeling in the Council for the preceding half hour to go into the question wholeheartedly and without bias in order to ease the situation. He asked Colonel Gibbon to withdraw his amendment.

Colonel Gibbon replied he voted for Mr Roche's proposition simply and solely on account of the saving it would be to the ratepayers.

Mr Corish.- Can you prove a saving?

Colonel Gibbon.- We have got in a line from Gorey.

Mr Corish.- Supposing you get the same result in Enniscorthy to-morrow, what then will be the position?

Colonel Gibbon.- If I find there is no advantage to the ratepayers in the change, I would be more inclined to allow the direct labour system to continue.

Mr Corish held that even if the tenders amounted to £200 less than the figure allowed for the roads there would not be a saving.

Mr Roche held that, when he moved his motion to revert to the contract system he was voicing the opinion of 75 per cent of the ratepayers and he believed that still.

Mr Mayler seconded Colonel Gibbon's amendment that the road tenders in the other districts be considered. It would be unfair that intending contractors and their sureties should be brought to Enniscorthy on the next day and that no meeting be held. No harm could be done by accepting the tenders as had been done in Gorey.

Mr Corish asked if Colonel Gibbon would accept the suggestion that the tenders be merely opened and no decision arrived at on them until the special Committee proposed by Mr Jordan had reported.

Colonel Gibbon.- I have no objection to that.

Mr McCarthy said that, at the Tenders Committee ^{meeting} Committee at

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at Enniscorthy on the following day, the tenders could be accepted provisionally. Contractors and their sureties would be there and if bonds were not signed to-morrow, in the event of Mr Roche's resolution reverting to the contract system remaining in force, the contractors and their sureties would have to be brought in again which would be a really absurd proceeding.

The Chairman decided to take a show of hands on Mr Jordan's proposition, and twenty voting in favour of it, he declared it carried.

Mr Cummins said he agreed with the resolution as being the only way out of the impasse, but it appeared to him that that course was most illegal, as there was no reason in summoning a body of men with tenders which would not be considered.

Chairman.- We have passed the resolution.

Mr Cummins.- I am only stating my views and I did not want to intervene earlier.

Mr Hall moved that the Committee to be appointed comprise the whole Council; he believed it was work for the whole Council.

Chairman.- The recommendations of the Committee will have to come before the Council, so I think you are quite safe with the Committee.

The following were appointed on the Committee:-

Colonel Quin, Messrs Jordan, Corish, Keegan, Murphy, Hayes, Doyle (Chairman) and Shannon (Vice-Chairman),
to meet on Thursday, 14th February, 1929, at 10.30 a.m., in the County Council Chamber, Wexford.

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GOREY TENDERS COMMITTEE.

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

"That consideration of tenders from Gorey Tenders Committee be adjourned to next meeting of the Council".

APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR FOR NO. 21 DISTRICT.

The following motion, of which he had given previous notice, was moved by Mr Murphy, seconded by Mr Colfer, and adopted:-

"That the County Council arrange for the appointment of Rate Collector for No. 21 District, fix remuneration for same, and advertise appointment when sanction has been obtained from Local Government Department".

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

"That the remuneration to be paid incoming Rate Collector for No.21 District be a poundage rate at 5d in the £, with statutory fees under Electoral Act; that age limits be from 21 to 45. And that the usual examination of candidates in English, Irish and Arithmetic, be held and appointment made at the April meeting of the Council".

The consideration of the remainder of the business, in consequence of the hour, 4.15 p.m.,- many members having to leave to catch a train,- was adjourned to next meeting.

Michael Doyle

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

M I N U T E S

SPECIAL MEETING - 25th FEBRUARY, 1929.

N N. J. FRIZELLE,
SECRETARY.

FORTVIEW,
WEXFORD.

A special meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 25th February, 1929, for the purpose of agreeing to Rate for General and Separate Charges for financial year 1929-30.

Present:- Mr. M. Doyle (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Clinee, Patrick Colfer, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, John Doran, Colonel C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, William F. Keegan, Thomas Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, M.M. Roche, James Shannon, Myles Smyth, James E. Walsh.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

THE LATE REV. M. O'RYAN, C.C. POULFUR.

The Chairman said that before the proper business of the meeting opened he regretted to say that it devolved on him to propose a vote of sympathy with one of their members, Miss O'Ryan, in the great bereavement which had fallen upon her and her family thro' the tragic and early death of her brother, Father Martin O'Ryan, C.C. Poulfur. He (Chairman) was in close touch with the deceased when he was stationed in Wexford and in Camolin and knew him to be a ripe scholar and a great Churchman; in fact as a Churchman he had few equals in the diocese of Ferns. He (Chairman) knew Father O'Ryan intimately for many years and had been on platforms with him in times gone by. Father O'Ryan had always displayed the attributes of a thorough gentleman. He (Chairman) regretted

deeply that the occasion had arisen for him to propose this vote of condolence with the O'Ryan family and especially with Miss O'Ryan, their fellow member.

Colonel Quin seconded the motion which was spoken to by Messrs O'Byrne, McCarthy, Murphy, Gibbon, the Secretary, the County Surveyor, Mr. Elgee, and was adopted in silence.

MEETING OF ROADS COMMITTEE.

It was decided on the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. Hall that the monthly meeting of the Roads' Committee should be held on 11th March at 10.30 a.m.,

RATES FOR GENERAL AND SEPARATE CHARGES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1929-30.

The Secretary stated that as directed by last meeting of the County Council he had asked the consent of the Minister for Local Government to allow the Council to agree to Rates for next financial year on 11th March, 1929. Since the Application had been made, the following Circular letter, under date 16th February (G.12465/1929 Ilgh., (F.a.)) had been received from the Department of Local Government:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has had under consideration representations made to County Councils by the General Council of County Councils to the effect that the adoption of Estimates for the forthcoming financial year should be postponed pending the report of a Committee appointed to enter into negotiations with the Executive Council of the Government for the stated purpose of exploring means to secure an increase in the Agricultural Grant. Such postponement of the adoption of Estimates beyond the 1st March next would involve the concurrence of the Minister in a departure from the requirements of the

Public Bodies Order. The Minister desires me to intimate that he strongly deprecates any delay in the steps requisite to the making of the Rate.

'Councils have already been informed that the Government will provide for the forthcoming financial year an increased Agricultural Grant on the same basis as that allowed for in the current year, namely, £1,198,022 in total amount. It should be clearly understood that this represents the maximum relief admissible from national resources under this head.

The financial embarrassments from which many Councils are being slowly extricated have been due largely to delays in past years in putting into collection the rates needed for actual current outlay. Such delays have in numerous instances involved heavy charges for overdraft interest, and expenditure wholly unproductive. Ratepayers who have not had an opportunity of paying their rates at the due time have consequently been unfairly burdened by their proportion of overdraft interest.

'Even if merits were shown for re-arrangement of liability for local services between Taxpayers and Ratepayers no prospective alteration could be made effective in the forthcoming financial year without serious delay in the preparation or alteration of Rate Books and in the issue of Warrants for Collection. Such delay would still further dislocate local finances and add to liabilities for overdraft interest even assuming that Banks would be willing to lend further and that the Minister would feel justified in sanctioning advances.

'From special attention given to the recorded and published accounts of the proceedings of County Councils the Minister feels that such unsettlement as prevails amongst ratepayers generally may in large part be ascribed to exaggerative and unbalanced statements concerning the burden of rates which are

often permitted at Councils' Meetings and which receive wide-spread publication. During the coming financial year the Minister would recommend that each Council should appoint a small responsible Committee to carefully examine the figures as to the extent of the public services of the County, and to consider in what better manner than at present the ratepayers may be familiarised with the nature of services to which they subscribe by way of rates. It is felt that if the matter be examined in some ~~detail~~ detail a more accurate public opinion can be formed than at present as to the true proportion of rates represented in the annual outgoings of farmers and other ratepayers.

There is reason to believe that less dissatisfaction would be evinced if some of those who are most vocal in their grievances were invited to examine in their personal budgets

- (a) the relative costs of the services to which they contribute as ratepayers at present as compared with, say, 1914, and
- (b) to calculate what percentage of their own expenditure is represented by Rates.

The Minister does not wish it to be inferred that there should be any relaxation in the efforts which have been made jointly by Local Authorities and by the Department to secure all practicable economies. He feels, however, that it is only by reference to the exact facts of the local services and more common knowledge respecting them that local decisions may be averted which would re-act detrimentally on the care of the destitute poor and the sick and that essential revenues may not be unwisely retrenched the outlay of which would effectively diminish inevitable expenditure in the near future.

I am to request that where arrangements have not already been made to secure the making of the rate before the 1st proximo special meetings should be convened before that date".

The Chairman pointed out that the Minister maintained in his letter that if relief through derating were possible he could not promise it this year. He (Chairman) however, did not think from other portions of his letter the Minister possessed a wonderful grasp of local conditions. If he knew something more of conditions in rural districts he would hardly write such a tirade to the Council in the paying of rates. The real deterrent to the paying of rates was that people were unable to pay. If they had the money the rates would be paid as no ratepayer wanted a bailiff or Rate Collector going to his place a second time. The letter of the Minister was more or less compulsory on Councils as he stated that the rate must be made before March 1st. A deputation from the General Council of Co. Councils waited on the Minister for Finance but as to what transpired at the interview the Council had no information beyond a brief reference in the Press. He personally was of the opinion that there would not be any great dislocation created ~~by~~ by deferring the matter till after the meeting of the General Council of Co. Councils on Friday next. He was inclined to agree with the statement that this year they would ^{not} be able to obtain much relief but the Minister alleged several things in his letter which were not the case so far as Wexford County Council was concerned. He wished to reiterate his statement that no arguments used by the Council or any discussion which had taken place were responsible for rates not being paid. He knew a great deal about the conditions that prevailed and he was aware that the non-payment of rates was all due to lack of money.

Colonel Gibbon said he did not think the Minister's letter gave the full picture of the public burdens falling on the ratepayers. In the olden days the rates were very much less. They had not only the rates to look to. They had also Income Tax

which was enormously high. In olden times they had not to pay National Health Insurance. There was also the burden on the employer and the employer's liability insurance. In his case those payments were equivalent to 40 per cent rates. He did not think that the Wexford County Council had been dilatory in the collection of the rates and had never encouraged their non-payment.

Mr. P. Hayes dealing with Col. Gibbon's remarks in regard to National Health insurance pointed out that there was one society in the county which had paid £10,000 in benefits which was a relief to the ratepayers. If the society had not been in existence the people who received the benefits would have to be dealt with by the poor law.

Col. Quin - What Col. Gibbon is saying is we have got to pay them.

Col. Gibbon said his point was that the employers had to meet additional burdens in National Health and Employers' liability insurance.

Mr. Corish contended that the National Health insurance and Employers' liability insurance could not be designated additional burdens as their non-existence would have left the alternative of the recipients entering the County Home.

Mr. T. McCarthy said that the Employers Liability Act was in existence for forty years and the National Health Insurance Act had been in operation for seventeen years, but from Col. Gibbon's statement it would appear as if they were only operating a few years ago.

Replying to a query, the Assistant Secretary stated that the rates on land and buildings in 1914 were 3/6d and 5/1d respectively. The rates to-day were 6/2½d on land and 8/7½d on buildings.

Mr. Keegan - You have to consider the cost of living in 1914.

The Chairman calculated that the rates were to-day treble what they were in 1914. As to the statement of the Minister in his letter if the ratepayers were told how the rates were being spent he (Chairman) did not think that in doing so there would be the least alleviation of the burden on the ratepayers who returned their representatives to the Council and looked to them to disburse the rates and to give the best value for the money.

Mr. Corish said he considered the Minister's letter would do more harm than good as from it it might be inferred that the rates were not being properly spent.

Mr. D'Arcy - We should give a reply to the Minister's letter. We are capable of minding our own business.

Chairman - No, matter what way the County Councils move if it is not the wish of headquarters you might as well be idle. If it is their wish they will agree. If it is not they will turn it down. To my mind we are only a kind of figureheads here. The Minister should have given a chance to the Co. Councils to obtain a reply from their deputation and leave over the matter for another week.

Mr. McCarthy proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following:-

"That the meeting proceed to consider the recommendations of the Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 31st January, 1929, and agree to making of Rates for General and Separate Charges for next financial year".

Mr. J. Cummins said they should realise that the General Council of County Councils was a most important body no matter what Mr. Mulcahy and those associated with him might think. The General Council of County Councils constituted the direct representatives of the people and they knew more about the feelings of the people and the conditions that prevailed in the country than the Minister. The reason the people were not paying the rates was owing

to their inability. He would not like to tell the people not to pay the rates; they required very little incentive seeing their incapacity to pay. He would, however, remind the Council of the course which should be taken - not to pay their annuities and have them sent across to England. If he were to advocate the non-payment of the rates it would mean inflicting severe hardships on the poor and the stoppage of the Council's liabilities for the maintenance of the County Hospital, the County Home and the Mental Hospital. There was, however, the other means of providing relief which he had advised - the non-payment of the annuities to be sent out of the country.

Col. Quin - Politics.

Chairman - Now Mr. Cummins - Col. Quin - Politics.

Mr. Cummins - There is no politics in it. The only politics in it is that the people are not able to pay.

The Chairman said they had no desire to flout the wishes of the Department and all the Council asked was a small concession - the deferring of the making of the rate for a week or fortnight until they got the reply of the Minister of Finance to the General Council of Co. Councils' deputation. The Council did not really know what transpired at the interview.

Mr. Roche proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following amendment:-

"That this Council defers consideration of their Rate Estimate until they have before them the report of the deputation of the General Council of County Councils to the Minister."

The Chairman said he did not want to force his views on the Council but they would not be supporting the General Council and their Representatives if they did not wait for the result of the deputation.

Mr. McCarthy said that while he appreciated the action of the General Council of County Councils they had passed the resolution postponing the agreement to the Rate subject to the approval of the

Minister and he considered they were bound to strike the rate before March 1st as the Minister did not agree to their request.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, in reply to query said if the Council did not comply with the requirements of the Minister the latter would probably dissolve the Council. The Council were plainly bound under the Order to agree to their Rates before the first of March. They had asked the Minister to extend the time but he had not seen his way to do so and that being the case it was essential that the Rate should be agreed to before 1st March.

Col. Gibbon stated that the General Council of County Councils should have arranged to call a meeting immediately after their deputation had been with the Minister in order that the Co. Councils would have the information from them before March 1st.

As matters stood the General Council of County Councils had left them somewhat stranded with the alternative of letting them down or contravening the regulations which Councils were supposed to administer. He did not see that they had any option to striking the rate on the information which they had before them.

Mr. Roche - We should show our dissatisfaction with the Minister's letter. I don't think the letter should be treated lightly.

Col. Quinn suggested as a way out that they express their dissatisfaction with the tone of the Minister's letter and state they considered it rather frivolous and that the seriousness of the position had not been considered. They could curse the Minister which perhaps would please Mr. Roche.

Chairman - I think the other way would be a stronger protest than what you suggest.

A poll was taken on Mr. Roche's amendment and the voting resulted:-

For:- Messrs Brennan, Colfer, Colloton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Keegan, Roche, Smyth and the Chairman9
Armstrong

Against:- Messrs Clince, Corish, Doran, Hall, Hayes, Jordan,

Mayler, McCarthy, Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Shannon, Col. Gibbon,
and Col. Quin.....14.

The amendment was declared lost and Mr. McCarthy's proposition that the rate be agreed ^{to} was put and passed nem.con.

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

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RATE ESTIMATE FOR YEAR 1929-30.

The following was then submitted to the meeting by the Secretary:-

"Details of Rate Estimate, recommended by Finance Committee for financial year ending 31st March, 1930, are submitted herewith. Forms 42 and 43 with explanatory Statement have already been forwarded. The allocation for Road Maintenance has already been fixed by County Council at £50436 or £3378 less than last year.

'The Finance Committee have recommended that the number of Assistant Surveyors be reduced by one.

'The County Surveyor's Estimate for Public Works submitted to Finance Committee amounted to £7483. This was reduced by Finance Committee to £3666.

'The Finance Committee have had to make provision for £725 in respect of refunds to Railway Companies owing to reductions in Railway Valuations for last financial year and the reduced valuations being operative in coming year the Council will have to bear the loss of £725 for next year in addition to the £725 refund payable to Railways Company for last year.

'The cost of maintenance of children in Industrial Schools has increased from £4285 to £4590. The allocation under this head shows an increase each year and is caused through the increase in the number of children in the Institutions.

'A sum of £410 has been included by Finance Committee for advertising Tourist Resorts.

'Details of the allocation for the various items in the Co. Services Accounts for 1928-29 and 1929-30 are attached.

The Demand of Mental Hospital Committee shows an increase of £694 over last year! "

The following Table gives particulars of the Demand of the Health Board under the various headings:-

Board of Health Demand 1929-30

	Demand of Board of Health for 1929-30	Demand of Board of Health for 1928-29	Increase	Decrease
	£	£	£	£
Board of Assistance				
General	55610	50000	5610	
Repayment Loans	2422	2423		1
	58032	52423	5610	1

	Demand of Board of Health for 1929-30.	Demand of Board of Health for 1928-29	Increase	Decrease
	£	£	£	£
Board of Health				
General	-	1085	-	1085
Joint District	2801	1330	1471	
Separate Charges	9167	12109		2942
	11968	14524	1471	4027
Gross Totals	70000	66947	7081	4028

The Demands of the Health Board were passed by Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee spent considerable time in determining the figures for all services and although increased amounts have to be raised for a number of services the meeting considered that, owing to the depressed state of Agricultural Conditions they could not be justified in striking a higher rate than last year. On amended allocations agreed to by Finance Committee the rates in the £ show a reduction on last year's figures and are as follows:-

Rates On Land.

		<u>1928-29</u>	<u>1929-30</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
		s : d	s : d	d
Enniscorthy -	General	5 : 6 $\frac{1}{4}$	5 : 7	
	Separate	1 : 1 $\frac{1}{4}$	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	
	Total	6 : 7 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 : 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	2
Gorey	General	5 : 6 $\frac{1}{4}$	5 : 7	
	Separate	6 $\frac{3}{4}$	5	
	Total	6 : 1	6 : 0	1
New Ross	General	5 : 6 $\frac{1}{4}$	5 : 7	
	Separate	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{1}{4}$	
	Total	6 : 5 $\frac{3}{4}$	6 : 1 $\frac{1}{4}$	4
Wexford	General	5 : 6 $\frac{1}{4}$	5 : 7	
	Separate	10 $\frac{3}{4}$	8 $\frac{1}{4}$	
	Total	6 : 5	6 : 3 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{3}{4}$
Average		6 : 4 $\frac{3}{4}$	6 : 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{4}$

Rates on Buildings

		<u>1928-29</u>	<u>1929-30</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
		s : d	s : d	d
Enniscorthy -	General	7 : 11	8 : 0	
	Separate	1 : 1 $\frac{1}{4}$	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	
	Total	9 : 0 $\frac{1}{4}$	8 : 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{3}{4}$
Gorey -	General	7 : 11	8 : 0	
	Separate	6 $\frac{3}{4}$	5	
	Total	8 : 5 $\frac{3}{4}$	8 : 5	$\frac{3}{4}$
New Ross	General	7 : 11	8 : 0	
	Separate	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{1}{4}$	
	Total	8 : 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 : 6 $\frac{1}{4}$	4 $\frac{1}{4}$
Wexford -	General	7 : 11	8 : 0	
	Separate	10 $\frac{3}{4}$	8 $\frac{1}{4}$	
	Total	8 : 9 $\frac{3}{4}$	8 : 8 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Average		8 : 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 : 7 $\frac{1}{2}$	2

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Estimate County Services 1929-30.

Expenditure	1929-30	1928-29	Increase	Decrease
	£	£	£	£
Public Works	3666	4566		900
Salaries: Secretary's Office	1911	1902	9	
Salaries other Co. Officers:-				
Analysts: Lamplighters, &c	341	326	15	
Retiring allowances & Gratuities	339	339		
Cost of Rate Collection	3864	4293		429
Refunds of Irrecoverable Rates	3500	3000	500	
Franchise & Jurors Lists	1656	1693		37
Printing in connection with				
Registration Act...	449	426	23	
Valuation	208	208		
Members Travelling Expenses	210	235		25
University Scholarships	700	700		
Primary Scholarships	830	755	75	
Legal Expenses	308	306	2	
Coroners & Inquests	320	286	34	
Printing and Stationery	170	170		
Postage & Office Requisites	275	275		
Advertising Pleasure Resorts	410	412		2
Other advertising	395	220	175	
Contribution County Councils				
General Council	20	20		
Conveyance of Prisoners	144	65	79	
Weights and Measures	60	45	15	
Food and Drugs	100	110		10
Salaries Court Officials &c	97	97		
Rents & Expenses of Courthouses	383	370	13	
Library Scheme	820	412	408	
Reformatories & Industrial				
Schools	4590	4285	305	
Courtown Harbour £106: Rent				
Old Jail £207	313	313		
Refund to Wexford Urban				
Adjustment Financial Relations	30	30		
Diseases of Animals Acts:-				
Salaries, Veterinary & Sheep	1209	1205	4	
Dipping Inspectors: do other				
Expenses				
Audit Fee £85: Department				
Interest £1050	1135	1135		
Superannuation Allowances Ex-				
R.D. Council Officers	280	217	63	
Contingencies	750	750		
Money supplied to Mental				
Hospital	21000	20306	694	
Agriculture & Technical				
Instruction	3323	3338		15
Superannuation allowances -				
Ex-Union Officers	1603	1773		170
Election Expenses	-	1160		1160
TOTALS	£55409	£55743	£2414	£2748

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The Minutes of Finance Committee for 31st January, 1929, in relation to the Rate Estimate for financial year for 1929-30 were then read for the meeting. They appear on County Council Minutes of 11th February, 1929.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. McCarthy:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting of 31st January, 1929, in so far as same deal with the estimate of Rate for forthcoming financial year be received and considered"

Assistant Surveyors

The Chairman said that as regards the proposal of Col. Gibbon that the Co. Survey staff should be reduced by one he thought it would be well for the Council to discuss the motion in conjunction with the following notice of motion given by Mr. D'Arcy:-

"Should any Assistant Surveyor in this County leave his employment by any reason (resign or go out on pension or otherwise), that this County Council divide the area vacated by such Surveyor between the remaining Assistant Surveyors without any increase in salary. Further that the number of Assistant Surveyors should not exceed four for the County".

Col. Gibbon said he had brought forward his motion at previous annual meetings for considering the Estimate of Rates for the year. Assistant Surveyors owing to modern means of locomotion were now able to get about far more rapidly than in olden times, certain of their main roads had been completed and the supervision on them would not be very heavy and where work was being carried out on main roads the workers and the machinery were concentrated and a reduced amount of supervision only was necessary. With the modern system of road maintenance a surveyor should be able to handle a larger number of the

roads than he used to be able to handle in the past with a bicycle. With regard to Mr. D'Arcy's proposition, if the Council were agreed that a new Surveyor would not be necessary when a vacancy occurred, perhaps in five or ten years, surely they should make a reduction in the staff now. He had no fault to find with the Assistant Surveyors. He was only referring to the matter on principle in the interests of the ratepayers in general. They had got to cut down expenses.

Mr. D'Arcy - Col. Gibbon's motion is that we dismiss a man. We have six men, and how are we going to decide on the man to dismiss ?.

Mr. Cummins said he would like Mr. Elgee's opinion as to whether they could carry out Colonel Gibbon's motion at all.

Mr. Elgee - I would not like to give an opinion off-hand on such a large subject as that. I am not in a position to say off-hand if the Council have power to dismiss a Surveyor.

In reply to Mr. Corish, Mr. Elgee said he did not think Colonel Gibbon's motion could be discussed without notice.

Mr. Shannon suggested that Colonel Gibbon should withhold his motion until next meeting.

Colonel Gibbon said he was quite agreeable to withhold his proposition and allow Mr. Elgee to consider it. Mr. D'Arcy's motion, it appeared to him, might be operative during the life of the present Council, but it did not commit any subsequent Council to any action in the matter.

It was decided that Col. Gibbon's proposal be adjourned until Mr. Elgee had decided if it were necessary to give notice of motion to allow of its consideration.

Mr. D'Arcy, in moving his motion, said he had considered the law on the matter very carefully, and he had found out that if they dismissed a man they would have to pension him anyhow, so that the saving on the rates would be very immaterial, in his opinion. The

real intention of the motion was to get back to the system of some years ago when they had four district Surveyors for the County. Where work on a large scale was being done on a road the ganger supervised the work and materially relieved the responsibility of the Surveyor.

Mr. Brennan seconded Mr. D'Arcy's motion.

Mr. Corish said that on behalf of the Labour Party, he wanted to express himself as being absolutely against the motion. He considered it was only window-dressing, and that the amount of money saved would not be commensurate with the amount of efficiency lost to the Council. He understood that each Surveyor had an average of 330 miles of road to look after, and he thought if they asked a man to do any more and expected efficiency they would not get efficiency.

Mr. D'Arcy - They did 500 miles ~~more~~ before with a bicycle or a horse.

Mr. Corish - Yes, but did they do it ?. Supposing this resolution was carried could the Council insist on the remaining Surveyors taking on extra work without extra remuneration ?.

Mr. Elgee said he did not think they could until the terms and conditions of their appointments were revised, and unless they agreed to take on the work without extra remuneration.

Mr. Shannon said that if they superannuated a man they might have to give him two-thirds of his salary - it depended on the length of service. He believed a man would be worth the other third for his supervision.

Colonel Gibbon said that Mr. Elgee had stated that they could not get out of giving increased money to anyone for increased work without reconsidering the whole matter. If the Secretary had some extra work were they to take up the question that he was to get increased remuneration, or if the County Surveyor had increased work - drainage work for instance - would they have to consider the whole matter ?.

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County Surveyor - No, but you have to pay fees.

A poll on Mr. D'Arcy's motion resulted as follows:-

For:- Colonel Gibbon; Colonel Quin, Messrs Brennan, Colloton,
D'Arcy, Hall, Jordan, Mayler, Murphy, Roche, Smyth and the
Chairman.....12.
Against:- Messrs Corish, Armstrong, Clinee, Colfer, Cooney,
Cummins, Doran, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Shannon
and Walsh.....13.

Mr. D'Arcy's motion was accordingly defeated.

PREPARATION OF REGISTER OF ELECTORS.

Mr. D'Arcy moved and Mr. Murphy seconded the following
resolution:- "That the Government be requested to arrange for
the preparation of Voters' Lists every second year only."

A poll was taken on the resolution with the following
result:- For:- Messrs Brennan, Colloton, Cummins; D'Arcy; Doran;
Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Keegan, Mayler; McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne,
Quin, Roche, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman.....18
Against:- Messrs Armstrong, Clinee, Colfer, Cooney, Corish,
Hayes and Shannon.....7.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

The Chairman then called attention to the amounts due
the Council by the Urban Districts; particularly Wexford. The
members of the Council generally were not aware of the amounts
in question.

The Assistant Secretary stated that to the 31st March
next Enniscorthy Urban District owed £1841; New Ross £2301 and
Wexford £10,152. The latter had had considerable trouble with
Rate Collectors.

Mr. Corish said it could not be said the Wexford Corporation
were to blame as four Rate Collectors had gone wrong within the
past three or four years. They had made application to the
Local Government Department to allow them to raise the money to

pay over to the County Council and they were prepared to do this.

The Chairman said it should be realised that it was not the liabilities of the County Council that made the overdraft so large; the Urban bodies were responsible for a very considerable amount of it and they should make an effort to get their finances into a better state.

Mr. McCarthy said that Enniscorthy Urban was not backward and had arranged to pay two instalments of their demand as soon as possible.

Col. Gibbon said the amount due by the Urban Districts was responsible for £800 annual interest.

Mr. Walsh said that New Ross Urban was doing the best they could but they had had trouble with a Rate Collector. Courtown Harbour.

Mr. Elgee submitted Undertaking in writing given by 16 fishermen of Courtown Harbour to work grab dredger in the event of same being provided or forfeit a sum of £6 for each occasion on which the dredger is necessary to be worked and they neglect or refuse to work it.

The Undertaking was regarded as satisfactory and it was decided that it should be forwarded to the Department of Fisheries for their inspection.

The following proposed by Colonel Quin, seconded by the Chairman, was passed:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 31st January, 1929, in so far as same relate to matters connected with Estimate of Rates for General and Separate Charges be confirmed, except recommendation to abolish the position of one Assistant Surveyor which is adjourned to next meeting of the Council".

After further discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That we approve and confirm the figures in regard to rates for financial year 1929-30, as recommended by Special meeting of Finance Committee, held on 31st January, 1929. That rate for General charges for financial year 1929-30 (in conformity with particulars appearing on Form 42) be and is hereby agreed to at 8/- in the £. That holders of agricultural land receive a rebate on valuation of said land, representing a poundage rate of 2/5d in the £, being the difference between the poundage rate represented by agricultural grant, viz., 3/2 $\frac{3}{4}$ d and poundage rate for amount of repayment of loan under Relief of Rates Agricultural Land, viz., 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ d in the £, leaving the net general rate payable on agricultural land at 5/7d in the £. That in the event of any further measure of relief for Rates on agricultural land being forthcoming the appropriate amount be allowed in the Rates applotments.

"That rates for separate charges for financial year 1929-30 (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	£2576 : 11 : 3
New Ross	£2280 : 15 : 5
Wexford	£5645 : 18 : 5.

"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 same. That a sum of £20 be also levied on the persons whose names are set out in said schedule, same being necessary for works of maintenance as per report of County

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Surveyor".

The Chairman said they were not including any Rate for Sow Drainage as the Council had decided not to take over the system until the Drainage Ratepayers were satisfied.

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CONTRACT AND DIRECT LABOUR SYSTEMS.

The following report of Special Committee was
submitted:-

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

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A meeting of the Special Committee appointed by the County Council at their meeting of 11th February, 1929, to consider the manner of Road Maintenance, was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 14th February, 1929.

Present:- Mr. James Sharmon, V.C., presiding; also Messrs M. Jordan, R. Corish, W. P. Keegan, P. Hayes and J. Murphy.

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

Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from the Chairman who was ill and Colonel Quin who had been under the impression that the meeting would not be held until the following day and had in consequence made other arrangements.

The Committee examined the allocation for maintenance of third and fourth class roads and compared the amount with the tenders for these roads which had been provisionally accepted in Gorey and Enniscorthy.

The County Surveyor submitted the following statement showing the saving by tenders provisionally accepted in Gorey and Enniscorthy for third and fourth class roads respectively.

Third Class Roads: Gorey District and Enniscorthy District.

	No. of Roads for Tender.	Allowed	No. Taken	Taken at	Saving	No. not Taken	Amount of Contracts untendered for
Gorey	124	£3299	60	£1413: 5/-	£61:15/-	64	£1824
Enniscorthy	212	£6730	97	£3122:10/-	152:10/-	115	£3455
	336	£10029	157	£4535:15/-	£214: 5/-	179	£5279

Fourth Class Roads: Gorey District and Enniscorthy District.

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	No. of Roads for Tender.	Allowed	No. Taken	Taken at	Saving	No. not Taken	Amount for Contracts Untendered for
Gorey	19	£418: 0:0	14	£299:15:0	£2:15: 0	5	£115:10:0
Enniscorthy	72	£1317:10:0	36	£689: 7:3	£41: 2: 9	34	£587: 0:0
	91	£1735:10:0	52	£989: 2:3	£43:17: 9	39	£702:10:0

The following recommendations were unanimously agreed to:-

1. That tenders provisionally accepted in Gorey and Enniscorthy should not be ratified by the Council except in so far as they deal with roads included in list to be prepared by County Surveyor in accordance with instructions set out in No.4 recommendation.
2. That contractors provisionally accepted for third class roads should be offered the haulage work for the roads for which they tendered provided they hold in each case not more than 20 statute acres of arable land.
3. That fourth class roads untendered for be offered Contractors whose provisionally accepted tenders for third class roads are not confirmed by the Council and subject to their holding in each case not more than 20 statute acres of arable land.
4. That the County Surveyor prepare list of third class roads which in his opinion could be more suitably dealt with under contract system than by direct labour. The number of these appears to be about ten per cent of all the third class roads.
5. That meeting of Tenders Committees for New Ross and Wexford Districts be adjourned until after next meeting of the County Council and that advertisement to this effect be published in next issue of the local papers.
6. That this Committee request the County Council to allow them to function for some time longer in order that they have opportunities of examining the manner in which road maintenance is carried out and furnish report thereon to the Council.

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Mr. Shannon proposed and Mr. Cummins seconded the following resolution:- "That the recommendations of Special Roads Committee, in respect of meeting held on 14th February, 1929, be and are hereby confirmed."

Mr. Jordan said that the Farmers' Party held a meeting that day to consider the matter of the Committee's report, and had decided to reject the recommendations of the Committee; and agreed that, instead, they should let the contracts given stand, and allow all the rest to go to direct labour. He thought it had been decided in Gorey that any roads not tendered for should be re-advertised, but his party had decided that for either the Enniscorthy or Gorey areas no roads be further advertised for contracts. With regard to No. 3 on the list of the recommendations of the Committee, he, personally, was not aware that that recommendation was going to be included. That question was raised by Mr. Keegan, and they had a fairly long debate on it, but he thought the matter was left over more or less to be debated by the County Council. It would be very easy to find a man with 50 or 60 acres of land as badly off as a man with twenty acres, and also they would be up against the difficulty of deciding what was arable land. With regard to the request at the end of the Committee's recommendations he thought it was very important that this Committee, or some other Committee, should function to examine the whole system of road maintenance from top to bottom.

Mr. Keegan held that it would be a shame to give a contract to a man who held 50 or 60 acres of land. He should be able to make a living from his farm and should not be allowed to compete with the man who was going out on the road with pick and shovel to earn a day's wages. If Mr. Jordan changed his opinion he (Mr. Keegan) had not done so.

Mr. Jordan said it was not a question of changing his opinion. He placed the matter before his party, and he had made

a statement of what exactly happened. 26

The Chairman said he thought what Mr. Jordan had stated was more favourable to direct labour than even the recommended scheme, because certainly a larger amount of money would go to direct labour than under the recommendations. The contracts that were in now, according to Mr. Jordan's proposition, would stand, and that would apply to the two districts for which contracts had not yet been opened. Contracts that were tendered for would have to be accepted. Moreover, he thought they were acting legally according to what Mr. Elgee advised them the last day. He did not see that direct labour was going to lose anything in the face of what Mr. Jordan referred to. They advertised contracts, and got contractors for a certain amount, and he believed that they should deal fairly with those men and give them the contracts.

By dealing with them they were not taking anything from direct labour. They were giving them on direct labour more because they were giving them fourth class roads that they could readvertise, and for that matter they could readvertise third class roads if they stuck to the resolution of the Council. He was not present at the Committee Meeting. He was ill, but it was a question whether he would have attended in any case. They passed a scheme legally and constitutionally as far as contracts were concerned, and he did not think they had anything to go back on. If a crowd choose to come there and tried to terrorise the Council, he believed they would be justified in sticking harder to their contract system. Could they not send a deputation? When the farmers were in the minority on the Council why did they not organise a crowd of rate-payers to come to the Council and discuss the questions so forcibly put on them by the majority of the Council. He thought they were dealing extraordinarily fair with direct labour when they offered them the biggest end of the money. That was the reason he wished to support Mr. Jordan's suggestion. He certainly would not vote for the recommendation of the Committee.

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Mr. Shannon - Hardly anyone expected that you would. How will direct labour be affected in, for instance, the Enniscorthy area? You have a large number of third class roads tendered for in that area, which will upset altogether the direct labour scheme there. I suppose a similar thing will happen in Gorey area.

Mr. D'Arcy said that not half the third class roads were tendered for in Gorey, and less than half in Enniscorthy. Half the fourth class roads were tendered for in Enniscorthy, and two-thirds in Gorey.

Mr. Shannon said that he wished to support the findings of the Committee because the Committee was set up by the Council he might say unanimously. He knew that the Chairman did not fall in with it. That Committee went into every detail of the working of the direct labour scheme and the contract system, and they thought they were going the best they possibly could for both parties and they were backing up a well organised scheme of direct labour, a scheme which might have some little defects, but not sufficient to account for the sweeping change over as proposed in Mr. Roche's motion. Mr. Roche had proposed that they should go back to the contract system, a system which had been proved five or six years ago to be a perfect failure. The roads could not be kept up by contract then, and now there was probably a hundred or a hundred and fifty per cent more tonnage on the roads. It was strange if they did not stand by the findings of the Committee. He was going to stand by them at all events.

Mr. Keegan said he knew some men who held two or three contracts. He wanted to know if that was fair?

Mr. Colloton said he did not think Mr Roche's proposition was sprung on the Farmers' Party. Anyone who canvassed at the last election would know that the ratepayers were anxious to go back to the contract system. The other system was costly and

inefficient.

County Surveyor - I hope your contractors will do as good work as we did under direct labour.

Chairman - I think the County Surveyor should be quite neutral in this matter.

Mr. Colloton - Certainly.

Mr. Cooney - He is only giving his opinions.

Chairman - Yes; but we didn't ask for his opinions. Why should he come along at a time like this with his views ?. I ask him to remain in order until the discussion is over or until he is called upon.

Mr. Corish - I think the system has been attacked and the County Surveyor has a perfect right to defend it.

Mr. Cooney - If the County Surveyor remained silent under the attack made upon the system I would say he would be dumb.

Mr. D'Arcy said that no one could deny that direct labour was the best system that could be in vogue, but it was too costly for the County. In 1918 the supervision of the roads cost £1,000, but in 1929 they cost £7,027.

Mr. Cummins ~~say~~ spoke in support of the recommendations of the Committee. He held there would be no saving in relation to the contracts taken at Gorey and Enniscorthy as the best of the roads had been taken and the worst of them left on the hands of the County Surveyor.

Mr. O'Byrne said he remembered dealing with contracts and he remembered that they had to pay a very large amount from time to time for sudden damage orders to the contractors. They would have the sudden damage orders again when they had contractors while under direct labour they were all done under the proposals.

Chairman - Out of contingencies.

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Mr. D'Arcy - There was £2,000 for contingencies.

Mr. O'Byrne - I submit that contingencies were never used for that purpose, and besides every shilling saved was used for the removal of dangerous corners all over the county all out of the maintenance grant. In future with the contract system the contractor will naturally and justly put that money in his pocket, and it won't come back for corners. You are not saving, and I appeal to you to pass the recommendations of the Committee you appointed.

Mr. Corish said the least they could expect from the last meeting of the Council was a statement from the Chairman or some other member of the Farmers' party that when they were setting up the Committee they did not mean anything, because after all he thought that was what they could infer from the statement the Chairman made to-day. The Chairman stated he had been ill and had also told them he had no intention of attending. He (Mr. Corish) thought that that was an important matter and a statement that notice should be taken of by the Council. It would have been far better and straighter for the majority of the Council to have said they did not intend to take the recommendations of the Committee seriously. He had asked for the appointment of a majority of Farmers' representatives on the Committee as he recognised it would be absolutely futile for the Labour Party to be in a majority and expect to carry at the Council any recommendations to which the Committee would agree. He had been much struck at the harmony that prevailed at the Committee meeting and was surprised at Mr. Jordan and Mr. Murphy turning away from its decisions but he knew that party pressure could be brought to bear. He thought that New Ross and Wexford districts were to be left intact as far as direct labour was concerned but the Chairman had stated that New Ross and Wexford were to be treated in the same way as Gorey.

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He believed they were not doing the best thing they could do and should do in the interests of the ratepayers generally. In his opinion they were going to leave the workers and ratepayers in a worse position at the end of the year than they were in now. Even if they saved £214, in his opinion they would be called upon to pay at least £2,000 in home help before the year was out. If they were not satisfied with the Committee's report he appealed to them to let the Committee meet again and if the farmer members proposed were not prepared to attend they could appoint two members in their stead.

Colonel Quin said he had been told, by other members of the Council, that the meeting of the Committee was to be held on a Friday, and he made a solemn promise to attend a meeting in Dublin on the day on which the Committee meeting was held. He had made every arrangement to be present at the meeting on Friday. He would attend any time he could attend.

Mr. Jordan said that Mr. Corish had referred to Mr. Murphy and himself turning round. He (Mr. Jordan) stated quite clearly at the Committee meeting that anything they did there was subject to their party. So far as they were concerned there was no question of turning round.

Mr. Murphy said that when he attended the Committee Meeting he certainly agreed that he would do his best to find a way out of the situation, but he was under the impression that he stated fairly and plainly that anything he did was subject to the sanction of his party. Mr. Jordan and he went there to do their best and they did do their best but of course they were only units of their party.

A poll on Mr. Shannon's proposition resulted as follows:-
For:- Messrs Corish, Armstrong, Clinee, Colfer, Cooney, Cummins, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne and Shannon11.

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Against:- Colonel Quin, Colonel Gibbon, Messrs Brennan, Colloton, D'Arcy, Doran, Hall, Jordan, Mayler, Murphy, Roche, Smith, Walsh, and the Chairman14.

Accordingly, Mr. Shannon's proposition was declared defeated.

After further discussion Mr. Jordan moved and Colonel Quin seconded the following resolution:- "That we confirm the Road Contracts, etc., already received through Gorey and Enniscorthy Tenders' Committees. That meetings of the Tenders Committees for New Ross and Wexford for consideration of tenders already received be arranged for at this meeting. That all roads untendered for at any of the four District Tenders Committee Meetings be given in charge of the County Surveyor with a direction that the work thereon shall be carried out by direct labour. "

A poll was taken on the motion with the following result:-
For:- Messrs Brennan, Colloton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Meyler, McCarthy, Murphy, Quin, Roche, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman16.

Against:- No vote.

Did not vote:- Messrs Armstrong, Clinee, Cooney, Corish, Hayes, Sean O'Byrne and Shannon7.

Messrs Colfer and Keegan were not present when the vote was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

----- TENDERS COMMITTEES -----

It was decided that the adjourned Tenders Committee meetings be held as follows:- New Ross at Courthouse on Thursday, 7th March at 10.30 a.m., ; Wexford County Council Chamber, Fortview, on Saturday, 9th March at 10.30 a.m.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of
meeting of 14th February, as submitted by the Secretary, as
follows, be received and considered":-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 14th February, 1929.

Present:- Mr. James Shannon (V.C.) presiding; also Messrs Sean O'Byrne, James Hall, John Murphy, John Culleton and T. McCarthy.

The Chairman was absent owing to illness.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £1709: 1: 7d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

The following gives the percentage of amounts of first moiety of current rate collected to 14th February, 1929:-

E. J. Murphy 99 per cent; J. J. O'Reilly 98; J. Curtis 96; J. Doyle 95; A. Dunne 95; T. Rowe 94; J. Quirke 94; J.J. Sinnott 93; P. Doyle 93; M. Deegan 92; S. Gannon 92; P. Donohoe 89; W. Cummins 89; J. Cummins 88; P. Furlong 88; P.O'Byrne 86 T. Sutton 85; M. Kelly 79; J. J. O'Reilly and J.J. Sinnott (No.14 District) 77; M. O'Hanlon 75; J. Quirke and P. J. Furlong (No.5 District) 58.

The percentage of amounts of second moiety for current rate collected to 14th February, 1929 is as follows:-

S. Gannon 26; J. Quirke and P. Furlong (No.5 District) 23; E. J. Murphy 22; J. Quirke 22; M. Kelly 20; W. Cummins 16; A. Dunne 15; P. Furlong 14; J. Doyle 13; M. Deegan 13; J. Curtis 13; T. Rowe 12; Sinnott 12; Sutton 11; O'Reilly 11; J. Cummins 11; J. J. O'Reilly and J. J. Sinnott (No.14 District) 11; P. O'Byrne 7; P. Donohoe 5;

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P Doyle 5; M. O'Hanlon 2.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Murphy:- "That Rate Collectors who fail by the 27th February, 1929, to lodge at least 40 per cent of second moiety of their current rate collection be suspended from duty and their books taken up? The Finance Committee wish Collectors to recognise that their decision in this matter will be rigidly enforced."

It was pointed out that in respect of current rate the amount outstanding on first moiety was £7108 and on second £52765 a total of £59873. The total arrears outstanding amounted to £3960: 11: 9d.

Under date 13th February, 1929, the following letter relative to the rates of Mr. Nicholas Sinnott, Millview, Bridgetown, was read from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford:-

"Mr. Sinnott owes up to the end of March next a sum of £52: 17: 9 for rates.

'He has carried a composition of 2/- in the £. as regards his ordinary creditors, and a sale of all his stock and chattels barely realized sufficient to pay the composition. Now the rates being a preferential charge must of course be paid in full, and for the purpose of discharging the rates it will be necessary for him to let the lands for grazing and tillage for the current year.

'What he proposes to do is to pay half the amount of the rates by the end of March, and the remaining half in August, if the Co. Council are agreeable.

'Of course if a settlement on these lines cannot be arranged, the lands can't be let, and will consequently remain derelict, so that neither the County Council nor anybody else will get anything out of it.

'We shall be glad if you will kindly put the matter before the Finance Committee Meeting to-morrow and let us hear from you'".

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It was decided that the Rate Collector obtain an authorization from Mr. Sinnott to the Auctioneer to pay the rates when the latter is paid for the grazing. The Finance Committee will raise no objection to the proposal in the letter of Messrs O'Connor & Co., provided this authorization is forthcoming.

SOW DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

The following, under date 11th February (2370/29) was read from the Office of Public Works:- "Your letter of 8th instant. We beg to refer you to our letter of the 8th instant and to state that the Parliamentary Secretary does not consider that any good could come of the deputation unless the circumstance^s referred to in paragraph 3 arise (viz unless the proposed deputation explained the particular point they wished to see the Parliamentary Secretary about and that it turned out to be a new one).

No action was taken.

ILLNESS OF MR. J.J. FANNING: CLERICAL ASSISTANT.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman:- "That Mr. John J. Fanning, Clerical Assistant in County Council Offices, be granted ~~x~~ further leave up to end of February, 1929."

RATING OF NEW BUILDINGS ORDER.

Application was received from Mr Joseph J. O'Neill, Kilmannock, Campile, for inclusion of his holding on New Buildings List.

Adjourned to next meeting, the Secretary in the meantime, to obtain report from Rate Collector for ~~the~~ the district, as to the nature of repair and reconstruction to the premises carried out by Mr. O'Neill.

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EXAMINATION FOR RATE COLLECTORS.

In connection with a question raised at County Council meeting of 11th February, 1929, as to the standard of examination for the position of Rate Collector, the meeting considered carefully the papers which had been set for the last examination in Irish, English and Arithmetic and came to the conclusion that the standard was quite fair and that the papers presented no difficulty to a person ~~of~~ who would be expected to fill the position of Rate Collector.

Rate Collection.

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In regard to recommendation of Finance Committee the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Col. Quin:-

"That full power be given to the Finance Committee to deal with Rate Collection as circumstances may arise and as the Committee may consider desirable"

Illness of Mr. Fanning.

In view of Report from Dr. Kennedy. R.M.S. Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That the Minister for Local Government be requested to sanction a further month's sick leave being granted to Mr. J.J.Fanning, Clerical Assistant Co. Council, as from 1st March, 1929, in view of report of Dr. Kennedy, R.M.S., Mental Hospital."

Examination Papers Rate Collector.

The Secretary submitted examination papers for Rate Collector and after some discussion the following resolution was agreed to on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. McCarthy:-

"That Rev. Br. Markey, Christian Schools, Wexford, be requested when setting next examination papers for Rate Collectors, to adhere to the standard of papers set by him for examination held in June, 1928".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. McCarthy:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee, in respect of meeting held on 14th February, 1929, be and are hereby confirmed"

ROADS COMMITTEE MINUTES.

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

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Roads' Committee in respect of meeting held on 4th February,
1929, be received and considered":-

The monthly meeting of the Roads' Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 4th February, 1929. 29

Present:- Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman, (presiding); also Messrs P. Colfer, R. Corish, John J. Culleton, T.F. D'Arcy; James Hall; P. Hayes, M. Jordan, W. P. Keegan, T.J. Mayler; Sean O'Byrne; D. Somers; J. Shannon, M. Smyth and Colonel Quin.

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.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following monthly report was submitted by the County Surveyor:-

"On the night of the 22nd ultimo a fire occurred in my office and I have already reported the matter to the Finance Committee

I have found it necessary to move my General Office temporarily to the Old Jail Premises, and am arranging to have repairs carried out.

"As directed by the Council I have invited offers for working the County Quarries by Piece Work. In only a few instances, up to the present, have I received applications from men to carry out the whole work from the start, that is, quarrying as well as breaking. I have started Piece work in Carrigbyrne Quarry, and as soon as a quarry is in a condition to do so, I shall be able to start in the others. In a number of quarries I have already started handbreaking work, but I believe the men will get a very poor wage for the work.

"I have a letter from the Civil Guard Authorities informing me that it will be some time before the weighbridge at Tarahill can be tested, but as we are not selling material over it this is immaterial.

"I have had application to use Tarahill material in part on the Grant work on Gorey-Courtown Road, and with your approval,

I am satisfied to use this material, as well as Gorey Hill. 40
I ask for authority to advertise for hauliers in connection with this work, and shall submit names to the local Councillors for selection, as already directed by the County Council.

"Recently I inspected the Streets of Taghmon with reference to the damage done by the sewerage works carried out by the Health Board, and I have been in communication with the Secretary of the Health Board in regard to this matter.

"On the 24th ultimo I made special inspection of Mountgarrett Bridge with reference to the approach road on the Wexford side, and also with reference to the work which the Council themselves will carry out in dealing with the obstructing corner. I have arranged this matter, and the Contractor is to move his plant at once so that I can put the work in hands. The erection of the steel work of the opening span is now in progress, and fairly advanced. The forms for the decking on the Wexford side are practically complete, and the reinforcement is being put in.

"I have written to Mr. N. J. Murphy, representing the late Kilmannock Drainage Committee making appointment for an inspection of the work on Wednesday next, and have asked him to notify all the local parties interested. I shall, subsequent to my visit, be in a position to estimate for any work that may be necessary during the coming year.

"On the 30th ultimo in company with Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, I inspected the lane leading to Curraghduff Quarry with a view to having repairs carried out as directed by the County Council. If this lane is to be properly repaired it will cost a considerable sum, and I do not consider that our haulage over the lane is, to any extent, responsible for its bad condition. There were never sufficient or proper side drains on this road, and recently the local people have absolutely neglected them, with the result that the ~~ax~~ lane is badly water-torn. If the lane is to be maintained I consider it

should be taken up as a County Road.

"During the last couple of weeks I have gone into reports with the Assistant Surveyors in regard to existing contract roads, and have dealt with payments on Form 22, which will be submitted to the County Council on the 11th instant. A number of Contractors have proved defaulters, and I ask for authority to proceed against them at the District Court, or to carry out the work myself whichever may be the better way of dealing with the Defaulter. I submit list of the Defaulters.

"The fire in my Office has considerably interfered with the preparation of the sheets and specifications for the proposed contracts on third class roads, but I now have this work practically completed. The very large number of roads to be tendered for has entailed heavy work, as usually there would only be about one-third of the number out in any particular year.

"I submit list of allocations from the Contingencies Fund and ask for approval of same."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Quin:- "That the report of the County Surveyor be received and considered".

Handbreaking in Quarries.

In connection with reference in County Surveyor's report to this matter letter was read from Mr. McCarthy, M.C.C., under date 1st February, 1929, apologising for being unable to attend the meeting as he had to go to Dublin. Had he been present he intended mentioning the case of the men employed handbreaking material in Cherryorchard Quarry. These men, for a full week's work, were able to earn only 14/6d to 17/6d. He could not say if anything could be done but he was sure it was never the intention of the County Council that men should give a full week's work for so low a wage.

The County Surveyor said that the men were unable to break

a cubic yard per day.

At the request of Mr. Keegan the terms and conditions governing the employment of men engaged at piece work in quarries were read for the meeting.

Mr. Keegan said that anybody with commonsense could see that the meaning of the document was to say to hand labour "clear off". It looked as if the men were going into a penal settlement to work and not into a quarry.

The Chairman said he thought the agreement was quite fair and, in his opinion, there was no reason at all for Mr. Keegan's extravagant remarks.

Mr. Keegan - I never agreed that stones could be broken for 6/- a cubic yard. The County Surveyor was never able to produce stones by machinery at that figure.

County Surveyor. - The Council distinctly passed a resolution that quarry work including quarrying breaking and the complete preparation of material should be done in as many quarries as possible at 6/- per cubic yard and for breaking material already quarried at 3/6d a cubic yard. I have a number of applications for this class of work but very few from groups of men to do all the work from the start, as their wage works out at a very small thing.

Chairman - What are they making at 3/6d per yard for the breaking ?.

County Surveyor - They are not making £1 per week. In Ryland they are not making 12/-.

Mr. Hall said that a lot of men who had broken stones for years were, he understood, complaining they were not getting a chance while new hands were being taken on.

The County Surveyor said that was not the case. He sent forms to everyone that applied and said we would not put anyone out as they could not be making distinctions.

Mr. Keegan said that all the County Surveyor could pay the men employed at breaking in Gorey Hill Quarry was 2/10d^s per cubic yard. ^{He fell in with Mr. Hall's} views that certain

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men were not given a chance while others had been taken on. One in Gorey Hill never broke stones before and one or two never did any work at any time. All the County Surveyor could give in Gorey Hill for the actual breaking was 2/10d per cubic yard.

County Surveyor - No. Sir - We certainly did pay 2/10d when we started but at that time there was a resolution of the Council that the men should be paid at the same rate as for machinery breaking which was 2/10d. At a subsequent meeting that figure was altered and it was agreed that 3/3d would be about the average price of machine breaking. The Council said they would not tie themselves down for a couple of pence and fixed the price at 3/6d per cubic yard which was the established figure for hand breaking now.

Colonel Quin - Does it cost more by hand than by machine.?

County Surveyor - It does.

Colonel Quin - I think it is a very dangerous thing to relieve unemployment at the expense of the ratepayers. The County Council are absolutely sympathetic with the unemployed but it is not our duty to deal with them.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for Gorey District, said the men working at Gorey Hill were not agreeable to work for 3/6d per cubic yard. The six men employed there produced 26 cubic yards for the past week and when they found this out they would not break any more.

The County Surveyor said one of the complaints of the men was that they were not allowed to break the stuff into little heaps and they did not want to move it into one principal depot which was necessary.

Mr. Keegan said he would be prepared to give a guarantee that the men would provide all the material for the Gorey-Courtown road at 7/6d per yard.

Mr. Treanor - These men have 1000 cubic yards to break before the first of March and I don't know how they are going to do it.

to do it.

Mr. Keegan then proposed that the County Surveyor advertise for men for breaking material in Gorey Hill Quarry at 3/6d per cubic yard.

Mr. D'Arcy seconded the motion which was adopted.
Tara Hill Material.

With reference to the recommendation of the County Surveyor that portion of the material for Gorey-Courtown road be taken from Tara Hill Quarry it was mentioned that the Council had already agreed that the necessary Material in this instance should be got from Gorey Hill Quarry.

Mr. D'Arcy, in view of the fact that the work on this road should be completed by May owing to the subsequent Tourist traffic, and the improbability of being able to secure all the material from Gorey Hill quarry, gave notice of motion, for County Council meeting on 11th February, that portion of the material be obtained from Tara Hill Quarry.
Curraghduff Quarry.

The following report was read from Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor:-

"There are some complaints about the state of the lane-way leading past this quarry. There are four or five farmers living on it, and eight or ten more who have a right of way over it to the mountain. They allege that the lane has been damaged by the drawing down of the rough stone from the quarry.

"I have seen the place. The injury is caused entirely by water, the surface being badly torn. Apparently the users of the lane gave up minding it almost entirely as soon as we started the quarry. We only use it for a few months during the Summer, and it would not seem right that we should do more than repair the damage to the surface. I offered these people sufficient material to fill the centre if they would spread it, and do the drainage during the Winter. They will, however, do nothing. There is now a suggestion to have it
~~brought in as a~~

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brought in as a County Road! .

The County Surveyor said that the roadway was completely torn up by water owing to lack of attention to the side drains. The local people would not do anything and thought they could force the Co. Council to do the whole work.

Mr. Jordan said the County Surveyor was not correct in stating that it was the haulage over the road which was partly accountable for its present condition. It was the machinery of the Council when going over the lane that pushed in the sides and choked the drains.

County Surveyor - The breaker was up there about 12 years *ago* but not since. He denied it was the machinery of the County Council which did the damage. The water was deliberately turned down the lane instead of going (as in the past) through the gateways. There might possibly be one place at which the breaker might have done some damage but the present condition of the place was due to the neglect of the local people in not maintaining the drains.

Mr. Hall considered that Mr. Ennis's report showed that a very good offer had been made the local people.

Mr. Jordan considered it was perfectly useless to put material on the lane until the water was taken off.

After further discussion Mr. Jordan said that the Roads' Inspection Committee might see the place on their next tour of inspection and this suggestion was agreed to.

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

"That the report of the County Surveyor - subject to any amendments made in regard to same by this meeting - be and is hereby adopted".

CARNE PIER.

The County Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. M. J. O'Connor, Solicitor, Wexford, under date 31st December, 1929, thanking the

County Council, the County Surveyor and Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, for the work of restoration of Carne Pier. At present, however, the way to the pier was barred by two gates and this defect should be remedied by a roadway to the pier. Messrs Joyce were prepared to dedicate to the public the necessary land for the purpose. This had been estimated to cost £50.

The County Surveyor stated that the Finance Committee had struck out of the Public Works Estimate, at their last meeting, the £50 which had been included to construct this roadway.

No Order.

COURTOWN HARBOUR DISCHARGING BOAT &c.

A report was received from the Harbour Master of Courtown that the local Committee had recommended that the discharging boat and the old boat carriage should be repaired. About £6 spent on the former would keep her afloat for a very long time.

It was decided to advertise for tenders for repair of discharging boat. As regards the boat carriage the County Surveyor said he had arranged it should be inspected by the Machinery Overseer as they had a lot of odds and ends of pitch pine out of Wexford Bridge which could be used for the boat carriage and in this way they would be able to effect the repair very cheaply. He would submit definite figures later on.

CUTTING OF HEDGES.

Reports were submitted from the Assistant Surveyors that the following had failed to comply with notices to cut hedges:-

Edward Penn, Ballynabanogue, Ballywilliam.

Mrs A. Browne, Ballynabola.

J. W. Fletcher, Raheenduff, Foulksmills.

Mrs A. Murphy, Hollymount, Castlebridge.

Capt. Harvey, Bromley, Kyle.

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Paul Roche, Barmoney, Bree.

Miss Walker, Tykillen, Kyle.

Nicholas Browne, Church Street, Enniscorthy.

Capt. G. Maher, Ballinkee, Ballymurrin.

Mrs Jordan, Oylegate.

Richard Doyle, Minahow, Oulart; also report as to failure of John Moran, Ballybrack, Foulksmills, to clean out drain.

It was decided that the Assistant Surveyors concerned should interview the persons named and endeavour to induce them to comply with the law.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Colonel Quin seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That, in the event of the persons reported to this meeting neglecting or refusing to comply with notices to trim hedges, and in the case of John Moran to clean out drain, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, be instructed to institute Court proceedings in order to have the work carried out."

APPLICATION FOR SITE FOR HALL AT BALLYHACK.

Under date 22nd January, 1929, Mr. John Walsh, Hon., Sec., Ballyhack Literary and Athletic Association, applied for a site to erect a Hall on the North West side of Ballyhack Street. The Association was chiefly composed of young fishermen from the village.

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

"That the application of Ballyhack Literary and Athletic Association, for site for village Hall, be agreed to."

After some discussion this motion was withdrawn and the following proposed by Mr. Shannon, seconded by Colonel Quin, was adopted:-

"That the application of Ballyhack Literary and Athletic Association be referred to next meeting of the County Council."

COMPLAINT BY BUS OWNER OF ROAD MATERIAL.

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The following, under date 26th January, 1929, was read from Mr. T. Fitzpatrick, Enniskerry Garage:-

"You will see from the enclosed specimens of road material which are spread out along the road between Enniscorthy and Ballycanew via Oulart and also between Inch and Arklow, via Coolgreany, that a great many of the pieces of stone are almost as sharp as broken glass. I am sure you are not aware of the tremendously serious consequences of running a bus over carpets of these chippings mile after mile of the road. They penetrate the tyre and work their way right into the tube in a single journey. These tyres cost 18 guineas each and there are six of them on the bus. It thus involves a very probable loss of £104 worth of tyres for every trip and of course this is absolutely impossible. Surely it is not necessary and not advantageous to spread this kind of material along the road especially without a steam roller. The larger stones cut the tyre to bits on an average of once a fortnight but these small stones cut all the tyres to pieces at once. You can pick up a dozen of them embedded in each tyre in ten yards.

"Can you possibly do anything for me in the matter as the losses I am incurring whilst these remain are appalling ?."

County Surveyor - We can only use chippings of this sort for repairing roads. The specimens sent seemed to come from a depot. It is the only way we can repair roads.

It was decided to furnish Mr. Fitzpatrick with the opinion of the County Surveyor.

IRISH B.P. COMPANY AND NEW BUILDINGS.

Letter, under date 4th December and Drawings sent by the Irish B.P. Company, Ltd., 11-13 O'Connell Street, Dublin, (Box 18), as to proposed erection of buildings, storage tanks etc., on land the property of Messrs J. Donohoe Ltd., at Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, outside the Urban District, was read.

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The County Surveyor said the Company proposed to erect an eight foot galvanised iron fence along the footpath. He (County Surveyor) considered this would interfere with the view.

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

"That we recommend the Council not to enter objection to erection of proposed buildings etc., at Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, provided the Irish B.P. Company move their fence at least one yard from the footpath."

FORD-OF-LYNG.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, submitted letter from Mr. Fergus O'Connor, B.L., re above.

After discussion it was decided that Mr. Elgee be empowered to employ Mr. Overend, K.C., and Mr. F. O'Connor, B.L., to deal with the points raised in Mr. O'Connor's letter, after consultation with the County Surveyor. Also that Mr. Elgee report the result of said consultation and receive further instructions.

WEXFORD-ROSSLARE ROAD.

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

"That the Department of Local Government be requested to set aside from any grants to be devoted this year to improvement of tourist roads, a sum of £3,000 for Wexford-Rosslare Road. This sum is urgently needed at the moment to place the road in a condition which will be suitable for the traffic of modern vehicles. That the Tourist Association be requested to urge the Local Government Department to comply with this request, as the Association must recognise its absolute necessity".

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DEFAULTING ROAD CONTRACTORS.

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

"That the County Surveyor be directed to proceed against the following road contractors and their sureties for neglect in carrying out necessary work or that he takes up the various roads under the 54 Section of the Grant Jury of 1836, which - ever course he considers most advisable:-

- 169E Joseph Hyland, Coolgarrow, Enniscorthy.
- 170E. Joseph Hyland, Coolgarrow, Enniscorthy.
- 173E. Joseph Hyland, Coolgarrow, Enniscorthy.
- 152E. James Kenny, Effernogue, Ferns.
- 72E James Kenny, Corragh, Bunelody.
- 176E William McGill, Ballingowan, Blackwater.
- 182E William McGill, Ballingowan, Blackwater.
- 177E James Rossiter, Tubberlamina, Blackwater.
- 178E James O'Brien, Ballytarsna, Oulart.
- 191E Owen Murphy, Knocknasilloge, Blackwater.
- 202E Richard Ormonde, Inch, Blackwater.
- 253E Michael Foley, Killanne
- 269E John Leonard, Moneytucker, Caim.
- 270E John Leonard, Moneytucker, Caim.
- 275E John Leonard, Moneytucker, Caim.
- 78G James Hughes, Clones, Castletown.
- 40G William Byrne, Annagh Gap, Inch.
- 63G Patrick Higgins, Parkbawn, Gorey.
- 156W Edward Furlong, Knocktown, Duncormack.
- 183W Thomas Dunne, Sleadagh, Murrintown.
- 287R James Tobin, Monamolin.
- 65R James Tobin, Monamolin.
- 134R John Carroll, Assagart, Foulksmills.
- 264R John Carroll, Assagart, Foulksmills.
- 153R Thomas Cleary, Coolcliffe, Foulksmills.
- 288R Patrick Kennedy, Ballyvergin, Foulksmills.

289R Patrick Kennedy, Ballyvergin, Foulksmills.

CONTINGENCIES FUND.

The following Allocation of amounts in Contingencies Fund, recommended by the County Surveyor, were approved, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:-

Main Roads - Balance £721: 8: 3

Allocation:- 4G £60; 13G £90; 16G £50; 1E £100;
2E £50; 34E £50; 19E-21E £80; 46E £20; 12R £100;
5W £120. Total £ 720.

County Roads - Balance £671: 0: 0d

Allocation:- G.B. £35; D. £45; F £30. E.B. £40;
F.£40; H.£35; I. £40; J. £35; L. £40; K.£45; R.C.£50;
D.£50; F.£40; W.B. £30; C.£40; E.£40; K.£35

Total £670 0: 0d

Public Works

Balance £857: 0: 0.

New Ross Bridge £50.

Courthouses £20.

Co. Buildings £25.

INJURY TO PONY TRAP &c.

Under date 17th December, 1928, Mr. E. Gethings, Monart, Enniscorthy, wrote claiming £5 compensation for injury to pony trap and delph. He stated that on the 13th December, when driving along Ballyminane road (Ballindaggin) he got fired out and the trap was injured and delph broken owing to a heap of stones. The contractor of the road is William Doran, Mohurry.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, said that he was talking to Mr. Gethings who told him if he got 10/- to cover the cost of the delph which had been broken he would be well satisfied. There was a small depot of about four yards out but the road was very narrow and the heap projected a bit too far out.

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

"That the letter of Mr. Edward Gethings, under date 17th December, 1928, and claiming £5 for injury to pony trap and broken delph be referred to Wm. Doran, ~~Kilgarry~~ Mohurphy., Road Contractor!"

TARA HILL LANE.

Under date 9th January, 1929, Mr. John Walsh, Tara Hill, Gorey, wrote that the people concerned who were using this lane had agreed to do the necessary trimming on the land as required.

The following wrote that they agreed to help with horses and cars so far as it was in their power in connection with the repair of this lane:- Peter Noctor (Kilcavan); John Whelan; Denis Doyle; James Kilty; Michael Kavanagh; P. J. Fanning; Wm. Warren; Denis Allen T.D., and Peter Noctor (Ballymack).

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Keegan seconded:- "We recommend the County Council to accept the guarantees given to this meeting as regards local assistance in connection with the repair of Tara Hill Lane".

Passed.

DANGEROUS CORNER ON KILNAHUE(GOREY) ROAD.

Under date 30th January, 1929, a long letter was read from Mr. T. E. Ireton, Creagh, Gorey, complaining of the action of the County Council in not having dangerous corner on above road removed. He said that when some one else was killed at this corner (one life having been already lost at this spot) the Council would be rushing to lock the stable door when the horse was gone. It was not a big job and would cost only £5 or £6 which might be the means of saving lives there because as he had already pointed out there was room only for two wheelbarrows to pass and ^{if} two carts met ~~one~~ one should back some distance to enable the other to pass.

It was decided to inform Mr. Ireton that the matter would have to be adjourned until the finances of the Council permitted and until all dangerous corners which had been scheduled for easement had been dealt with.

GENERAL MATTERS.

Mr. Smyth complained of the flooding of Newtown (Clonevan) Road all through the Winter months. He was at a funeral there on the previous evening and the hearse had to go through three or four feet of water. Three houses on the road were actually isolated on account of the flooding.

The County Surveyor said the flooding was caused owing to the fact that the Cahore drainage system was a quagmire in consequence of no attention for a considerable time past. Until the drainage outlet was improved nothing could be done for the road. To raise it would cost about £150.

Colonel Quin pointed out that when the Council had considered this matter on a previous occasion they were told proceedings would have to be taken in the High Court and it might cost thousands.

Mr. Corish said that the matter of Cahore Drainage was well in hand. The five T.D.'s for the County had been with the Board of Works, the Minister for Agriculture and the Parliamentary Secretary for the Land Commission, two or three times within the last two months.

Mr. Hayes called attention to the constant flooding of the road between Rathangan Cross and Gibberpatrick on the road to Duncormack at the bridge of "Ravis Tree". The owner of the land would allow the Council to have the place cleaned out. There was a second road at Scar also subject to flooding. The river ran alongside the road for about 50 yards and overflowed very often for that length.

The County Surveyor said that as far as he understood the

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County Council had no power to compel a person to clean up a natural running stream.

It was decided that Mr. Kehoe (Assistant Surveyor) inspect the two roads complained of and report to next meeting of the Roads' Committee.

Mr. Shannon said the residents of Chapel (Clonroche District) had asked him to bring to the attention of the Roads' Committee the necessity of having a dangerous corner there taken away.

It was decided that Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor for the district, should inspect the place and report to next meeting of the Roads' Committee.

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Application site Hall at Ballyhack.

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

"That the Council consent to the erection of Village Hall on North West side of Ballyhack Street, subject to the site receiving approval of County Surveyor and to an Undertaking that the Hall be removed on three months' notice in writing served by County Council".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That the Minutes of Roads' Committee, in respect of meeting held on 4th February, 1929, be and are hereby confirmed. "

GOREY TENDERS COMMITTEE.

The following report of above Committee was submitted.:-

GOREY TENDERS COMMITTEE MEETING - 5th Feb., 1929

Meeting of Gorey Tenders Committee was held in Court-house, Gorey, on 5th February.

Present:- Messrs Sean O'Byrne, James Hall, Timothy F. D'Arcy; James Armstrong, Myles Smyth and Colonel Quin.

The County Surveyor, Assistant Surveyors Ennis and Treanor, and Assistant Secretary were in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. D'Arcy, seconded by Mr. Smyth the Chair was taken by Colonel Quin.

Before tenders were considered Mr. Sean O'Byrne stated he wished to protest against the taking of Road work from men who had nothing and giving it to men who had something. Some of the contractors had not very much but at least they had some other means of earning a livelihood while the roadworkers from whom the work was being taken had no other means of support.

The Chairman stated that any discussion on this matter was out of order as the function of Tenders Committee was to consider the tenders received. The manner in which road work was to be carried out was a matter for the County Council.

The following letter was read from Mr. Patrick Kinsella, Market Square, Gorey:-

"Will you please inform the Road Board Committee that I am withdrawing all Tenders in my name and much oblige"

List of Tenders received and approved are set out on attached forms.

In the case of Special work No. 213 for rebuilding of 99 feet of retaining wall and erection of parapet wall and extension of gullet 5 feet in Poulshone two tenders were received one from Laurence Doyle, Ballyduff, Killena, Gorey at £88 and one from Edward McDonald, Kilbora, Camolin at £95.

In the tender form of Laurence Doyle no sureties were mentioned but the following letter was received from him:-

"In making out my tender for Special Works Contract at

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Poulshone I think I forgot to fill in the names of my sureties until I had sent it away. I hope you will be so good as to overlook the omission. The sureties are:- Wm. Cousins, Ballycale, Gorey: Thomas Whelan, Farmer, Ballyduff.

Edward McDonald stated he objected to the acceptance of tender of Laurence Doyle on the grounds (1) That tender was late (2) That no sureties were mentioned on tender form.

It was pointed out to McDonald that Doyle's tender was received in time but he persisted in stating that tender was late.

The meeting decided (Messrs D'Arcy and Smyth dissenting) to accept the tender of Laurence Doyle at £88. Mr. McDonald was notified by Chairman that if he had an objection to make to the Committee's decision he could do so at County Council meeting.

The Chairman announced that, in accordance with decision of Roads' Committee of County Council, all untendered Roads would be readvertised.

John Fortune, Ballyoughna, Contractor, accepted for Road No.349 did not sign bond for contract. He stated that he had decided not to take this contract. No other tender had been received for this road. Fortune completed bonds for Contract No.343.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That the Minutes of Gorey Tenders' Committee be received and considered".

The following resolution was, after discussion, proposed by Mr. D'Arcy, seconded by Mr. Smyth and adopted:- "That the Minutes of Gorey Tenders' Committee be and are hereby confirmed except penultimate paragraph recommending the re-advertising of roads untendered for which is governed by the decision of the Council that no further tender for road maintenance be invited".

ENNISCORTHY TENDERS COMMITTEE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Col. Quin:- "That the Minutes of Enniscorthy Tenders Committee ~~be~~ submitted as follows by the Secretary be received and considered:-

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ENNISCORTHY TENDERS COMMITTEE.

Meeting of Enniscorthy Tenders Committee was held in
C Courthouse, Enniscorthy, on Tuesday, 12th February, 1928.

Present:- Mr. T. McCarthy, presiding; also Messrs J.
S Shannon, M. Jordan and J. Clinee.

Before the consideration of the tenders received the
C Chairman announced that tenders would be only provisionally
accepted by the Tenders' Committee.

Before any tender became effective it would have to be
r ratified by the County Council.

The acceptance of Tenders by Tenders Committee was only
p provisional.

Withdrawal of Tenders.

A letter was received from Mr. Peter Cummins, Ballinastraw,
Cl Clonegal, withdrawing all tenders in his name.

A list of Tenders provisionally accepted by Tenders
CoCommittee is included on Form 20 herewith.

Contractor provisionally accepted for No. 313 and 314
PaPatrick Walsh, Ballyorley, Ferns, did not appear with his
susureties to sign Bond at conclusion of Meeting.

James Slevin, Caim, Surety for proposed Contractors for
ththe following roads did not attend to sign bonds. Contractors
ststated Surety would attend at County Council Office by the 18th
FeFebruary but he did not do so.

<u>Road No.</u>	<u>Contractor.</u>
256	Myles Slevin.
257	do
382	do
385	do
387	James Browne, Kiltrea
389	James Borwne, do.

Philip Murphy, Knockreigh, surety for proposed Contractor
fofor No. 489 Contractor Edward Maddock.
506 " do
507 " do
509 " do.

didid not attend to sign bond. Contractor stated surety would

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attend County Council Office to sign bond but has not done so.

John Gallagher, Verona, Surety for proposed Contractor for Road No.388 (James Hall, Templescoby) did not attend at Wexford to sign bond although Contractor stated he would do so.

A Tender for Road No.249 was received from John Doyle, Wheelagower, Ballindaggin, at £46: 10: 0d (Sureties Patrick Doyle, Coolree and James Lawler, Coolree). This tender was not in Enniscorthy Tender Box. There was no mention on envelope enclosing tender as to its containing a road tender for Enniscorthy.

As tender was received in time at County Council office it is now submitted to County Council for consideration there being no tender for this Road at Tenders' Committee Meeting.

For Road No.563 two Tenders were received one from Thomas O'Brien, Glenteigue at £28 and one from Joseph Cullen, Ballyrannell at £29.

It was decided to refer the Tenders to County Council as both O'Brien and Cullen had been provisionally accepted for a number of Roads.

LATE TENDERS.

A number of late Tenders received were not dealt with it being decided to refer them to County Council Meeting.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Colonel Gibbon and adopted:- "That in cases of accepted Contracts for roads in which bonds have not been completed by this date, contract be cancelled and works given in charge of County Surveyor. This ruling is to apply to Roads 256; 257; 313; 314; 382; 385; 387; 388; 389; 489; 506; 507; 509. That tender of John Doyle, Wheelagower (Road 249) be accepted as through an error it had been placed in wrong tender box. As regards Road 563 we are of opinion that Thomas O'Brien, Glenteigue and Joseph Cullen, Ballyrannell have in charge as many roads as they can efficiently look after and in consequence we decline to accept either as Contractor for Road 563 which is placed in charge of County Surveyor for a year.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That no late tenders for Roads received in connection with meetings of Tenders Committees be considered"

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

"That Minutes of Enniscorthy Tenders' Committee as submitted to this meeting be and are hereby confirmed".

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Gorey Courtown Road

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Col. Quin and adopted:-

"That portion of the material - amount to be fixed by County Surveyor - for improvement of Gorey Courtown Road be taken from Tara Hill Quarry".

State Assistance for Farmers.

Mr. Roche moved the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That we, the members of Wexford County Council do hereby ask the Government to consider immediately the position of ratepayers in the Saorstat. The Council has reduced expenditure in every manner possible but the reduction thus obtained is altogether inadequate to meet the burden of taxation. Under present uneconomic conditions nothing but State assistance could possibly prove effective. A tax could be imposed say on foreign bacon and the proceeds turned in the direction of the above-named. Also many other articles which may be home manufactured could be dealt with likewise, and the revenue also made to assist the ratepayers. Also that we approach the Government on the matter of having State protection extended to the farmers as regards home produce. At the present time many products grown on the farm are sold by the retailers at from 50 to 100% profit. This has the effect of hitting both producer and consumer to an enormous extent. Whereas if a reasonable profit were charged it would greatly assist both parties mentioned".

Mr. Roche said he had brought forward his motion by way of suggestion to point out ^{to} the Government the condition in which the Ratepayers were at the present. It was quite evident that very many of them were unable to pay their rates. Within the past week protection had been given the woollen industry and it would be no harm if a similar experiment was applied to agriculture. The agricultural producer should have some idea of what he was going to get for his produce and the exorbitant profits of dealers should be abolished. These were killing trade.

Mr. McCarthy said that Mr. Roche in his remarks had referred

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to protection for Irish bacon. The question of protection was one into which a County Council should not go or for that matter any similar public body. They were not sufficiently well versed in the pros and cons of the protection problem to give an accurate expression of opinion. It was a very complex question and most of them had only read speeches or newspaper articles and would very likely be swayed by those. They had not gone into the question/^{at}any depth and were not in a position to give a really sound opinion on it.

Mr. Roche said that Mr. McCarthy misunderstood the motion which had been put down to try and help the ratepayers by drawing the attention of the Government to the sad condition of the ratepayers of the County. It is not by any means a political motion.

Col. Gibbon pointed out that the people who had secured protection for the woollen industry had appeared before the Tariff Commission and made a successful case for a tariff. The Farmers' Union had decided against tariffs but there was nothing to prevent any unofficial body of farmers to go before the Tariff Commission and make their case for a tariff. But until some farmers were prepared to do this the Council were wasting their time talking about the matter.

After further discussion Mr. Roche agreed that all words after the word "effective" appearing in line 7 of motion as appearing on the agenda paper should be deleted.

The motion as amended was seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted.
Publishing Names of Defaulting Land Annuitants.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice stood in the name of Mr. Roche:- "That the resolution of the Council as to publication of list of defaulting Land Annuitants be rescinded".

Mr. Culleton seconded.

Mr. Elgee mentioned that there was a case of libel for the publication of names of defaulting annuitants at present before the High Court.

Col. Quin proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution:- "That notice of motion as to rescinding the resolution of Co. Council to publish names of defaulting Land Annuitants be adjourned for three months or until such time as High Court decision as to legality of such action be available".

Mr. O'Byrne seconded

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the amendment adjourning the motion:- Messrs Armstrong, Cline, Cooney, Corish, Hall, Hayes, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin, and Shannon.....10.

Against:- Messrs Brennan, Colloton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Jordan, Mayler, Murphy, Roche, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman.....12.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost. Mr. Roche's motion was then put and passed nem.con.

Kilmannock Drainage System.

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

"To consider appointment of caretaker for Kilmannock Drainage system and if agreed to appoint caretaker"

Mr. Murphy asked the Council to agree to the postponement of his motion for the present and the meeting consented.

Mr. Murphy then proposed:- "That we ask the Land Commission to set aside a sufficient sum of money for the purpose of maintaining the embankment of Drainage System before the Kilmannock, Power, Haughton, and Ryland Estates are vested in the tenants.

'That a copy of this resolution be sent to the T.D.'s for

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the County.

Compensation for Destroyed Insurance Stamps.

Mr. Hayes called attention to the hardship which the men - who had been employed by the Council and were at present disengaged - were under in not being able to secure unemployment benefit in consequence of the fact that the Ministry for Industry and Commerce would not recognise the certificate of the County Surveyor as to the stamps which had been destroyed in the fire. He proposed:- "That if arrangements are not made by Friday, 1st March for the Department of Industry & Commerce to recognise the certificate of County Surveyor in the cases of men who are entitled to Unemployment benefit the County Surveyor arrange to start the men concerned at some work."

Mr. Keegan seconded.

Passed.

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

"That Messrs Corish and Jordan, T.D. members of this Council be requested to wait on the Department of Industry and Commerce with a view to securing a settlement of amount for destroyed stamps for National Health and Unemployment Insurance".

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Kilmore Harbour.

The following letter, under date 15th February, 1929, (D/73/1), was read from the Secretary, Department of Fisheries:-

"With reference to your communication of the 22nd ultimo, forwarding resolution of the Wexford County Council to the effect that it will be expected that the Dredger would work on all tides should the dredging at Kilmore be carried out by the Office of Public Works, I am directed by the Minister for Lands and Fisheries to state that the Commissioners of Public Works intimate that the Harbour at Kilmore almost dries out at low water spring tides and the depth to be attained by dredging will only be 4' below low water spring tides so that the dredger will be able to work for a few hours only at the times of high water each day. If, however, night tides are worked the wages account would be greater than normal. It would be necessary to fix a tidal rate of wages for the entire crew and the additional cost over the regular rate would have to be charged to the work as overtime. Furthermore, if night tides were to be worked, the dredging, owing to the exposure of the place, would necessarily have to be carried out in the Summer months when conditions would be expected to be the most favourable.

It is thought well to bring these considerations to the notice of the County Council so that they may clearly understand the difficulty of working at Kilmore with economy.

I am to inquire whether the County Council is still willing to contribute at least a moiety (say £200) of the total cost involved should the dredging be carried out by the Commissioners of Public Works".

The following resolution was adopted, nem. con., on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr Corish:-

"That the Department of Fisheries be informed that the Wexford County Council agree to pay a sum of £200 towards the cost of dredging Kilmore Harbour on condition that the harbour be dredged to a depth of at least 4 feet at low water as suggested and subject to agreement between the County Surveyor and the Department's Engineer as to the area over which this depth of at least 4 feet is to be obtained and also as to the position at which the dredged material is to be dumped so as to avoid the danger of its silting back into the harbour".

Mr Corish proposed and Mr Roche seconded the following which was agreed to after discussion:-

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to employ a representative of the Council - fisherman or longshoreman - acquainted with the set of the tides who would remain on board the Dredger of the Office of Public Works when dredging is being carried out and who would report as directed to the County Surveyor as to the progress of the work".

The County Surveyor stated he would check the levels at the Harbour prior to the start of the work

CAMBLIN EMBANKMENT, PROPOSED DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Under date 15th February, 1929, the following (18689/28) was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"Having considered the resolution of the Wexford County Council and the petition transmitted to us in respect of the formation of the above-named drainage district under the Arterial Drainage Act, 1925, together with the reports of the persons appointed by us to report on the proposals contained in the petition, we are of opinion that the circumstances are not such as to justify the preparation of a detailed drainage scheme or the constitution of a separate drainage district.

"The reason on which our decision is based is that the scheme is quite uneconomic and could not be carried out without

imposing an unduly heavy burden on the finances of the County. We understand from your letter dated the 8th September last that it is not the wish of the affected occupiers that the scheme should proceed".

The Secretary stated he had reported to the Council a considerable time back that this scheme had been abandoned by the promoters.

FORD OF LYNG.

Under date 4th February, 1929, (1073/29), the following was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"With reference to your Council's inquiry as to what action we propose to take to enforce the law to compel the proprietors of the South Slob who infringed, by flooding, the rights of the owners of the adjoining land, we desire to point out that this is a matter in which we have no jurisdiction and is therefore one in which we cannot interfere. We understand that your Council are about to institute legal proceedings against the owners of the Slob Lands in respect of the damage alleged to have been caused to the public road by flooding owing to failure on the part of the owners to keep the drain east of the town-land of Rathdowney in good working order. In the circumstances it appears to us a case in which the owners of the flooded lands might consult their Solicitor and be guided by his advice in the matter.

2. As regards the concluding paragraph of the resolution, as you are aware, only two existing drainage districts have so far been transferred to the Council for management (i.e., the Sow and Kilmannock Drainage Districts). Both of these districts were constituted under the Act, 5 & 6 Vic. cap. 89. We enclose a copy of Section 120 of that Act which sets forth the duties and powers of the Trustees in respect of the maintenance of

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drainage works in their district. In the case of a new district, constituted under the Arterial Drainage Act of 1925, Sec. 19 confers on a Council the duty and power of maintaining the drainage works in proper efficient working order, whilst under Sec. 30 they are given powers to make bye-laws for this purpose. As regards the statement that an Inspector recently ~~inspected~~ visited the locality, so far as we are aware, none of our officials has made any inspection of or report upon the district since January of 1928; the general effect of that officer's report was given to you in our letter of 12th June, 1928."

The Chairman said the land owners concerned would be prepared to co-operate with the Council and to contribute financially but not to a large extent.

It was decided to refer the letter from the Office of Public Works to Mr Elgee, Solicitor, for presentation at consultation with Counsel in the matter on 27th February, 1929.

OVERGROUND TELEGRAPHIC LINE, KILTEALY.

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

"That this Council consents to the erection of overground telegraphic line from Cross Roads, Kiltelaly, near School, to Cross Roads, Kiltelaly, near Catholic Church, on condition that situation of poles receives the approval of the County Surveyor".

REPAIR OF CRACKS IN CONCRETE ROAD, WEXFORD-ENNISCORTHY.

The County Surveyor submitted the following from the Pioneer Road Construction Company, under date 11th February, 1929, and which was regarded as satisfactory:-

"We are in receipt of your letter of the 9th instant, and note that a few more cracks have appeared on the road since the date of our joint inspection.

"You are right in assuming that we will attend to these cracks when we are making good the defects that we noted previously.

"We are awaiting the advent of fair weather to make all these good, and to attend to the joints along the road and, as we pointed out before, we are agreeable to extend the period of maintenance until these matters are all attended to."

PROPOSALS FOR WORKS.

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

"That the several Proposals for the Maintenance of Roads and Works, etc., appearing on Form 20, as submitted to this meeting, be and are hereby approved, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman".

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENT.

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

"That the several Proposals for Payment, including proposals on Form 22, certified by the County Surveyor, in respect of Road Contracts, etc., be and are hereby approved, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman".

OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEE NO 7.

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

"That, as recommended by Old Age Pension Sub-Committee No 7, Rev. Thomas Cleary, P.P., New Ross, be appointed a member of said Sub-Committee, vice Monsignor Rossiter, P.P., deceased".

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE.

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

"That Rev. Dr. Browne, St Peter's College, Wexford, be appointed a member of Wexford Rural Library Committee, vice Very Rev W F Murphy, President, St Peter's College, Wexford, resigned".

CINEMATOGRAPH ACT.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Roche, seconded by Mr Culleton:-

"That Sergeant James O'Reilly, 1560, Kilmore Quay, and Sergeant T B Dunleavy, 2299, Bridgetown, be appointed Inspectors under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, for their respective sub-districts, vice Sergeant Patrick Quinlivan, 95, and Sergeant James Dowd, 2214, respectively, transferred".

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

Under date 29th January, 1929, the following was read from the Registrar, National University of Ireland:-

"I beg to inform you that the Senate, at its last meeting, adopted the following resolutions, and directed me to request you to lay them before your Council at its next meeting:-

(i) That the County Councils and County Borough Councils be requested to consult with one of the Constituent Colleges before drafting Regulations for University Scholarships.

(ii) That, in the opinion of the Senate, it would be advisable to make the Scholarships tenable for four years, as has already been done in some Counties, to enable the holders when necessary to complete their professional qualifications.

(iii) That it is suggested that the Regulations should be such as to allow the amounts allocated to Scholars to be increased in the case of poorer Students, who are in many cases practically dependent on their Scholarships".

The Secretary mentioned that, as regards (i), the draft scheme was sent each year to the Academic Council of the National University for their approval.

As regards (ii), it was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Culleton, and adopted:-

"That the County Wexford University Scholarship Scheme provides for an extension to four years in particular instances, and this Council cannot see its way to allow a four years' course indiscriminately to all University Scholarship Holders".

In connection with (iii), the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Culleton:-

"This Council considers that £70 per annum, allowed for each University Scholarship, is adequate".

CARETAKER OF GOREY UNION BUILDINGS.

Under date 31st January, 1929, a letter was read from the County Board of Health, stating that Dr W O'Connor, Tuberculosis Medical Officer, recommended that Thomas Lawlor, the Caretaker of the Gorey Union Buildings, be given the Board-room to live in. Lawlor was at present living in the Registry Office of the Old Union, the bedroom being formerly the Strong

Closet. Lawlor's wife had died of consumption. The Board recommended the County Council to accede to the request of the Tuberculosis Medical Officer.

Agreed to, on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Jordan.

STREET TRADING.

Under date 7th February, 1929, letter was read from the Town Clerk, Wexford, stating that Wexford Corporation were unanimously of the opinion that legislation should be introduced, with as little delay as possible, to cope with the undoubted abuse of hawkers trading ⁱⁿ the streets, as Wexford Town suffered in a marked degree from the presence of such hawkers who occupied the most prominent part of the Main Street on fair days and market days to the detriment of local traders.

Resolutions were submitted from Enniscorthy and New Ross Urban District Councils, calling on the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to introduce legislation for the purpose of putting a stop to the trading done by travelling hawkers and second-hand clothes dealers or to empower local authorities to charge these people a substantial fee for licence for the privilege of trading within their area, as at present these hawkers constituted a serious menace to business people who paid heavy rates and rents.

Proposed by Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Walsh, and adopted, Mr Cooney dissenting:-

"That the replies from the three Urban Districts of the County, relative to street trading by hawkers, etc., be forwarded to the County Councils' General Council, and that the Secretary to this body be informed that the County Council agree with the views therein expressed".

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ANALYST'S REPORT.

Report of Analyst for the quarter ended 31st December, 1928, was submitted to the meeting. The total number of samples analysed was 153, made up of 90 samples of Foods and 63 samples of drugs, the number adulterated being- Butter, 1; Sausages, 1; Drugs, 3.

MAIN ROADS AS NATIONAL ROADS.

Resolution, received from Wicklow County Council, stating that the repair and maintenance of Main Roads in each County should be accepted as a national question to be shouldered by the Government, etc., was referred to the Roads Committee for consideration.

IMPRISONMENT OF MR E DE VALERA, T D, M P.

A resolution was read from Kilkenny Corporation, requesting the Executive Council to demand the immediate release by the Northern Government of Mr E De Valera, T D, M P, Leader of the Opposition in Dail Eireann, and adequate satisfaction for the gross outrage on national feeling, public decency and tolerance.

No action was taken.

DE-RATING OF AGRICULTURAL LAND.

A resolution was received from Kerry County Council, requesting the Dail, in view of the prevailing depression in Agriculture, the chief industry of the State, to give their immediate and earnest consideration to devising a scheme for the de-rating of agricultural land.

Adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Roche.

M. Doyle

WEXFORD CO. COUNCIL.

MINUTES

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MEETING HELD ON 8th April, 1929.

N. J. FRIZELLE,
SECRETARY.

FORTVIEW,
WEXFORD.

The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held on 8th April, 1929, in Co. Council Chamber, Wexford.

Mr. M. Doyle (Chairman) presided and there were also present:- Messrs James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Clinee Patrick Colfer, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, John Doran, James Gaul, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, William P. Keegan, Thomas Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, M. M. Roche, James Shannon, Myles Smyth, James E. Walsh, Col. C.M. Gibbon, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin and Miss Nellie O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

THE LATE FR. MARTIN O'RYAN, C.C.

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

"That the following letter in reply to vote of condolence from Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Co. Councillor, be inserted on the Minutes of this day's meeting:- "

"I am deeply grateful to the Chairman and the members of the Council for their vote of sympathy and for their touching references to the memory of dear Fr. Martin, R.I.P. I am also more than grateful to you and the other members of the staff to Mr. Barry and Mr. Elgee. Wont you please, convey my thanks to all".

ROADS' COMMITTEE.

The Minutes of Roads Committee, as follows, in respect of meeting held on 11th March, 1929, were submitted by the Secretary:-

The monthly meeting of the Roads Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 11th March, 1929.

Present:- Mr. M. Doyle (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs P. Colfer, R. Corish, John J. Culleton, J. Hall, P. Hayes, W. P. Keegan, T. McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Colonel Quin, James Shannon and M. Smyth.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following report was read from the County Surveyor:-

"The past Winter has been most severe on roads, and I have found difficulty in maintaining them. The very full attention that has been given to drainage work, and the judicious surface attention has, in many cases, prevented the collapse of several of the roads, and so far as I have reports from the Assistant Surveyors, and have personally examined the roads, I am satisfied that they were maintained to the best advantage possible for the money available. In my opinion, however, we are working on capital, in so far as the roads are gradually wearing down, while the traffic is increasing. I have just received from the Local Government Department an extract from letter received by the Department from the Irish Automobile Club. This letter severely condemns the road from Rosslare Pier to Wexford and, also from Wexford to New Ross. I am preparing detailed report for the Local Government Department, and shall submit this to the County Council later, but, in the meanwhile I wish to point out that with the funds allocated for the up-keep of these roads it is absolutely impossible to put them into satisfactory repair. By judicious application of tarred stones and screenings I could just keep the roads moderately smooth during the Summer months, but during the Winter they are bound to become badly pot-holed and uneven. A section of the Rosslare road has been

is dealt with near the town of Wexford, and there are considerable lengths of the road between Wexford and New Ross which have been improved, and are in good condition. These sections are being maintained, and are entirely satisfactory. The unimproved sections of the road can only be dealt with under heavy expenditure - by Grant or Loan - whichever may be decided on.

'I reported to the Council the bad slip of the bank at Ardcanrisk in January last, and notified the Railway Company who are responsible for this road that I was clearing away the debris so as to open the road for traffic. I have now forwarded to the Railway Company account of the cost of the work, amounting to £72: 3: 10d, and have asked for refund.

'I have already submitted to the Council copy of letter from the Pioneer Road Construction Company in regard to their overhauling the concrete road between Ferrycarrig and Enniscorthy and hope shortly to have this work put in hands. The Pioneer Company's undertaking is, I believe, entirely satisfactory.

'I have received notification from the Department of Industry and Commerce in regard to Dock Regulations from which it appears that we should provide first aid boxes at the various Piers. I ask for authority to purchase the boxes.

'On a number of days recently an Inspector from the Department of Industry and Commerce was in my Office checking over records, and obtaining particulars in regard to the destroyed Insurance Cards and stamps, but up to the present, no decision has been given by the Ministry. In connection with this matter I have found in the past that with the dis-employment of individual workers there was delay in stamping cards, owing to having to wait for a Finance meeting, and I suggest that a sum should be allocated to purchase stamps so as to have a stock in hands to meet such requirements. A sum of about £12 would cover this. In connection also with the ordinary Postage Account I am sent out of pocket regularly from £5 to £10, and I ask for an allocation to cover this. Both of these accounts could be balanced monthly

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and reinstated at Finance meeting.

' I have had repairs in my Office carried out, making good damage caused by the fire, and shall submit the account to the Insurance Company for refund.

'Both the Secretary and myself have found it advisable to transfer a number of old papers and forms for storage in the Old Jail Premises, and as we shall require permanent storage in the premises I ask for authority to have shelving put up in some of the old cells on the right hand wing which will not be dealt with in the re-construction work. I have quotation for the work amounting to £10: 6: 6d for each Cell. At present the ground floor of the wing which it is proposed to re-construct is a mass of old records and papers, mainly having come from the various Unions, and these will have to be removed before any work can be undertaken. They may be either sold or burnt, as may be decided upon, but steps should be taken at once to deal with the matter. I have had the Ballot Boxes and Polling Booth screens stored away in the back premises of the Old Jail, formerly the Poor Prisoners' Wing. This building which may be very usefully employed later on, is now becoming dilapidated from lack of proper windows, and so forth, and I suggest that all the openings should be boarded up, and a few small repairs carried out so as to preserve the building. If you decide on this I shall obtain quotation for the work.

'The old Baxter Breaker which was in Tara Hill Quarry for some twenty-two or twenty-three years is now worn out. During the last few years I have been maintaining it by constant repair, but this has proved most uneconomical, and now I have removed the breaker from its position in the Quarry, and substituted one of Hadfields Breakers. The work done by this breaker clearly warrants the change, and as this quarry will not have as full a demand on it as formerly I do not consider it will be necessary to purchase a breaker specially for it; the Hadfield can be moved to another quarry when finished at Tara hill.

'Recently I inspected the Gorey-Arklow Road and found that the concrete curbs, or haunches recently put in are having a satisfactory result. Up to the present there is no sign of the spreading of the sides, and I believe this work should be continued in all cases where the sides are weak, and the traffic bulges them out. A very complete overhauling of the drainage on this road has been carried out, and I believe now that there is no better drained road in the country

'A recent circular from the Local Government Department dealt, amongst other matters, with the Grant for surface dressing of the roads. In your Road Works Scheme you have provided for surface dressing some thirty miles of roads, and it will be necessary to place an order for the bitumen at once so that there may be no delay when the weather allows of the work being put in hands. I ask for authority to deal with this matter.

'Under the Road Works Scheme also it was agreed to burrow £4,000 for the Camblin Road and as I want to arrange for an early start of the work, I ask to have the loan obtained and the cash made available without delay.

'In conformity with the resolution of the County Council I have put advertisement in the local papers asking for offers for haulage of materials, and have drafted form of Tender which I submit.

'During the week, with Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, I made special inspection of the hand-breaking work in Gorey Hill Quarry, and subsequently visited the Courtown Road and arranged with Mr. Treanor for putting the work in hands at once. The Council has already decided that the balance of the material unobtainable in Gorey Hill should be obtained in Tara Hill, and I now report that the Gorey Hill hand-broken material will not be in any way suitable for the job, if tar dressing be used. Also the quantity will run very short unless we postpone the work which is most inadvisable.

'In connection with the fire in my Office I submit name of another man - Michael Martin, Allen Street, Wexford, - whom the Civic Guard Authorities report as having assisted in quelling the fire, and I ask that his name be added to list of those already approved for remuneration. In connection with the Claim of the Civic Guards themselves the Insurance Company have written as follows:- "We would point out that Insurance Companies do not generally make any payment of this description to members of the Police Force!"

Mr. Elgee has asked me to submit to you Agreement as to the new letting of Brownswood Quarry, and I ask for order for the sealing of same by the Council".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the report of County Surveyor be received and considered!"

Wexford-Rosslare Road.

In connection with this matter the Chairman suggested that letter which had been received from the Local Government Department in connection with the allocation of grants for 1929-30 should be read.

The letter in question (RGM/201/29 - March 1929) referred to pointed out that the Minister had decided to continue the making of grants from the Road Fund towards the cost of upkeep of main roads for year 1929-30.

The amounts allowed by the Council for upkeep of Main Roads for 1929-30 were for Main Roads (Trunk) £9277; Main Roads(Link) £10,786: Total £20,063.

The grants, calculated on 50% of refund of cost of main roads which were trunk roads and 30% in the case of main roads which were link roads would be £4638, and £3235 respectively making a total of £7873.

These allocations were subject to the following conditions:-

- (a) that the expenditure is such as to qualify for payment and that the amount allowed will be expended. In this connection

any substantial reduction in expenditure may involve the withholding of the entire allocation.

- (b) that such expenditure represents work actually carried out on the roads within the financial year 1929-30, and is exclusive of loan, establishment and other charges.
- (c) that the return for expenditure, in addition to the general administration of road work in the county is, in the opinion of the Department's Inspectors, reasonable.
- (d) that the surface dressing included in the Road Works Scheme is carried out expeditiously and efficiently.
- (e) that surface dressing materials for all roads are purchased by the Council from the official contractors for such materials for the year 1929-30.

The allocation of £7873 represented the maximum grant towards Main Road upkeep. Any excess expenditure over the £220,063 would have to be borne out of the Council's own funds.

Full particulars of the surface dressing with cost etc., should be furnished with Requisitions and a certificate from County Surveyor. Payment should be claimed without undue delay at the end of each quarter.

The County Surveyor mentioned that for the year 1928-29 the Council were given a grant of £6400 odd for surface ^{dressing} in addition to the main road upkeep grant.

Mr. McCarthy said a statement had appeared in the Press last week giving particulars of grants given various Counties and these were much in excess of the amounts given last year. Wexford was not included in the list.

The Chairman suggested that the Committee should adopt a resolution expressing their dissatisfaction of the manner in which the County had been treated and forward it to their T.D.'s. The latter should press the matter with the Minister. He (Chairman) believed if the T.D.'s pressed the Minister to see that the County got its share the money would be forthcoming.

The County Surveyor said it appeared from the letter of the Department that if the County Council raised a loan for the purpose of carrying out concentrated maintenance on a main road for a year they would not obtain any grant. In several instances money secured through loans could not be employed for improvement

work. Owing to modern traffic the amounts of such loans went really for maintenance and it was unfair that the Council would not be recouped in such cases. If they allowed the roads to drag on and be dealt with under the ordinary maintenance amounts they would be recouped the 50% or 30% as the case might be. The expenditure of concentrated maintenance was really saving the amount of Government grant as by dealing with a particular road through loan the cost of future maintenance would be greatly reduced and as a consequence the amount of Government grant would also fall.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That we request our T.D.'s to arrange for an interview with the Minister for Local Government in order to call his attention to the small amount of Road grant given Wexford County for the forthcoming financial year and endeavour to have Wexford treated as fairly as other Counties in accordance with list of grants published recently in the Press.

We further request the T.D.'s to point out to the Minister that in cases in which Roads have been badly injured by motor and bus traffic and County Council have procured a loan to maintain such thoroughfares the Minister should, in view of the action of the Council which will help to reduce the liability of the Government - agree that amounts spent in any financial year for such loans carry recoupment on the usual terms from State funds".

Relative to the report of County Surveyor as to the condition of road from Rosslare Pier to Wexford the following resolution was adopted:- "That the attention of the Local Government Department and Tourist Association be called to the resolution of the County Council of 25th February, 1929, asking the Department to provide from State grant a sum of £3,000 for repair of this road. The tourist traffic of past seasons is responsible for the poor condition of the road and we are of opinion that the ordinary ratepayer is, owing to this fact,

entitled to State assistance to bring the road into such a state as will meet the tourist traffic of the coming Summer.

Electric Light Gorey Courthouse.

Regarding the reference in County Surveyor's report the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That the necessary Form, as to installation of Electric light in Gorey Courthouse, be signed by the County Surveyor on behalf of the Council!"

Destroyed Insurance Stamps.

In connection with reference in report of County Surveyor the following, from the Department of Industry and Commerce to him, under date 28th February, 1929, was read:-

"With reference to your telephone message yesterday, I have made enquiries in regard to the claims to Unemployment Insurance Benefit of the County Council workers in question.

"It appears that as a result of a fire in the County Council Offices in January the Insurance Cards issued since October last were destroyed. I understand that generally the cards for the year ended in October last and previous years were available and the benefit to which they are entitled is being paid to such of the workers as have lodged claims in respect of whom there is a record of contributions having been paid in that or previous insurance years. For the purpose of assessing Benefit no credit can be given for the stamps alleged to have been affixed to the Unemployment Insurance Cards that have been destroyed pending investigation.

"So far as can be traced at the moment there are six cases only (three in Wexford and three in New Ross areas) in which claims to benefit have not been allowed. In these cases there is no record of unexhausted contributions to the claimants' credit and it is alleged that the Cards of these men were among the 1928/29 Cards destroyed in the fire. The case of these

particular men is also under investigation. This investigation is expected to take some time and until it has been clearly established that contributions have been paid for these workers in the 1928/29 year which began last October it is regretted that there can be no question of allowing these men benefit".

Messrs Hayes and Byrne pointed out that since the issue of this letter other men were affected and it was advisable that the Ministry of Industry and Commerce should be asked to speed up the investigation of their Inspector.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr O'Byrne:- "That Messrs Corish and Jordan, T.D.'s should be requested to call at the Department of Industry and Commerce and endeavour to have a satisfactory settlement brought about in connection with the claim of the Council for allowance for National Health and ^{unemployment} Insurance stamps destroyed in the recent fire in County Surveyor's Department";

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That an Imprest Account in the sum of £12 be placed in the hands of County Surveyor to deal with the purchase of Insurance stamps for County Council workers employed on Roads and in Quarries. Also that an Imprest Account in the sum of £10 be placed with the County Surveyor to cover his postage account, these proposals to be subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and accounts to be balanced and reinstated at each meeting of Finance Committee.

Storage at Old Jail.

With regard to reference to County Surveyor's report Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following resolution:-

"That we recommend the County Council to accept quotation for fitting up two cells in Old Jail for storage of the records and documents of the Council at a cost not exceeding £20: 13: 0d. That old papers stored ~~in~~ ground floor of wing of Old Jail from the various Unions be destroyed except books and any documents which may be useful for reference purposes".

Old Baxter Breaker.

The recommendation of the County Surveyor in this matter was approved on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall.

Gorey-Courtown Road.

Relative to reference in County Surveyor's report the following was read from Mr. D. Butler, Secretary, Courtown Harbour Development Committee, under date 2nd March, 1929:-

"The members of the Courtown Harbour Development Committee shall be obliged for information as to the County Council's intentions regarding the steam-rolling of the Courtown-Gorey road.

'Does the Council propose to start from the Courtown end and if so when shall the work begin ?.

'The Committee wish to impress on the Council the deplorable condition of this road which is at present in such a bad state of repair that at least four motor owners here have allowed the licenses on their cars to lapse.

'The Committee would also point out that as the tourist season starts early in May it would be to the interest of the Council and the business people in Courtown that the work should begin without further delay".

In reply to Mr. Keegan, the County Surveyor stated that with the aid of the grant from the Department of Local Government three quarters of a mile from the Courtown end would be dealt with.

Mr. Keegan said there was very little use in dealing with such a small portion of this road. What was to become of the rest of it. When the £1000 grant was laid out the road would be still impassable. The road for tourist traffic would be practically worthless and a bigger grant should have been provided. Courtown lived by its Summer trade and Gorey also benefited. Everything possible should be done to complete the job and if it was not dealt with this year the County Surveyor

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would be able to tell them what it would cost next year.

The County Surveyor said the deterioration of a road which was unattended to would be not in arithmetical but in geometrical progression. This particular road was not at present as bad as he expected; it was, however, very rough and uneven.

Mr. Keegan proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded, the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the Councillors for Gorey Electoral Area with the County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyor for the district examine the condition of the Gorey-Courtown road on Thursday, 21st March, 1929, at 3 o'clock p.m., beginning at Gorey end and report to the meeting of the Council on the 8th April, 1929, with a view to securing an additional grant to have the road put into a passable state of repair."

In reply to a query, Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, stated, that the road was certainly in a very bad way and was certain, if not looked after, to break up in the Summer. They were beginning at the Courtown end as it was the worst.

Surface Dressing Work.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, that the County Surveyor be authorised to place an Order at once for supply of bitumen for surface dressing.

The County Surveyor said that the necessary bitumen would cost a couple of thousand pounds.

New Ross-Camblin-Duncannon Road. It was decided that the County Surveyor be authorised to start the necessary work in connection with this road as the loan was now available.

Haulage Tenders. It was decided, Mr. Hayes dissenting, to approve of the form of tender for haulage drafted by the County Surveyor, a definite date by which all offers would be received to be inserted in advertisement.

Gorey Hill Quarry. With reference to report of County Surveyor

in this matter it was decided, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Quin, that the Sub Committee appointed to examine Gorey-Courtown Road on 21st March, 1929, should also visit Gorey Hill Quarry and report as to its working by hand breaking.

Fire in County Surveyor's Department.

In reference to report of County Surveyor it was decided that the County Surveyor forward the name of Michael Martin, Allen Street, Wexford, to Insurance Company, as entitled to remuneration for his help on the occasion of the fire; also that he point out to the Company, regarding their refusal to allow for damage to clothing of local Gardai, that the claim under the policy would have been considerably larger were it not for the successful efforts of the Gardai in extinguishing the fire before it had made much headway.

Brownswood Quarry.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That the seal of the Council be affixed to the Agreement for new letting to the Council of Brownswood quarry".

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

"That the report of County Surveyor, presented to this meeting, be and is hereby approved, subject to any amendments made by resolutions of this Committee".

APPLICATION BY ROAD WORKER.

Under date 8th March, 1929, Mr. Michael O'Hanlon, 6, Faythe, Wexford, wrote asking to be allowed to make a statement before the Committee having a grievance with regard to employment.

After discussion the following resolution proposed by Mr. Corish, seconded by Colonel Quin, was adopted without dissent:- "That this meeting refuses to hear Mr. Ml. O'Hanlon

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in reference to his letter of 8th March".

ILLNESS OF MR. MOORE, CO. SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT

The County Surveyor submitted medical certificate under date 8th March, from Dr. S. A. Furlong, Wexford, that Mr. T. Moore, was unable to work owing to frontal sinusitis. Mr. Moore was attending to his duties as well as it was possible in the circumstances.

It was decided to leave the matter of Mr. Moore's sick leave in the hands of the County Surveyor to make the best arrangements he thought would be necessary to meet the case.

DEFAULTING CONTRACTOR - ROAD 63G.

The County Surveyor submitted letter from P. Higgins, Contractor for above road, under date 9th March, 1929, that as his permanent man had been laid up for nine weeks and the man employed in his place did very little work he asked for some time before the Council would proceed with prosecution against him for neglect. He would put two or three men on it and finish it up quickly.

It was decided that Mr. Higgins be given a fortnight to have his road made up to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

MANURE ON ROADS.

The County Surveyor submitted report from Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, under date 19th February, 1929, that Mr. Howard Jeffares, Woodview, Foulksmills, had placed a large heap of manure on the side of the road near Horetown Cross leading down to the Church. Mr. Elgee had written Mr. Jeffares giving him to the 16th February to remove the manure but tho' some of it had been taken away, the great bulk remained. There was no excuse for allowing it on the road as there was no difficulty in getting it into the adjoining field.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of

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Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, be instructed to proceed against Howard Jeffares for allowing heap of manure to remain on Road 153 R notwithstanding directions to remove same".

Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, was directed to warn the owners of manure heaps at Solsboro, Enniscorthy, that unless they removed same at once they would be prosecuted.

Mr. Hall dissented from this as he said manure had been deposited at these places for years ^{part} ~~passed~~ and was no obstruction to anyone or injury to the road.

MAINTENANCE OF ROADWAYS OVER RAILWAY BRIDGES.

The County Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. J. F. Sidesm; Chief Engineer, Great Southern Railways, under date 18th February, 1929, as to contribution towards cost of maintenance of roadways over the following railway bridges:- Slaney Bridge at Wexford 39 perches; Millpark Road Enniscorthy 37 perches; Island Street, Enniscorthy 110 perches. Mr. Sides pointed out that the average rate for the maintenance of the two Enniscorthy bridges was 2/1d per perch.

It was decided that the County Surveyor consult with Mr. Casey, Town Surveyor, Enniscorthy, as to the amount which should be demanded for maintenance of the roadways over the two Railway Bridges in Enniscorthy and that he submit to the County Council the figures which he believed would be equitable for the maintenance of the roadway over Wexford Bridge.

WEXFORD MAIN STREET AND MOTOR TRAFFIC

The Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote under date 2nd March, 1929 (R/RV/32) that with reference to the correspondence as to the closing of Main Street, Wexford, to motor traffic, the Minister would, on receipt of an application for Order under section 7(4) of the Roads Act, 1920, with copy of Resolution - the terms of which were set out - consider the question of holding a public inquiry in connection with the application.

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

"That application be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for an Order under Section 7(4) of the Roads Act, 1920, prohibiting the driving of mechanically-propelled vehicles in Main Street, Wexford, from the turn at Slaney Street to the turn at King Street, Lower (West), provided that nothing in the Order shall prevent the driving on the said street of any mechanically-propelled vehicle which is being used for the conveyance of goods or merchandise to or from any house, building or other premises situate on or adjacent to the said street. The grounds for the application are that the street is unsuitable for use by mechanically-propelled vehicles".

In connection with the proposal to close portion of Rosslare Coast Road South of Coastguard Station, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote under date 8th March, 1929 (R/IR/10&1) forwarding for the observations of the Council copy of an objection received from residents concerned.

The objection which was signed by three residents on the road - Messrs Thomas James, Philip Wickham and Stephen Crowe and also 14 residents of Rosslare, pointed out that the three residents on the road protested strongly against the closing of the road as it is the thoroughfare to their houses. They asked the Local Government Department to send a representative to see the road before deciding to close it. The closing of the road would, they stated, mean serious loss to them as they had put all their savings into the building of their homes.

It was decided to point out to the Local Government Department that the residents on the road would not be shut off from an alternative route which - tho' it would mean some inconvenience to those concerned - would yet provide a thoroughfare to the entrance gates and over which vehicles could pass.

The Committee believe that the best way to deal with the complaint would be for those concerned to put their views before the Inspector who will hold the Inquiry into the application of the Council.

The following resolution was adopted, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That application be made to the Minister for Local Government for Order under section 29 of Local Government Act 1925 to close to vehicular traffic for twelve months from such date as may be fixed by him 302 lineal yards of the Coast road between Rosslare Strand and Tagoat through Rosetown running northwards from the point at which the road between ~~Rosslare~~ Rosetown and Rosehill emerges on the Coast, as owing to Coast erosion the portion of road covered by the 302 lineal yards referred to in this resolution has become dangerous to such traffic. That we request the Minister to arrange that at local inquiry asked for in regard to closing of Wexford Main Street to motor traffic the application of the Council for the proposed closing of Rosslare Coast road should be also dealt with".

ROAD GRANTS.

The Secretary reported that since last meeting of the Committee the following grants for roads had been received from the Department of Local Government (Roads) £ 31 £400; Trunk Road £632 and Link road £1379.

FOOTPATHS - GOREY TOWN.

Under date 5th February, 1929, the Town Clerk, Gorey, wrote that this Commissioners had directed him to call on the County Council to provide concrete water tables on both sides of the Main Street. At the time of writing water was lying opposite the doors of most of the traders causing a considerable nuisance.

The County Surveyor said this work would have to be done

sooner or later. He had put forward a proposal for the work in last estimate, but, owing to its reduction, this work had to be cut out.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the County Surveyor be directed to furnish to next meeting of Roads' Committee estimate of the cost of laying down watertables in the Main Street Gorey (both sides)".

Under date 7th March, 1929, the Town Clerk, Gorey, wrote that his Commissioners wished to draw the special attention of the County Council to the state of the footpath in McCurtain Street, Gorey. Large holes in this footpath constituted a danger to the public. The footpath in Clonattin Road was also very rough for the want of gravel.

Referred to County Surveyor for report to next meeting of the Committee.

COURTOWN HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS.

Under date 7th March, 1929, the Department of Lands & Fisheries, wrote, asking to be specially informed if the Council is now satisfied that the £480 estimated for new dock gates would prove adequate to provide a work of lasting nature.

The County Surveyor stated that his estimate for grab dredger and gates had been amended the cost of grab dredger being considerably less than in his first estimate while that for the gates was increased to £507: 15: 0d but the total figures did not exceed the amount agreed to. He believed the £507: 15: 0d would provide substantial gates. This information had been already furnished to the Department in his letter of the 9th January, 1929.

It was decided to refer the Department of Lands & Fisheries to this communication from the County Surveyor.

FLOODING AT FAIRFIELD.

Under date 5th March, 1929, letter was read from Mr. James Cline, M.C.C., complaining of the flooding of road at Fairfield, Enniscorthy. The place was flooded five or six times a year and this was doing great damage to the road and causing great inconvenience to the public. Something should be done to provide a remedy.

Mr. Elgee said this matter had been previously before the Committee and he and the County Surveyor had seen the place. The flooding was caused by a mill pond and in his opinion the owner of this millpond was responsible.

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted without dissent:- "That notice be served on the owner of mill pond at Fairfield to abate the nuisance caused by the flooding of the road within 21 days from the service of same. That in the event of failure to comply with said notice proceedings be instituted."

FLOODING AT BURROW ROSSLARE.

Mr. James Bent wrote, under date 22nd February, 1929, that his lands in Hopeland, owing to the inflow of water from the roads and other places was a complete sea and ~~would~~ was now a complete bog. He wished Colonel Gibbon would see the place. If something was not done soon the place would be of no value to anyone.

In a second letter, dated 3rd March, 1929, Mr. Bent forwarded a statement from Rev. D. Quigley, P.P., Rev. P. Kavanagh, C.C., and Dr. Anglim, that the back strand at Rosslare was in a very dangerous state and not fit for car traffic.

The County Surveyor stated that the County Council were not responsible for the flooding as it was not caused by a County road. Hopeland was a reclamation work and had been neglected which was the cause of its present condition. There was a bit of flooding at the little road which goes down towards the Slob

just beyond the golf links but the place was so flat it was not possible to have it drained.

Mr. Birthistle said that on Colonel Gibbon reporting the matter to him he had seen Mr. Bent and arranged to inspect the place as soon as it had dried out and make a report.

FLOODING AT KILTENNEL.

Mr. Keegan called attention to flooding from the road at the farmyard of Miss Bibbon, Kiltennel, Gorey.

It was decided that the County Surveyor submit a report in this matter to next meeting of the Committee.

FORD OF LYNG.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, said that Counsel engaged in this matter was away and would not be back in Dublin until after the 17th March. He (Mr. Elgee), with the County Surveyor, had arranged to see Counsel after that date.

FLOODING AT DUNCORMACK.

Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, stated he had spoken to two men who lived at the flooded road at Scar. They would not clean the river themselves but one of them informed him they had no objection if the Council would clean it.

FLOODING AT "RAVIS TREE" KILMORE.

In reply to Mr. Hayes, the County Surveyor, said he would try and do something to remedy the flooding at this place.

MAINTENANCE OF MAIN ROADS AS A STATE CHARGE.

The following resolution was received from Wicklow County Council:-

"That, being satisfied that the repair and maintenance of Main Roads in each County should be accepted as a national question to be shouldered by the Government, and is one which can only be dealt with by means of a large long-term loan, to

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be raised by the Government, we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow consider that there should be an immediate review of the financial relations existing between the State and the local public bodies in relation to the amounts of grants received by such local bodies in respect of Maintenance of Lunatics and the upkeep of Main Roads; we also consider that the time has arrived when agricultural land must be given exceptional treatment by way of relief of rates, if that, our only remaining industry, is to survive".

The resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. Hall.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD.

Under date 22nd February, 1929 (A.78/30) the above Board wrote that they proposed laying high and low tension cables in the town of Wexford. This would necessitate the breaking up of roads and footpaths but care had been taken to cause the minimum amount of disturbance and the avoidance of damage to persons using the roadway and to the property of the County Council or the Wexford Corporation.

No Order.

"SAILEEN" ROAD.

Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, submitted a petition from thirteen persons calling the attention of the Council to the repairing and maintaining of the above road leading from the County road to a strand about three miles long known as "Saileen" strand. The above road was the only way to and from Gorey, their market town, for three families. The sea had taken a large portion of the road away so that they were obliged to go miles around to get to their houses. If the place, which was a favourite resort for tourists, was made passable for motor traffic it would be an inducement for more tourists to visit it. The road was 20 feet wide with an entrance of 40 feet off the County road. It was over a mile long.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, stated he had inspected the road which was a mile or a mile and a quarter in length. There was no resident living on it and it ends in a cliff.

The Committee decided they could not see their way to accept any responsibility for the repair of the laneway.

APPLICATION BY ROAD WORKER.

Under date 22nd February, 1929, Messrs Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey, Solicitors, Wexford, wrote, on behalf of James Shannon, road worker, St. Leonards, Ballycullane, that he had been ordered by the ganger, James Berney, to trim bushes and clean up the sides of the Fethard-New Ross Road in Coolroe District. A farmer named Nicholas Flaherty had written to the County Surveyor stating that Shannon had cut his fence and that he wanted the bushes returned to him. Shannon, according to the letter, had carried out his duties as directed by the ganger and, of course had no liability regarding the bushes.

Their client, as a result of Flaherty's letter, was discharged and 30/- which was due him was retained. They asked that this money should be paid and what the Council intended doing about the man's employment.

The County Surveyor stated that the ganger had instructed Shannon to leave the bushes with Flaherty as the latter claimed they were his property. Shannon, in spite of this, took away the bushes. Having committed a direct breach of instructions he was discharged. He had been paid all that was due to him.

The meeting decided that Messrs Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey should be furnished with the County Surveyor's statement in the matter.

HAULAGE GOREY COURTTOWN ROAD.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Quin, that the tenders for haulage for Gorey-Courtown road be advertised and be dealt with on the 21st March by Councillors of Gorey Electoral area after the inspection of

Gorey-Courtown road.

DUNCANNON "NEW LINE" - WEXFORD.

Mr. Hayes complained of the condition of the Duncannon "New line" from Breens of the Dirr to about half way into Wexford.

The County Surveyor said they were doing what they could with the money available.

TENDERS COMMITTEES.

The following reports of Tenders Committee were submitted:-

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NEW ROSS TENDERS COMMITTEE.

Meeting of New Ross Tenders Committee was held in Courthouse New Ross on Thursday, 7th March, 1929.

Present:- Mr. J. Cummins, presiding; also Messrs T. Cooney, P. Colfer, J. E. Walsh and J. Brennan.

The County Surveyor, Assistant Surveyors Kehoe and O'Neill and the Assistant Secretary were in attendance.

Mr. John Wilkinson, on behalf of Direct Labour Employees requested the Tenders Committee not to accept contracts for any third class roads owing to the large amount of unemployment in the district and Road work was the only chance of employment the men had.

The Chairman stated that although he did not agree with the decision of the County Council to repair third class roads by Contract the Tenders Committee were bound to open the tenders received.

Mr. Cooney agreed with the Chairman that the Tenders Committee were bound to carry out the duties delegated to them by the Council. He appealed to the Contractors, however, in a spirit of Christian Comradeship and fellowship not to take up the roads and thus deprive the workers of their only chance of making a living.

Mr. Thomas Whitty, Fisherstown, who said he had 94 acres of land stated he was a contractor and had given employment to a lot of labourers in his time. He and others were not going to be denied the right to tender for the roads if they thought fit.

ACCEPTED TENDERS.

Form 20 with particulars of all contracts provisionally accepted by Tenders Committee is forwarded herewith.

CONTRACTS OF MARTIN KEHOE, LOUGHNAGEER.

One of the Sureties of Martin Kehoe, Loughnageer, who was provisionally accepted as Contractor for six roads did not attend to sign bond at conclusion of meeting of New Ross Tenders' Committee. Kehoe stated the surety (John Wallace, Loughnageer) was ill and unable to attend, but would complete bond at County Council office, Wexford, within a fortnight if permitted to do so.

Bond has been signed by second surety (Joseph Whelan, Loughnageer).

The following are the roads for which Martin Kehoe has been provisionally accepted as Contractor:-

	<u>Amount</u>
723	£11 : 19: 6
724	£19 : 19: 4
727	£5 : 0: 0
747	£19 : 9: 6
825	£10 : 5: 0
828	<u>£15 : 19: 3</u>
	<u>£82 : 12: 7</u>

LATE TENDERS.

It was decided that all late tenders be referred to the County Council.

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Proposed by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That the report of New Ross Tenders Committee be received and approved. "

Mr. Colfer contended that Martin Kehoe, Loughnageer, who had been accepted as Contractor for six roads would not be able to satisfactorily carry out the work.

The County Surveyor said he did not approve of this man receiving so many contracts. His experience was that where a man had a number of roads he ~~spen~~ spread his time over them and was in trouble with the lot. Kehoe was a new man and as they had no bad report of him they could not say he would not be able to carry out the work.

The resolution approving of report of New Ross Tenders Committee was then put and passed, Kehoe's second surety to sign bonds in County Council office within a fortnight from the date of Roads Committee Meeting.

ENNISCORTHY TENDERS' COMMITTEE

Mr. Shannon submitted the following:-

"We, the Undersigned Contractors, do hereby surrender all contracts on the roads in this area as we consider there is unemployment enough at present without adding to its ranks; moreover we believe that the roads cannot be done better than by Direct Labour owing to the enormous amount of traffic:-

<u>Signed:-</u>	<u>No. of Roads</u>	<u>Class</u>
Peter O'Brien, Ballytarsna.	429	3rd
do do	439	4th
do do	441	4th
James Furlong, Ballyvaldon.	430	3rd
do do	430	3rd
do do	436	3rd
Dwen Murphy, Knocknasilloge.	446	4th
do do	445	4th
Murtha Murphy, Ballinellard	437	3rd
Patrick Corrigan, Knocknasilloge.	433	3rd
do do	438	3rd
Patrick Wafer, Kilmuckridge.	431	3rd
do do	434	3rd
	435	3rd

Enniscorthy District Section N.

After discussion Colonel Quin proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded, the following resolution:- "That all Road Contractors be held to their Contracts".

As an amendment Mr. Shannon proposed and Mr. Keegan seconded the following:- We recommend the County Council to accept surrender of Road Contracts entered into at Enniscorthy Tenders Committee on 12th February by Peter O'Brien, Ballytarsna; James Furlong, Ballyvaldon, Owen Murphy, Knocknasillone, Murtha Murphy, Ballinellard; Patrick Corrigan, Knocknasilloque and Patrick Waffer, Kilmuckridge.

A poll was taken with the following result:-
For the amendment:- Messrs Keegan, Hayes, Shannon O'Byrne, Corish, Colfer and McCarthy.....7
Against:- Messrs Culleton, Hall, Smyth, Colonel Quin and the Chairman.....5

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

On being put as the substantive motion it passed nem. con.

GOREY TENDERS' COMMITTEE.

In connection with Contract No.101, Messrs Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey, Solicitors, Gorey, wrote, under date 8th March, 1929, that Mr. Morgan McDonald, had this road for about 20 years. He tendered for it again ^{but} was not accepted as the Chairman said McDonald had enough roads as he had been (at the same meeting) accepted for two other roads.

The total number of perches for which he would be responsible if he secured No.101 with the two others was 1390 perches and on looking down the list it could be seen that at least three single contracts were over this figure. McDonald's was the only tender for the road and he thought it particularly hard that he should be deprived of this contract seeing that he had ~~been~~ had it for such a long time.

The Committee decided to take no action on the letter.

WEXFORD TENDERS' COMMITTEE.

The meeting of Wexford Tenders' Committee was held on 9th March, 1929.

Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman of the Council presided and there were also present:- Messrs R. Corish, P. Hayes, Miss O'Ryan and Colonel Gibbon.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, the County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors John Kehoe and J. F. Birthistle were in attendance.

A letter was read from Mr. M. M. Roche, County Councillor, apologising for his absence as he was attending a meeting in Carlow in connection with sugar beet.

TENDERS.

James Breen, Grange Little, Rosslare, Labourer, tendered for Road No. 994 at £52 per annum and No. 996 at £14 per annum, the amounts allowed in each case respectively being £57: 10: 0d and £15: 10: 0d.

During the consideration of the tenders Breen withdrew. These were the only tenders which had been received in time.

The County Surveyor stated he had a very large number of late tenders.

Col. Gibbon said that there appeared to be some misunderstanding amongst the intending contractors. In consequence of the discussion at the last meeting of the County Council some men did not send in any tenders before the 26th February; the date originally fixed for the meeting of the Tenders Committee. They submitted tenders since, and he desired to know whether they could be accepted.

The Chairman referred to the appointment of the ~~special~~ special Committee, after which notices were inserted in the press that tenders were to be withheld or postponed.

Secretary - The only notice that we published was that the meeting of the Tenders Committee was adjourned until further notice.

County Surveyor - And a number of the contractors considered that the whole business of tenders was to be adjourned until further notice. As it was, a number of contractors came to me and I told them there could not be any other tenders put into the box. I said without prejudice and no responsibility I would take charge of any tenders and submit them to the meeting.

Colonel Gibbon - There was one point I did not mention. If we rule out the tenders for the third class roads.

Mr. Corish - You can't have it both ways. A special Committee was set up by the Council to go into the question of road maintenance, and they made an unanimous recommendation. The Council turned down the recommendation, and gave as an alternative that any tenders received up to date would be accepted, and that the remainder of the roads would be done by Direct Labour, I submit we are here to consider that, and I consider we have no power in the world to alter it.

The Chairman said that in consequence of the notices that appeared in the Press a good many people who would have tendered did not send in any tenders. He did not think the Tenders Committee had any power to alter the resolution, and the only course open to them was to send the tenders before the Council and have notice of motion served on the County Council to alter the resolution.

County Surveyor - That's the view the Tenders Committee in New Ross took. They referred all the late tenders to the Co. Council to be dealt with.

A long discussion took place after which the following resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Colonel Gibbon:-

"That in view of the position created by the publication of a notice postponing the meeting of Wexford Tenders Committee from 26th February to the 9th March, 1929, we recommend that the County Council should rescind the resolution of the 25th February relative to Road Maintenance in so far as to enable the County Council to have fourth class roads in the Wexford District dealt with by tenders to be submitted not later than 19th April, 1929, and to be considered on the following day".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the report of Wexford Tenders' Committee be approved".

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem.con.:- "That the Minutes of Roads' Committee Meeting of 11th March, 1929, be received and considered".

Gorey-Courtown Road.

The County Surveyor reported that the Sub-Committee met on 21st March. Colonel Quin, Messrs O'Byrne, Keegan and Smyth with County Surveyor and Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, being in attendance.

The Sub-Committee inspected the road at the Courtown end and arranged for the work to begin there and it was now in progress.

The Sub-Committee then considered offers for carrying out haulage from Gorey Hill and Tara Hill Quarries and accepted suitable tenders.

They further recommended that the County Council should do everything possible to obtain a grant from the Government which would allow of the improvement of the whole road from Gorey to Courtown as the grants to the present allowed $2\frac{3}{4}$ miles to remain in a poor condition and subject to ordinary maintenance. In their opinion it would be false economy to remove the machinery plant working on the road at the moment until the entire length had been dealt with.

Mr. Keegan mentioned that with the present grant both ends of the road would be dealt with while the section in between was very poor. The Sub-Committee in the interests of economy as well as trying to cater for the tourist traffic recommended the Co. Council to do everything possible to ~~finish~~ finish the road.

The County Surveyor pointed out that if the Council borrowed the money, according to present regulations, they would not be entitled to the 30 per cent refund.

After further discussion it was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hall, that the County Surveyor should point out to Mr. Quigley, Chief Engineer Roads' Department

(Local Government Department), who is at present on an inspection tour in the County, the necessity which existed for dealing at once in the way of improvement with the full length of Gorey-Courtown Road.

Gorey Hill Quarry.

The County Surveyor reported that the Sub Committee having arranged for commencement of work on Courtown-Gorey road proceeded to Gorey Hill Quarry where the County Surveyor pointed out that the hand breaking should cease as a sufficient quantity of coarse stone had been broken for the Courtown-Gorey road and a large quantity of screenings was now required.

Haulage Tenders.

The County Surveyor reported that the Councillors for each Electoral Area met in Gorey, Enniscorthy, New Ross and Wexford, on 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th April and considered various tenders for haulage of material. In Gorey prices ran higher than last year. In the other districts prices were not excessive. In Wexford, in cases in which it was considered prices were excessive, it was decided to offer the work at a reasonable figure taking last year's prices into consideration.

Mr. Shannon referred to a case in New Ross District in which a man who tendered considered he had a grievance. This man tendered at 8d per yard while another man tendered at 7d and was considered the cheaper. But in this latter case the provision was made by the contractor that the material to be hauled should be loaded by the Council. In his (Mr. Shannon's) opinion the Co. Council should load for all or for none.

Mr. D'Arcy proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution:- "That in future loading of material by County Council employees for haulage contractors be not carried out."

The County Surveyor said that this arrangement would mean higher tenders for mechanical haulage. When a contractor came with his wagons, loaded them in the quarry and took them away,

empty wagons were filled by County Council employees and were ready to be hauled when contractor returned. In this way no time was lost and in making up their tenders the hauliers took into account the assistance they received from the County Council employees.

The resolution was put and passed.

Wexford Main Street and Motor Traffic.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That application be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for an Order under section 7(4) of the Roads' Act 1920 prohibiting the driving of mechanically propelled vehicles in Main Street, Wexford, from the turn at Slaney Street to the turn at King Street Lower (West) provided that nothing in the Order shall prevent the driving on the said street of any mechanically propelled vehicle which is being used for the conveyance of goods or merchandise or passengers to or from any house, building or other premises situate on or adjacent to the said street. The grounds for the application are that the street is unsuitable for use by mechanically propelled vehicles."

Footpaths Gorey Town -

Colonel Quin said that a certain sum had been obtained from the Co. Board of Health for repair of portion of the footpaths which had been interfered with owing to the laying down of water supply.

Mr. O'Byrne said there were ^{four} lengths of curbing in the Main Street, two at each side. The one done at the expense of Health Board was all right but the three remaining were in very bad condition. The place was almost dead level and unless a satisfactory water table was constructed the water could not be carried off. After rain the water stands opposite every trader's door. He would like the County Council

would try and get money from some source to carry out the necessary work.

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

Mr. Keegan complained that no cleaning was done in Gorey after the fair on Saturday near the Church to the great inconvenience of people attending their devotions.

The County Surveyor stated he would look into the matter.

He said the other footpaths mentioned at the meeting of the Roads' Committee were in a very bad condition but he had no money to put them in repair.

Flooding at Fairfield.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, said he had communicated with Mr. Davis, Mill owner, and had had a reply that Mr. Davis was not in a position to deal with the matter until he had seen his Solicitor. He had served notice on Mr. Davis to abate the nuisance.

Mr. McCarthy said he met Mr. Davis casually and the latter said he did not think he was responsible, that the flooding was caused by the bridge there.

Mr. Elgee - He raised the point that the bridge had sunk owing to the heavy traffic going over it.

Mr. McCarthy - He said he would do anything for which he was responsible.

Mr. Clince said after rain the water could not get through the mill gate and this caused the flooding. Mr. Davis was responsible for this.

Flooding at Kiltennel.

The County Surveyor said this matter had been attended to.

Ford of Lyng. Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, mentioned that the Co. Surveyor and himself had had a consultation with Senior

Counsel as regards the flooding at the Ford of Lyng and he expected to have the considered opinion of Counsel by next Roads Committee. Counsel had suggested the advisability of getting some of the adjoining owners of land coupled with the Co. Council as plaintiffs and if possible that they should bear some of the expense.

The Chairman said that one or two might contribute something but the rest were very poor people.

He suggested that a meeting of the owners of land adjoining the Slob be held in Tagoat Hall and the position could then be gone into with Mr. Elgee and the County Surveyor.

This was agreed to - the Chairman to make arrangements for the meeting.

Col. Gibbon pointed out that the Slob Co., according to the Act allowing the reclamation works to be undertaken, were bound to maintain the works in a condition that would save the adjoining lands from flooding. The Government had given a grant towards the work and had given permission for the work without any reference to the land owners whose interests the Government undertook to protect. The Government had failed to do this but they certainly ^{should} carry out that obligation without driving them into law and incurring the heavy costs of a Chancery action. The T.D.'s for the County should take up the matter with the Government and force their hands. The Government and not the small land owners were responsible for the present state of affairs. It would be a good thing to send a deputation to the Government from the land owners and the Co. Council to put forward the view that it was the Government who made the agreement, it was the Government who made the condition to protect the small land owners and it was the duty of the Government to see that the small land owners are protected without forcing them into law.

Mr. Elgee said when he received Counsel's opinion he would lay the whole matter fully before the Council.

It was decided to postpone further action in the matter until the opinion of Counsel had been discussed by the Council.

COUNCILLOR COMPLAINS OF GANGERS.

Mr. Culleton said he had been informed by several farmers that some of the road gangers had canvassed road contractors recently accepted by the Council to surrender their contracts. If it were found on investigation that this happened the gangers concerned should be dismissed. He would make further inquiries into the matter.

Mr. D'Arey said he had heard that a similar statement had been made as regards Gorey District but he could not say if it were true.

ROAD CONTRACTORS AND PROPOSED SURRENDER OF
THEIR CONTRACTS.

In connection with this matter under date 5th April, 1929, one of the men concerned, Patrick Wafer, Kilmuckridge, Gorey, wrote asking permission to withdraw his name from the list of Contractors who were seeking to surrender their contracts. His name went forward through a misapprehension and he wished to withdraw his name and allow his contracts to stand and which he would carry out to the best of his ability.

Mr. Shannon proposed, and Mr. O'Byrne seconded, the following:- "That the recommendation of the Roads' Committee agreeing to the surrender of their Road Contracts by Peter O'Brien, Ballytarsna, James Furlong, Ballyvaldon, Owen Murphy, Knocknasilloogue, Murtha Murphy, Ballinellard and Patrick Corrigan, Knocknasilloogue, be and is hereby confirmed"

A poll was taken with the following result:-
For the motion:- Messrs Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Cooney,

Corish, Cummins, Doran, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy,
O'Byrne, Shannon and Miss O'Ryan.....14.

Against:- Messrs Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall,
Jordan, Meyler, Murphy, Quin, Roche, Smyth, Walsh and the
Chairman.....13.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Armstrong handed in the following from John
Brennan, Kildaloo, Ballycarney, Ferns:- "I desire to withdraw
my tenders for roads No.284, 285 and 286 in favour of Direct
Labour".

Mr. Shannon handed in the following which was signed by
Edward Maddock, Tomfarney, John Cahill, Ballybrittas, William
Kehoe, Coolaknick (Road 502), Daniel Murphy, Ballybanogue (526),
John Nolan (521) and James Murphy, Borelea (417):- "We, the
Undersigned Contractors do hereby surrender all Contracts on the
Roads in this ~~area~~ area as we consider there is unemployment
enough without adding to its ranks; moreover we believe the
roads cannot be better kept than by Direct Labour owing to the
enormous amount of traffic."

Mr. Shannon moved and Mr. Armstrong seconded the following:-
"That Contractors whose names have been handed in at this
meeting be allowed to surrender their road contracts".

Colonel Quin - You can swear those are the signatures of
the men ?.

Mr. Shannon - Who do you think you are talking to ?. Are
you asked to swear anything here ?. Isn't my word as good as
yours ?. I wasn't elected on the scrapings or leavings of
preference votes. If that point should be raised it is by the
Chairman it should be raised. Colonel Quin has no right to
raise that point. I wouldn't take it from him or from anyone
in the room. Would I swear ! ! ! .

A poll was then taken with the following result:-
For:- Messrs Armstrong, Clinee, Colfer, Corish, Cooney,

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 motion lost.

Tenders Committees.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed, and Mr. Hall seconded the
following:- "That the resolution of the County Council of
26th February last as to method of road maintenance be
rescinded in so far as same relates to maintenance of fourth
class roads in Wexford District. That these particular roads
be advertised for tenders to be considered at 10.30 a.m., on
Saturday, 20th April, 1929, in Co. Council Chamber, Wexford."

After consideration this resolution was adopted.

Mr. Jordan proposed:- "That the same facilities be
afforded Road Contractors to allow of tendering for fourth
class roads in New Ross District as the Council have afforded
contractors in Wexford district".

Mr. Colfer moved that no change be made as regards New Ross
District. Haulage tenders on most of the roads in New Ross
District had been accepted.

The Chairman suggested that in the case of New Ross
where no contract had been arranged for haulage the County
Surveyor be empowered to employ the old contractor provided
he can make suitable arrangements.

The suggestion of the Chairman was agreed to.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion
of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. McCarthy:- "That the Minutes
of Roads' Committee of 11th March, 1929, be and are hereby
confirmed except in so far as same have been altered or amended
at this meeting".

ROAD GANGER AND HAULIERS.

Mr. Keegan complained that as Road Ganger Swords in Gorey declined to remain on after one o'clock on Saturday nine hauliers who were employed at so much a cubic yard mile had to cease work at 1 p.m. He moved - That if Road Ganger in Gorey in the future interferes with haulage contractors in the same circumstances as on 6th April he be immediately dismissed from the service of the Council.

Mr. D'Arcy seconded.

Mr. O'Byrne pointed out that the ganger could not allow the work in question to proceed when he was not in a position to supervise it. All the County Council employees ceased work at one o'clock on Saturdays.

Mr. Corish proposed, and Mr. O'Byrne seconded, the following amendment:- "That complaint made by Mr. Keegan against Road Ganger in Gorey be deferred pending investigation and report by the County Surveyor".

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

For:- Messrs Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Shannon and Cummins.....11

Against:- Messrs Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Keegan, Maylor, Murphy, Quin, Roche, Smyth, Walsh, Miss O'Ryan and the Chairman.....16.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The resolution was then put and passed nem.con.

Mr. Corish asked if the ganger was supposed to be at work without payment; that was the effect of the proposal.

County Surveyor. - He is not. The usual arrangement for haulage is that it is to be done in ordinary working hours. We do not enforce that where it is possible to deal with the

work otherwise. In this case the material had to be checked at the quarry and also when brought to the road.

Mr. Corish said he was at a loss to understand the arguments raised by Mr. Keegan in this matter. The Labour Party in the Council had always advocated that men should be paid by the day. Mr. Keegan was now suggesting that a man who had a contract should be allowed to work outside ordinary working hours, eat up the job, leave nothing for anyone else, and then go to another job.

Mr. McCarthy said this appeared to be a particular job and the County Surveyor wanted the material out within a specified time. The ganger was not to blame as his work ceases at 1 o'clock on Saturday and the material could not be taken out of the quarry after that hour or put on the road as there was no one to check it. He suggested that in this particular case the County Surveyor should make arrangements for the ganger to stop on during the afternoon and check the material.

After further discussion Mr. McCarthy moved and Col. Quin seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem. con. :-

"That the County Surveyor make the necessary arrangements to provide for Ganger (Gorey-Courtown Road) to remain at one ^{work after} p.m., on Saturday, in order to allow of hauliers working a full day's work on that day in view of the necessity of having the work on this road pushed forward during favourable weather".

IMPROVEMENT MAIN ROADS ENNISCORTHY URBAN.

Under date 5th April, 1929, the following was read from the Town Clerk, Enniscorthy Urban District:-

"I am directed by the Urban Council of Enniscorthy to request you to bring to the notice of your County Council the difficulty which has arisen in connection with the Street Scheme for the town. The Department have refused to sanction the loan of £3,000, which has been offered by the Munster and

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Leinster Bank to Council to have the Scheme carried out, as more than half the proposals refer to Main Roads for which my Council have no responsibility for construction or maintenance. To overcome the difficulty it is suggested that the County Council borrow that portion of the loan required to do the Main Roads which are the principal streets of the town, and the Urban Council will raise the loan sufficient to do the remaining portion of the town. The work could be given out in one contract and the County Council could repay their share of the loan and set off the instalments against the £411, payable to the Urban Council under the Main Road Contract. My Council desire that this proposal be given favourable consideration so that the work may be proceeded without further delay."

The County Surveyor said by the arrangement contemplated they would lose £179 in maintenance grant.

After discussion, it was decided that Mr. McCarthy and the County Surveyor should go into the question with Mr. Quigley, Chief Roads' Engineer, Local Government Department, who is at present in the County on a tour of inspection.

MAINTENANCE MAIN ROADS NEW ROSS URBAN
DISTRICT.

The following under date 5th April, 1929, was read from Town Clerk, New Ross:-

"The New Ross Urban District Council has had before them the letter of Mr. Barry, County Surveyor, dated 15th March, wherein it was suggested that they renew the Contract referred to for the sum of £357: 0: 0d, which represents a reduction of £161: 0: 0d (or about 38%) on previous year's figure, (£518). Having carefully considered this matter they are advised by their Town Surveyor - who has carefully recorded previous costs - that it would not be possible to maintain this road at its

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present standard for anything like the figures mentioned, and they would also point out that some sections of it were only partially resurfaced under the original improvement schemes (as sufficient money was not allocated for the purpose) and still need considerable improvement.

"Having regard to these circumstances, they respectfully urge the County Council to increase the figures mentioned by Mr. Barry, which they consider entirely inadequate, in order that this road may not be allowed to deteriorate".

The Chairman said that the Council could not do anything in the matter. The amount estimated by the County Surveyor for maintenance of New Ross Main roads had been reduced pro. rata as regards the rest of the County and as the reduced amount was what was being raised in rate there was no source from which the amount allowed New Ross Urban District for the maintenance of Main roads could be increased.

Mr. Walsh and Mr. Cooney pressed strongly on the Council the necessity for properly maintaining the streets of New Ross. If neglected now they would cost considerably more next year and it was the business of the Co. Council to keep them in decent condition.

Mr. Walsh proposed and Mr. Cooney seconded the following resolution:-

"That the agreement between the County Council and New Ross Urban District Council for financial year 1929-30 for maintenance of Main Roads in New Ross Urban District be fixed at the same figure as for last financial year".

The Chairman said there was no use in putting such a motion because no money for upkeep of roads was available beyond the amount agreed to by the Council in the Road Works' Scheme.

The motion was dropped.

At this stage of the meeting/^{there}was considerable disorder and Mr. Hall proposed that the remainder of the business be

adjourned.

Mr. Cummins seconded.

The Chairman considered it would be more advisable to finish the remaining items on the agenda paper, and, accordingly Mr. Hall withdrew his motion.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

Finance Committee 28th February, 1929.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee of 28th February, 1929, were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 28th February, 1929.

Present:- Messrs James Shannon (Vice Chairman Co. Council); presiding; also Messrs J. J. Culleton, James Hall, T. McCarthy; Sean O'Byrne, M. M. Roche 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.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice note for £1534: 2: 5d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

At the meeting of the Committee on the 14th February, 1929, a resolution was adopted that Rate Collectors who failed by the 27th February to lodge at least 40% of second moiety of their current rate collection be suspended from duty and their books taken up.

The following gives the percentage amount of second moiety collected to 27th February, 1929:-

Sean Gannon 40.5; Matthew Kelly 39.4; James Quirke 36.9; E. J. Murphy, 36.7; J. Curtis, 31.9; A. Dunne 30.6; J. J. Sinnott 29.3; P. Furlong 28; J. J. O'Reilly 27.1; M. Deegan 24.8; W. Cummins, 23.9; John Doyle, 23.7; P. Donohoe, 23.6; P. J. Furlong 19.4; T. Sutton 19.4; and James Quirke No. 5 District 23.4; Thomas Rowe 19.9; P. Doyle 18.5; J. Cummins 17.6; P. O'Byrne, 12.6; J. J. O'Reilly and J. J. Sinnott No. 14 District 10.6; M. O'Hanlon 1.1;.

Letters of explanation as to their failure for non compliance were read from the following collectors:-

Messrs Joseph Cummins; W. Cummins; M. Deegan, Art Dunne; E. J. Murphy; J. J. O'Reilly and J. J. Sinnott, while no

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replies had been received from John Curtis; P. Donohoe; John Doyle, Philip Doyle; Philip Furlong; M.M.Kelly; P. O'Byrne; M. O'Hanlon; James Quirke; Thomas Rowe; Thomas Sutton.

J. Cummins wrote, under date 27th February, that he had been laid up for a fortnight with sciatica and unable to leave his room. If he would not get round the following week he would ask the Finance Committee to allow him to appoint a deputy.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by the Chairman:- "The Finance Committee have no objection to the appointment of a deputy by Collector J. Cummins to act during his illness; Mr. Cummins to be responsible for the person appointed and for the cost of the Collection "

Mr. O'Reilly wrote, under date 27th February, that he had called on practically all ratepayers in his district and was unable to obtain payment of rates up to 40%. He had been promised payment of substantial amounts on Friday and Saturday 1st and 2nd March, fair days in Gorey. His district was dependant on cattle which were at present unsaleable.

Mr. Sinnott wrote, under date 27th February, that he had not been able to collect the percentage required. In many cases farmers had not been able to dispose of their fat cattle and from his experience he could say that the majority were not wilfully withholding the rates.

Mr. Art Dunne wrote, under date 27th February, giving similar reasons for non-compliance with the resolution of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Deegan wrote, under date 20th February, that he would make every effort to comply with the resolution of the Finance Committee. He asked time until 1st March as Buncloody fair would be held that day.

Mr. E. J. Murphy, under date 16th February, 1929, wrote that

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he did not think the great majority of the Collectors would be able to collect the required 40%. He had notified all ratepayers in his district three times and at the February fair in New Ross he was not able to collect £50. Times were very bad in his district.

Mr. W. Cummins, under date 26th February, wrote that tho' he had worked hard he would not have anything near 40% lodged by the 27th. His district was a late one most of the ratepayers not being in a position to pay until March or even April when they had fat cattle and other stock for the market. He had hoped to collect substantial sums at last Enniscorthy fair but it was very small and little trade was done. After March fair he would be able to reduce considerably the large amount of rates now outstanding.

It was decided that the Secretary communicate with the Collectors who have not complied with the resolution of the Finance Committee and who had not replied to same that unless they furnished a satisfactory reply for next meeting of the Finance Committee their books will be taken up.

The following resolution was adopted, on the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by the Chairman :- "That we place on record the fact that the following Collectors have apparently made no effort to comply with the Order of the Finance Committee to lodge 40% of second moiety of current rate and have not furnished reasons explaining their non compliance:- Messrs Curtis, Donohoe, John Doyle, Philip Doyle, Furlong; Kelly; O'Byrne; O'Hanlon, Quirk; Rowe and Sutton. That between now and the close of the collection the Finance Committee will continue to place on record their opinion as to the manner in which collectors are performing their duties. At the ~~next~~ close of the collection the Committee will go into the whole matter and recommend the Council to call on Collectors who have not

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carried out their duties properly to resign".

The following Order was agreed to:- "That Collector O'Byrne be informed unless he has at least 40% of second moiety collected by next meeting of Finance Committee - 14th March, he be directed to attend meeting with his books. That copy of this Order be furnished the personal sureties of Mr. O'Byrne".

It was decided that the attention of temporary collector O'Hanlon be called to the very backward state of his collection. The manner in which he has dealt with this must have a very bad effect when the permanent appointment comes to be made at the April meeting of the Council; unless in the meantime, this Collector can show a vast improvement in his work. That copy of this resolution be furnished the personal sureties of Mr. O'Hanlon".

RATEPAYER AND LETTING OF LAND.

Mr. N. Mullett, Whitefort, Oylegate, came before the Council and asked for "time" for payment of his rates and also if the Committee could assist him with the Land Commission in obtaining their permission to let his land provided the proceeds went towards the payment of rent and rates. The Land Commission had informed him that they expected all the proceeds to be applied to the payment of rent only.

The amount of rates due by Mr. Mullett was:- for 1927 £22:4/- for 1928 £23: 10: 7d and for 1929 £21: 14: 10d .

It was decided that the Secretary request the Land Commission to allow portion of the money received for the letting of Mr. Mullett's land to be applied to the payment of the rates; otherwise he would not be in a position to set any portion of his holding.

EX-RATE COLLECTOR C.MCCARTHY.

The following under date 22nd February, 1929, was read

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from Mr. C. McCarthy, Senior, Murrintown:-

"I received yours of the 18th instant contents of which surprise me, as my son never received any intimation of his removal from office but voluntarily sent in his resignation owing to his ill-health and which resignation was accepted from him without any question or suggestion of ^{his} have having been previously removed.

"I would ask you to put this before the Local Government Board and let me know when you hear from them and oblige."

Under date 28th February, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.14344-1929 Loeh Garman, Fa) acknowledging letter from Mr. McCarthy and referring the Council to their letter of the 25th January (G.5531/29) which stated that as Mr. McCarthy had been removed from office owing to failure to adequately discharge the duties of his office as Rate Collector Section 44(3) of the Local Government Act 1925 did not apply and the Minister could not consent to any proposal to grant him a gratuity.

No order.

APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE.

Under date 25th February, 1929, Collector James Quirke wrote that the Rate Collectors of the County had asked him to apply to the Finance Committee for poundage on all rates lodged to date. The last payment was only a percentage on rates lodged to 30th September, 1928. In the meantime the Collectors had incurred expenses in connection with the Rates on Small Dwellings Act.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That we request the Minister for Local Government to allow payment of poundage on amounts collected to date to Collector Cannon as he is

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the only Rate Collector who complied with the directions of the Finance Committee to collect 40% of second moiety of current rate by 27th February.

DISPUTED PAYMENT OF RATE IN KILLINICK E. D.

It was decided that the Secretary communicate with Mr. McCarthy, Senior, Murrintown, and ascertain from him if he had heard from his son regarding the payment of rates on certain items in Killinick E.D., rated in the name of Repts of Martin Kehoe.

RATING NEW BUILDINGS ORDER.

It was decided to request Collector O'Hanlon to furnish reports in the cases of Joseph J. O'Neill, Kilmannock, Campile and Peter Chapman, Haggard, Ramsgrange, in connection with applications for inclusion in list of ratings under New Buildings Order 1925, these cases having been referred to Mr. O'Hanlon some time ago for report.

RATES ON DERELICT FARM.

Mr. O'Reilly wrote under date 15th February, 1929, relative to 203E.D. Monaseed on which the following rates were due:- 1927 £6: 6: 4d; 1928 £5: 15: 3d and 1929 £4:19:3; Total £17: 0: 10d. The former owner (Mrs Fitzwilliam) had cleared out leaving the place derelict. A would-be purchaser had made an offer to the Land Commission of one year's rent. He also offered to pay one year's rates for March 1928 period and would pay the current rate. But this was provisional on obtaining a guarantee that he would not be held responsible for the 1927 rates; otherwise he would not proceed with his offer to the Land Commission.

It was decided to furnish the Collector with the advice of Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, in the matter.

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OLD JAIL SITE FOR COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

Under date 18th February, 1929, the Department of Finance wrote (404/296) as to site for County Courthouse that the Minister had received the plans of the premises which the Council propose to erect on old Jail site and had informed the County Surveyor that the Minister was having the plans examined. When this examination had been completed he would give his further consideration to the Council's proposal.

It was decided to ask the Minister to do what was possible to have the matter dealt with at an early date. It is now three years in suspense and the Finance Committee would be obliged for immediate consideration of the matter by the Minister.

CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.

Under date 18th February, 1929, the Secretary, Central Midwives Board, wrote, pointing out that the proportion of the expenses of the Board due under Section 13 of the Midwives (Ireland) Act 1918, by Wexford County Council was £19: 1: 5d.

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, that the Council be recommended to pay £19: 1: 5d proportion due by them to the Central Midwives Board under section 13 of the Midwives (Ireland) Act 1918.

GOREY COURTHOUSE.

Under date 19th February, 1929, Mr. Thomas Funge, Secretary Fianna Fail Comairle Ceanntair, Gorey, wrote, for permission for the use of the Gorey Courthouse for District semi final of 45 Card Drive on Sunday, 24th March.

It was decided to grant the necessary permission, the Fianna Fail Committee to be responsible for the safety of the premises and their surrender in good order and condition.

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Mr. McCarthy dissented from this decision.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

The following, under date 25th February, 1929, was read from Mr. Thomas F. White, Carcur House, Wexford:- "I beg to inform you that I have decided to discontinue my studies at the National University, Dublin."

Under date 15th February, 1929, the Secretary, National University, in reply to a query from the County Secretary, wrote that Mr. White had not been in attendance at the University for the present term.

The Secretary stated that since the first of the year the following payments had been made Mr. White:- 3rd January £7 and 14th February £7;.

The meeting decided that as the second £7 was a payment in respect of the present term Mr. White be called upon to make refund.

SIDE-FILLING ENNISCORTHY ROAD.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Walsh:- "That the Department of Local Government (Roads) be requested to lodge to the credit of the County Council £4640 spent ~~improviding~~ for side-filling Wexford-Enniscorthy Road and which includes £2445 taken from the credit of Enniscorthy Urban District Council by the Department to meet portion of the cost of this work. The Urban Distirct urgently need the money for improvement work."

VETERINARY INSPECTORS' REMUNERATION BOVINE
TUBERCULOSIS ORDER.

The following letter, under date 27th February, 1929, (L.2414/28) was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"With reference to your letter of the 16th instant, and to previous correspondence, regarding the question of the

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revision of the rates of remuneration of your Local Authority's Veterinary Inspectors, I have to state that, having regard to the extent of the area in which each of the Inspectors operates, and to the incidence of Bovine Tuberculosis in the several areas as indicated by the number of cases dealt with, the Department suggest that the following rates of payment would be equitable for the current year:-

<u>INSPECTORS.</u>	<u>REMUNERATION.</u>
T. A. Mernagh, V.S.	£20 per annum.
P. J. Hayes, V.S.	£25 " "
R. Malone, V.S.	£25 " "
Joseph Lynch, V.S.	£25 " "
F. W. Taylor, V.S.	£30 " "

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Walsh seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That we recommend the County Council to fix, as from 1st April, 1929, an annual payment of £25 each to their five Veterinary Inspectors for work under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order. "

SAVING CERTIFICATES REGIONAL
COMMITTEE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman:- "That, in the event of a Regional Committee under Central Savings Committee being established for Wexford we recommend that Messrs McCarthy, Roche and Walsh be appointed as Representatives of the County Council!"

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

"That the Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee of 28th February, 1929, be received and considered".

Gorey Courthouse.

In connection with permission given for the use of Gorey Courthouse the Secretary submitted the following resolution which was adopted at the meeting of the Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction on 11th March, 1929:-

"That we recommend the Co. Council to agree to the application of the Gorey Gasra for the use of room in Gorey Courthouse for Sunday evenings on the understanding that Mr. Bolger, Irish Teacher, would be held responsible for the premises, their cleaning etc., while in use by the Casra".

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

"That the use of rooms in Gorey Courthouse be allowed to the Gasra class on the conditions laid down by the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction"

Bovine Tuberculosis Order - Remuneration of Veterinary Inspectors.

In connection with this matter, Mr. R. Malone, V.S., came before the meeting and stated that the carrying out of the Bovine Tuberculosis Order was one of the most troublesome jobs in the world, as he had to take out rotten lungs, send them away, and also hold post-mortems. He considered that it would be unfair to offer a mere pittance of £25 per year for such work. He pointed out also that the Veterinary Inspectors received no travelling expenses, and he considered that the remuneration which he obtained to the present, should be allowed to stand plus travelling expenses.

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After considerable discussion, Mr. D'Arcy proposed and Mr. Murphy seconded, the confirmation of the Minute of Finance Committee relative to the salaries of the Veterinary Inspectors under Bovine Tuberculosis Order.

As an amendment Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Gaul seconded, the following:-

"That the remuneration of Veterinary Inspectors for work under Bovine Tuberculosis Order be allowed to stand except in the case of Mr. Taylor, which should be fixed at £20 per annum".

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Armstrong, Clinee, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, Shannon and the Chairman....11
Against:- Miss O'Ryan, Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Hall, Jordan, Mayler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Roche, Smyth and Walsh.....16.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

As a further amendment, Mr. Cooney proposed and Mr. Gaul seconded the following:-

"That the amount of remuneration to Veterinary Inspectors under Bovine Tuberculosis Order which obtained to the present, be confirmed.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the amendment:- Messrs Armstrong, Clinee, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan and Shannon.....9
Against:- Miss O'Ryan, Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs Brennan, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Doran, Hall, Jordan, Mayler, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Murphy, Roche, Smyth and Walsh 17.

The Chairman, who declined to vote, declared the amendment lost.

The recommendation of the Finance Committee was then put through a show of hands, and, as 15 were in favour, it was declared carried.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee, in respect of meeting held on 28th February, 1929, be and are hereby confirmed!"

Finance Committee Meeting 14th March, 1929.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee of 14th March, 1929, were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 14th March, 1929.

Present:- Mr. James Shannon, Vice Chairman Co. Council presiding; also Messrs J. Culleton, T. McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and James E. Walsh.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2017: 4: 11d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

The following shows the percentage of amount of second moiety of Rate for 1928-29 in the case of each individual collector:-

E. J. Murphy	58
S. Gannon	47
M. M. Kelly	41
J. Quirke	40
A. Dunne	40
J. Curtis	39
T. Rowe	38
J.J. O'Reilly	38
J. Doyle	35
J.J. Sinnott	35
P. Furlong	34
J. Cummins	34
T. Sutton	33
M. Deegan	32
No.15 District J. Quirke and	
P. Furlong	32
P. O'Byrne	31
W. Cummins	29
P. Donohoe	29
P. Doyle	27
No.14 District J.J. O'Reilly and	
J.J. Sinnott	19
M. O'Hanlon	15.

The amount outstanding is £40023: 14: 3d for second moiety, and £5718: 7: 10d in respect of first moiety.

It was decided that at the first meeting of Finance Committee in May the details of Collection showing the amounts collected by each Collector for every fortnight of the

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whole period of Collection be considered and a recommendation made to the County Council as regards the cases of Collectors who have carried out their duties in a haphazard or dilatory manner.

At the last meeting of the Finance Committee a resolution was adopted asking Collectors who had not forwarded to the Council any explanation as to their failure in not lodging 40% of the 2nd moiety of Rate by 27th February.

Collector Curtis wrote, under date 9th March, 1929, that he was doing his best and could not do more. He had made out a list of fifty ratepayers who owed £260 and called on those in two days but out of the fifty only two paid, his takings for the two days amounting to £10. Ratepayers who had always paid him punctually now wanted time as they had stock for sale.

Collector Donohoe wrote, under date 13th March, 1929, that he had travelled over the whole of his district and called on everyone from whom it was possible to get rates. When he could not get the money he could not lodge it. He expected to have the collection in a good state by the end of March as Blackwater and Enniscorthy fairs were coming on. It was impossible to get anything worth while until March and September.

Collector John Doyle wrote, under date 11th March, that he was not able to lodge the 40% as ratepayers had 'nt the money. Men on whom he never had to call a second time for rates had failed to pay now. Also men who were fattening cattle had not disposed of them, while, those having store stock, complained of the bad prices and were waiting till April or May to dispose of their animals.

Mr. Philip Doyle wrote, under date 12th March, that everyone who could pay his Rate did so. If given time most of them would have paid by the middle of April. If it was the wish of the Committee he would summon every defaulter in the district.

Collector Furlong wrote, under date 13th March, 1929, that he did his best to get in the 40% but failed owing to his position as temporary Collector for portion of No.5 district. He expected to have a big improvement by the end of March as sale of cattle will be now on.

Collector M. M. Kelly wrote, under date 8th March, 1929, that he was fully certain he would have been able to comply with the Order of the Committee to collect the 40% by the 27th February but he failed to do so by a small margin. He had travelled to every ratepayer in his district who he thought would have been able to pay. He hoped the Committee would consider his excuse genuine and was sorry that he had not been able to comply with their instructions.

Under date 11th March, 1929, Collector Quirke wrote, that the only reason he could offer for his failure to lodge the 40% by the 27th February, was that the ratepayers had not the money.

He had interviewed all the ratepayers and believed that all ratepayers who could pay had done so. If it was the wish of the Finance Committee he was prepared to prosecute every defaulting ratepayer in his district.

Collector Sutton wrote, under date 13th March, that he had collected all available money. Owing to bad prices for stock and bad fairs farmers were not able to meet their liabilities as in the past. The depressed state of the Country should be known to the members of the Finance Committee who were farmers.

Collector O'Byrne came before the meeting and stated that he had been able to get up to 31% of second moiety. Owing to the bad weather he did not begin his collection of second moiety really until the month of February.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. McCarthy:- "That Rate Collector P. O'Byrne be directed to have at least 50% of second moiety of current rates lodged by 28th March - date of next meeting of Finance Committee".

No replies had been received from Collectors O'Hanlon or Rowe.

It was decided that the Secretary demand an immediate reply from these Collectors.

In regard to the payment of poundage the following resolution was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. McCarthy:-

"That we request the Local Government Department to sanction the payment of 50% of poundage to Collectors who-up to this date - have collected 40% of second moiety of current rate".

Collector W. Cummins wrote, under date 28th February, 1929, that a small holding in his district had been derelict for past three years, the owner having left the Country. Four years rates amounting to £5: 17: 3d were due on it. Last September it was purchased by Edward Brien, Oylegate, for the sum of £17, the purchaser at the time being under the impression that the amount paid would cover all rent and taxes. However, under the conditions of sale the purchaser was liable for all arrears of rates. Brien asked the Council to take one years rates in full settlement as he was a poor man. The Collector was afraid if the Council did not accept the offer it would ^{be} very difficult to collect the total amount due.

The Committee decided to inform Collector Cummins that they could not see their way to accept anything less than the full amount of Rates due in this case.

RATES OF NICHOLAS MULLETT, WHITEFORT.

The Secretary read letter from Irish Land Commission under date 13th March that they agreed to the payment of the rates out of the proceeds of the letting of Mr. Mullett's land.

RATING NEW BUILDINGS ORDER.

The following resolution was agreed to:- "That Collector

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Rowe be directed to report at once as to the application of Mr. Joseph J. O'Neill, Kilmannock, Campile, and temporary Collector O'Hanlon as to the application of Peter Chapman, Haggard, Ramsgrange, to have their houses rated on a reduced valuation under Rating of New Buildings Order. These Collectors have ignored the direction already made them to supply such reports".

Under date 13th March, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.17270/1929 Loch Garman Fa) that the Minister would raise no objection to the payment of 50% of the poundage fees which may have accrued to Collector Gannon on the sums collected and lodged by him since last payment of poundage was made to him.

 PERSONAL SURETIES - COLLECTOR ART DUNNE.

Under date 4th March, 1929, the Manager National Bank, New Ross, wrote that Michael Ryan, Clonleigh, Palace and Maurice Condon, Donard, Clonroche, might be looked on as good securities to the extent of £200 each.

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, that Messrs Ryan and Condon be accepted as personal sureties for Art Dunne.

 INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS.

Letters from District Court Clerks for proposed committals of the following children to Industrial Schools were read:- James O'Neill, Well Lane, Wexford; two children named Murray, New Ross; Thomas Hanlon and Mary Hanlon, Ballycrystal, Templeshanbo, Ferns.

Particulars in each case had been furnished Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council.

 ELECTORAL ACT - ADVANCE.

Under date 6th March, 1929, an application for advance of

£20 to enable him to meet current expenses in connection with the preparation of Seventh Register of Electors for the County was received from Mr. M. J. Dwyer, County Registrar.

In connection with the application the Department of Justice wrote, under date 9th March, 1929, that while the Minister is satisfied that Mr. Dwyer's application is in order he was inclined to doubt whether an advance even of so small a sum as £20 was necessary at this stage. The Department of Finance paid for stationery, postage, etc., and it was difficult to understand why it was necessary for a Registration Officer to ask for an advance until the remuneration of the various local officials engaged in the preparation of the Register came to be paid. The matter was being taken up with the Local Government Department.

The Secretary stated he had seen Mr. Dwyer who informed him that the money was required for payment of motor hire in connection with forthcoming Revision Sessions.

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

"That an advance of £20 be made to the County Registration Officer under Electoral Act to enable him to discharge items to be for motor hire/incurred in attendance at Revision Sessions."

ILLNESS OF MR. J. J. FANNING, CLERICAL ASSISTANT.

Under date 13th March, 1929 (G.17269/1929 Loch Garman Se) the Department of Local Government wrote that the Minister sanctioned an extension of sick leave to Mr. Fanning to the end of March, 1929, and noted that the question of Mr. Fanning's continuance in office would be then definitely dealt with by the Council.

DR. FURLONG'S PRIVATE NURSING HOME.

Under date 9th March, 1929, the following was read from Sister M. Abban, Matron, Private Nursing Home, (formerly County Wexford Infirmary) and which had been let to Dr. Furlong for

Private Nursing Home:-

"There are from twenty four to twenty nine hair mattresses here which are not likely ever to be required and which will deteriorate if not in use. Would you kindly ask if the County Council will give permission to me to dispose of them and to apply the amount realised towards the purchase of an up-to-date range which would add greatly to the value of the premises.

'Since Dr. Furlong took over the institution he has himself spent a very large amount of money on improvements as anyone who knew the place in former times can easily see".

The Finance Committee considered it would be advisable if Sister M. Abban advertised the mattresses for sale. They recommended that a sum of £10 should be allowed out of proceeds to provide for purchase of range; any balance over and above this amount to be lodged to the credit of the County Council.

CONTINUATION OF OVERDRAFT.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That we apply to the Treasurer of County Council for continuance of Overdraft of £40,000 from 31st March to 30th June. That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to sanction this proposal".

DUPLICATE PAY ORDERS.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Walsh:- "That duplicate Pay Orders be issued to Terence Doyle, Tinnecarrig, Newbawn, No.876 (£17: 5: 0d) to Martin Murphy, Rathduff, Killanne No.737 (£22: 19: 3d) and James Hendrick, Ballycrystal, Templeshanbo, No.735 (£25: 7: 6d) originals having been lost in course of post".

BINDING CO. COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 1928.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion

of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That the tender of Messrs English & Co., Custom House, Quay, Wexford, for binding Co. Council Minutes of Meetings for year 1928, at 17/6d be accepted. "

AUDITOR'S REPORT CO. COUNCIL ACCOUNTS.

The Local Government Department forwarded under date 25th February, 1929, A.S. 13188/29 (Loch Garman F.b.), the following report of their Auditor (Mr. Sean T. Healy), on his audit of the Accounts of the Co. Council in respect of half year ended 30th September, 1928:-

"I beg to report that I have audited the Accounts of the Wexford County Council for the half year ended 30/9/1928. 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 1928-29 with the rate struck for the year 1913-14:-

	<u>Enniscorthy</u>		<u>Gorey</u>		<u>New Ross</u>		<u>Wexford</u>	
	<u>1913-14</u>	<u>1928-29</u>	<u>1913-14</u>	<u>1928-29</u>	<u>1913-14</u>	<u>1928-29</u>	<u>1913-14</u>	<u>1928-29</u>
Rate in £ (General)	4/6	7/11	4/4	7/11	5/2	7/11	4/2	7/11
Rate in £ (Separate Charges Leviable off the entire rural district)	3	1/1 $\frac{1}{4}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	10 $\frac{1}{4}$
	4/9	9/- $\frac{1}{4}$	4/7 $\frac{1}{2}$	8/5 $\frac{3}{4}$	5/4 $\frac{1}{2}$	8/10 $\frac{1}{2}$	4/4 $\frac{1}{4}$	8/9 $\frac{3}{4}$

'In so far as the occupiers of Agricultural Land are concerned the above rate was reduced by an average amount of 1/7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £ in respect of each of the four districts in 1913-14, and in the year 1928-29 by the sum of 2/4 $\frac{3}{4}$ in the £, the said reductions representing the division of the Agricultural Grant applicable to the respective years. The Agricultural Grant in 1928-29 would have permitted a rebate of 3/2 $\frac{3}{4}$ d 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 10d in the £ on Agricultural Land was made by

deduction from the rebate allowable.

'Of the sum of £832: 12: 6d previously charged against the Rate Collector for number 15 district and referred to in my last report a sum of £644: 7: 10d has been recouped under his Fidelity Bond. A sum of £28: 12: 3d due to him in connection with the preparation of Franchise Lists has been withheld and set off against his liability; and a further sum of £163: 9: 3d representing poundage on rates collected and lodged by him, which would have been payable to him had he completed his collection, is retained by the County Council.

'The uncollected balances of Poor Rate at 31/3/27, 30/9/27, 31/3/28 and 30/9/28 were respectively £30426, £39058, £42160 and £49295. The collection shows a serious disimprovement and drastic action will be needed to arrest and alter this tendency.

'All the Urban Councils in the County are substantially in arrears in respect of their liabilities to the County Council.

All Insurance Renewal Premiums have been paid to date.

'The Accounts were well kept and presented for audit in a satisfactory manner'".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That Mr. Elgee be instructed to communicate with New Ireland Assurance Co., and inform them that the full claim in connection with default of Ex-Rate Collector Fitzpatrick must be met by them otherwise the Council be recommended to decline to further recognise this Company as regards any of their Insurances. The Rate Collectors fidelity guarantee bonds are renewable as from 31st May and failing a satisfactory settlement with the New Ireland Co., as regards the Fitzpatrick claim the Wexford County Council will direct the Collectors to submit the name of some other Company which has the approval of Local Government Department".

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee, in respect of meeting held on 14th March, 1929, be received and considered:-
Rate Collection.

Under date 4th April, 1929, (G.21283/1929, Loch Garman, Fa), the Department of Local Government and Public Health, wrote, stating that the Minister would not raise any objection to the proposed payment of poundage to Collectors J. Quirke, M. Kelly, S. Gannon, A. Dunne and E. J. Murphy.

Dr. Furlong's Private Home.

The Secretary reported that it had been arranged that the County Board of Health would take over the mattresses at this Home.

Overdraft.

Under date 25th March, 1929, (G.19644/1929, Fb Loch Garman), the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote, stating that the Minister sanctioned an overdraft not exceeding £40,000 to the 30th June next. Interest might be paid thereon at the agreed rate.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of Meeting held on 14th March, 1929, be and are hereby confirmed."
Finance Committee 28th March, 1929.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee of 28th March, 1929, were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber on 28th March, 1929.

Present:- Mr. James Shannon, Vice Chairman (Presiding); also Messrs J. Culleton, James Hall, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3858: 12: 0d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

The following gives the percentages of the collection of second moiety of Rate Collection up to 28th March, 1929:-

E. J. Murphy	68.
Sean Gannon	63
John Curtis	63
Mr. Deegan	57
James Quirke	56
John Doyle	55.
T. Rowe	55
J. Cummins	53
P. O'Byrne	50
M. M. Kelly	50
P. Doyle	48
Art. Dunne	47
W. Cummins	47
J. J. Sinnott	45
J. J. O'Reilly	44
P. Donohoe	44
T. Sutton	42
P. Furlong	41
J. Quirke &	33
P. Furlong for	
No. 5 District	
J. J. O'Reilly &	
J. J. Sinnott	
for No. 14	27
M. O'Hanlon	24.

Particulars of arrears of rates outstanding were also submitted. £5317: 18: 0d was outstanding on foot of first moiety of 1928-29 rate; £2385: 15: 0d for Rate 1927-28 and

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£1133: 0: 2d in respect of all old arrears from 1923 to 1927 (inclusive).

It was decided that application be made to the Department of Local Government for sanction to pay 50% of poundage on all amounts collected and lodged by collectors who have up to the present 50% of second moiety of current rate collected.

Under date 23rd March, 1929, Mr. Thomas Rowe, Rate Collector ~~whom~~ wrote that the reason he did not have 40% of current rate lodged by 27th February, 1929, was because he had not been able to comply with the instructions of the Committee. He had called on several ratepayers two or three times but could not secure payment from them.

Mr. O'Hanlon wrote under date 26th March, 1929, that at the time he took over the collection in October it was in a very backward condition and he had to obtain the rates for first moiety before proceeding with the collection for the second moiety. During the time in which he was collecting the first moiety he should have been collecting the second. If the previous September rate had been finished by the former Collector he could have had the 40% of second moiety in by the time stipulated by the Council.

NEW BUILDINGS LIST.

It was decided to place premises, the property of the following, on the New Buildings List:-

Joseph J. O'Neill, Kilmannock, Campile, increase in Valuation £5.

Peter Chapman, Haggard, Ramsgrange, increase in valuation £4.

Terence Breen, Church Street, Gorey: Increase in Valuation £14.

The Rate Collectors, in each case, submitted statements of the work which had been done by the claimants.

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Under date 15th March, 1929, James Molloy, Corragh, Bunclody, wrote that as regards arrears of rates due by his brother, Christopher Molloy, the latter had left the country and that the Land Commission had agreed to accept him as tenant. He would be allowed to let the land for the purpose of paying off the arrears of rent and he applied to the Council for a promise that it would not make a seizure as no person would take the lands unless he was guaranteed his stock would not be seized. He was satisfied that the proceeds of the auction of land should go towards the payment of arrears of rent and rates. If the sale did not realise enough to pay off all arrears he promised to pay off the whole amount by 1st Dec.

It was decided to communicate with Mr. Michael Deegan, Rate Collector for the district, and point out to him that in all similar cases which had come to the notice of the Council the Land Commission had agreed to the payment of the rates and had accepted any balance remaining towards reduction of outstanding annuities.

DEDUCTION FROM AGRICULTURAL GRANT.

Under date 25th March, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote that there had been deducted from the agricultural grant in respect of arrears of Land annuities up to February 1929 (in excess of County share of proportion of Estate Duty Grant) £1008:7 : 7d leaving net amount of agricultural grant payable to the Council to the end of March 1929, £11014: 7 : 7d.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

The following, under date 25th March, 1929, was read from Mr. Thomas F. White, Carcur House, Wexford:- "I received your communication of the 8th instant and regret delay in replying. I was surprised to see that the £7 paid me on the 14th ult., was intended as an instalment of my scholarship

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for this term. As I had not been in Dublin since Christmas I thought the University Authorities would have informed you of my non attendance. I accepted the £7 as consideration for arrears of last year which I was assured would be paid this year.

The following resolution was adopted:- "That Mr. Thomas F. White, late University Scholarship Holder, be informed that he received the full amount under his Scholarship for 1927-28 to which he was entitled and we must request him to refund the £7 paid on account of current term and during which he did not attend the University. "

COMMITTALS TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, called attention to the large number of children which were committed recently to Industrial Schools.

The Committee - after discussion - came to the conclusion that they could not interfere with the discretion of the District Justice in this matter.

Intimations were read from the Local Inspector, Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, of his intention to apply for the committal of the following:- Thomas Sheridan, Monaseed, Gorey; Mary Jane Keegan, do and Johanna Browne, King Street Avenue, Wexford, to Industrial Schools.

Letter was read from Mr. Gregory, District Court Clerk that application was to be made to Wexford District Court for the committal of Mary, Sheila and Kathleen Rutledge, of Barrack Street, to an Industrial School.

ADVANCE TO REGISTRATION OFFICER.

Under date 25th March, 1929, (F.19690/1929) Loch German (c)), the Local Government Department wrote that the necessary expenses arising out of the hire of motor cars by the Registration

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Officer for the purpose of attending revision sessions would be defrayed by the Department of Justice.

The Secretary stated that the Registration Officer had dropped his application for advance under Electoral Act and there was no necessity to deal further with the matter.

PERMANENT APPOINTMENT OF CLERICAL OFFICERS.

Under date 14th March, 1929, the Local Government Department (G.15863/1929 Loch Garman. Se) ^{wrote} that the Minister sanctioned the appointment of Messrs Moloney and Hawkins on the permanent staff of the County Council.

INSURANCE POLICIES.

Under date 26th March, 1929, Messrs McDonagh & Boland wrote (7536) forwarding renewal notices for E.L. Policy No. 306947 £700: 16: 11d and P.L. Policy No. 1929 £36:9:0d. In connection with the Employers Liability Policy they had been endeavouring to secure a reduction but regretted they had not been successful. Bearing in mind the heavy expenditure in connection with Quarry work and the high rate usually charged for this section of the risk they considered that the present premium was reasonable and were of opinion that it could not be improved on by any non-tariff office. Based on the estimate £21500 for Quarry work alone the normal premium should be over £950 without any consideration for the other employees. The rate charged was, therefore, a favourable one. The amount for E. L. Policy was also reasonable.

After discussion the Committee agreed that the amounts in each case should be paid.

MR. J. J. FANNING, CLERICAL ASSISTANT CO. COUNCIL OFFICES.

Under date 13th March, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.17269/1929 Loch Garman Se) wrote that the Minister sanctioned an extension of sick leave to Mr. Fanning

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to the end of March, 1929, and noted that the question of Mr. Fanning's continuance in office would be then definitely dealt with by the Council.

Under date 20th ^March, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.18663/1929 SeWexford County) that the Minister assented to the retention of Mr. O'^Kennedy's services to the end of March.

Under date 22nd March, 1929, Dr. Hugh T. J. Kennedy, R.M.S., Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy, wrote as follows:-

"I fear that it would be impossible for Mr. Fanning to resume duty before the end of this month. He is going on fairly well here but he should remain here for a good time if there is any hope of his ever being really well in mind. "

"The following resolution was adopted:-

"That, in view of letter from R. M. S. Enniscorthy Mental Hospital, under date 22nd March, 1929, as to condition of Mr. J. J. Fanning, we request the Local Government Department to sanction further sick leave to Mr. Fanning to the 30th April, 1929, and the temporary employment of Mr. Sean O'Kennedy to that date".

SOW DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

The Secretary submitted a/c from Office of Public Works under date 25th March, 1929, for £131: 12: 2d for repayment of Principal and Interest on Loan for Sow Drainage District Improvements.

The following resolution was adopted:- "That in view of the resolution of the County Council refusing to take over the maintenance of any drainage scheme in respect of which drainage ratepayers were dissatisfied, the Finance Committee decline to make any recommendation as to payment of instalment of Loan for Sow Drainage System.

COUNTY PRINTING 1929-30. -----

The following tenders were submitted:-

Messrs English & Co., Quay Wexford	£70 : 19: 6d
"The Echo", Enniscorthy ...	£92 : 2: 0d
"The Free Press", Wexford ...	£98 : 19: 9d
"The People", Wexford. ...	£106 : 1: 9d.

The tender of Messrs English & Co., at £70: 19: 6d was accepted.

PRINTING RATE COLLECTORS' RECEIPT AND DEMAND NOTES. -----

The following tenders for printing above, in respect of financial year 1929-30:-

Messrs English & Co., Wexford	£18 : 10: 5d
"Free Press", Wexford ...	£33 : 0: 0d
"The People, Wexford. ...	£49 : 12: 6d.

The tender of Messrs English & Co., was accepted.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee, in respect of meeting held on 28th March, 1929, be received and considered:"

Illness of Mr. J. J. Fanning.

In connection with this matter, the following letter, under date 4th April, 1929, (No. G. 21914/1929, Loch Garman,) 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 29th ultimo, relative to the illness of Mr. J. J. Fanning, Assistant in the County Council Offices, and I am to advert to your letter of the 7th ultimo and to state that the question of Mr. Fanning's continuance in office should now be determined.

"The Certificate of the Resident Medical Superintendent Enniscorthy Mental Hospital, does not indicate that Mr. Fanning is likely to be able to resume duty at any definite date".

Mr. Cummins gave the following notice of motion:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at Meeting of Wexford Co. Council to be held on 13th May, 1929, that superannuation to Mr. John J. Fanning, Clerical Assistant, Co. Council Offices, be agreed to by the Council and that amount of same be fixed".

Proposed by Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Gibbon, and adopted:-

"That the question of amount of superannuation to be paid to Mr. J. J. Fanning be remitted to the Finance Committee for consideration at their next meeting. That the Finance Committee also make recommendations relative to new appointment. That the Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction payment of salary to Mr. Fanning until the question of

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his superannuation has been determined, and also to agree to the retention of the services of Mr. O'Kennedy for the same period".

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee, in respect of meeting held on 28th March, 1929, be and are hereby confirmed".

NEW ROSS-CAMBLIN-DUNCANNON ROAD.

Mr. Cummins pointed out that the best value for the £4,000 loan, which the Council had devoted towards the improvement of this road, would not be obtained unless they were prepared to spend another £1000 in order to deal with the several dangerous corners on the road.

No Order.

MONGLOSS LANE.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, under date 2nd April, 1929:-

"I inspected this lane on Thursday last, 28th ultimo with Mr. Cline, M.C.C.

"The local people have carried out a good deal of work in way of trimming and side cleaning, and if sanction was obtained work set out under Proposal could be put in hands as there is now suitable material available in Kiltrea Quarry".

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

"That, as the local people concerned, have carried out their guarantee to the Council in regard to the preparing Mongloss Lane for repair, proposal for repair of this thoroughfare, already agreed to by the Council, be now carried into effect and directions issue to the County Surveyor accordingly".

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APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTORS.

The Secretary submitted the following result of examination, held on 2nd April, 1929, for position of Rate Collectors, and conducted by the Superior, Christian Brothers, Wexford:-

<u>Order of Merit.</u>	<u>Name and Address of Candidate.</u>	<u>Arithmetic</u> (100)	<u>Marks Obtained.</u>		<u>Total</u> (300)
			<u>Irish</u> (100)	<u>English</u> (100)	
1.	John Power, Latimers-town, Drinagh	100	75	62	237
2.	P. Boggan, Loughgunnen, Ballycogley.	80	77	48	205
3.	Maurice Kehoe, Upper Lacken, New Ross.	76	90	34	200
4.	James French, Ballyshane, Camolin.	100	35	54	189.
5.	Hugh Crean, Ballyphilip, Clohamon.	62	40	75	177
6.	P. J. Nolan, Clologue, Ferns.	80	45	38	163
7.	Loream Sinnott, Ballinakill, Ferns.	48	67	46	161
8.	Patrick Parle, Tacumshane.	52	59	46	157
9.	Michael Carty, Gardimus, Ballycogley	80	40	34	154
10.	Patrick Carty, Millhouse, Enniscorthy	50	44	51	145
11.	Denis Kenny, Ballyconran, Craanford	44	60	34	138.

The following failed in one or more subjects:-

William Pettit, Rathmore, Tagoat.
 Patrick Nolan, Ballycoursey, Glenbrien.
 John J. Murphy, Broadway.
 Martin O'Hanlon, Rochestown, New Ross.
 Patrick Gleeson, Ballygow, Duncannon.
 M. J. Hennessy, Monamolin, Rathnure.

No. 5 District.

The following who were successful at the recent

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examination, applied for the position of Rate Collector for this district:-

John Power, P. Boggan, Hugh Crean, Patrick Parle and Michael Carty.

Applications were also received from Martin J. Kealy, Kilanerin, Inch, who took third place at examination held on 30th September, 1928, and Martin J. Culleton, Harristown, Ballymitty, who took 5th place at examination held on 5th June, 1928.

It was decided to dispense with the formality of proposing and seconding candidates.

A poll was taken immediately with the following result:-

For Power:- Messrs Clinee, Gaul, Hayes and Corish.....4
For Boggan:- The Chairman.....1
For Kealy:- Messrs O'Byrne and Shannon.....2.
For Culleton:- Colonel Quin, Messrs Brennan, Colfer, Culleton, Cummins, Jordan, Mayler, McCarthy, Murphy, Smyth and Walsh 11.
For Parle:- Messrs D'Arcy and Cooney.....2
For Crean:- Mr. Armstrong.....1.
For Carty- Messrs Doran, Hall, Keegan, Roche, Colonel Gibbon and Miss O'Ryan.....6.

As Crean and Boggan had secured one vote each a poll was taken to ascertain which ~~one~~ should be eliminated from the subsequent voting. This resulted as follows:-

For Boggan:- Miss O'Ryan, Colonel Quin, Colonel Gibbon, Messrs Brennan, Culleton, Colfer, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Mayler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Roche, Smyth, Walsh and The Chairman.....17.
For Crean:- Messrs Armstrong, Clinee, Cooney, Cummins, D'Arcy, Doran, Hall, Jordan, Keegan and Shannon.....10

Crean was eliminated.

A poll on the remaining candidates resulted as follows:-

For Culleton:- Colonel Quin, Messrs Brennan, Colfer, Culleton, Cummins, Jordan, Mayler, McCarthy, Murphy, Smyth and Walsh. 11

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For Power:- Messrs Corish, Cline, Gaul and Hayes.....4
For Boggan:- The Chairman.....1
For Kealy:- Messrs Armstrong, O'Byrne and Shannon.....3.
For Parle- Messrs Cooney and D'Arcy.....2
For Carty:- Miss O'Ryan, Colonel Gibbon, Messrs Doran,
Hall, Keegan and Roche.....6.

Boggan was eliminated and a poll on the remaining candidates gave the following result:-

For Power:- Messrs Cline, Gaul, Hayes and Corish.....4
For Kealy:- Messrs Armstrong, O'Byrne and Shannon.....3
For Culleton:- Colonel Quin, Messrs Brennan, Colfer,
Culleton, Cummins, Jordan, Mayler, McCarthy, Murphy, Smyth,
and Walsh.....11.
For Parle:- Messrs Cooney, D'Arcy and the Chairman.....3
For Carty:- Miss O'Ryan, Colonel Gibbon, Messrs Doran, Hall,
Keegan and Roche.....6.

An eliminating poll between Kealy and Parle resulted as follows:-

For Kealy:- Messrs Armstrong, Brennan, Hall, Hayes, McCarthy,
O'Byrne, Shannon and Corish.....8.
For Parle:- Miss O'Ryan, Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin,
Messrs Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy,
Doran, Gaul, Jordan, Keegan, Mayler, Murphy, Roche, Smyth,
Walsh and the Chairman.....19.

Kealy dropped out and a poll between the remaining candidates resulted:-

For Power:- Messrs Armstrong, Cline, Gaul, Hayes, O'Byrne,
Shannon and Corish.....7.
For Culleton:- Colonel Quin, Messrs Brennan, Colfer, Culleton,
Cummins, Jordan, Mayler, McCarthy, Murphy, Walsh and
Smyth.....11.
For Parle:- Messrs Cooney, D'Arcy and the Chairman.....3

For Carty:- Miss O'Ryan, Colonel Gibbon, Messrs Doran,
Hall, Keegan and Roche.....6

Parle was eliminated and a poll between the other
candidates resulted:-

For Power:- Messrs Armstrong, Cline, Cooney, Gaul, Hayes,
O'Byrne, Shannon and Corish.....8

For Culleton:- Colonel Quin, Messrs Brennan, Colfer,
Culleton, Cummins, Jordan, Mayler, McCarthy, Murphy, Smyth,
Walsh and the Chairman.....12

For Carty:- Miss O'Ryan, Colonel Gibbon, Messrs Doran,
D'Arcy, Hall, Keegan and Roche.....7

Carty was eliminated and the final poll resulted:-

For Power:- Messrs Armstrong, Cline, Cooney, Gaul, Hayes,
O'Byrne, Shannon and Corish.....8

For Culleton:- Miss O'Ryan, Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin,
Messrs Brennan, Colfer, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Doran,
Hall, Jordan, Keegan, Mayler, McCarthy, Murphy, Roche, Smyth,
Walsh and the Chairman.....19.

The Chairman declared Mr. Culleton elected and the
following resolution was then adopted on the motion of
Colonel Quin, seconded by the Chairman:-

"That Mr. Martin J. Culleton, Harristown, Ballymitty,
be appointed Rate Collector for No.5 Collection District,
subject to the terms of advertisement and conditions of
appointment. Also to the production of certificate of birth
that he is over 21 and not more than 45 years of age, and to
the approval of Department of Local Government and Public
Health. This appointment is to be probationary for one year,
is not to carry pension rights, and is conditional on residence
within the Collection District".

Mr. Culleton submitted references from Rev. J. J. Murphy,
C. C. Ballymitty; Andrew Forrest, P. C., Wellingtonbridge and
Philip E. Mayler, Harriestown, Ballymitty.

No.14 District.:

The following who were successful at recent examination,
applied for the position of Rate Collector for No.14 District:-

James French.
Hugh Crean.
P. J. Nolan,
Lorcan Sinnott
Denis Kenny

Also Martin J. Kealy and
Thady Bolger, Camolin, who obtained

7th place at the examination held on 3rd September, 1928.

It was decided the formality of proposing and seconding
candidates be dispensed with and an immediate poll resulted
as follows:-

For Kealy:-Messrs Clinee, Gaul, Hayes, O'Byrne, Shannon
and Corish.....6

For Crean:-.....Mr..Armstrong.....1

For Nolan:- Mr. Doran.....1

For Bolger:- Miss O'Ryan, Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin,
Messrs Brennan, Colfer, Cooney, Culleton, Cummins, Hall,
Jordan, Keegan, Mayler, McCarthy, Murphy, Roche, Smyth,
Walsh and the Chairman.....18

For Kenny:- Mr. D'Arcy.....1

French and Sinnott received no vote.

Mr. Bolger, having obtained a clear majority of the
Council, was declared elected.

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

"That Mr. Thady Bolger, Camolin, be appointed Rate
Collector for No.14 Collection District, subject to the terms
of advertisement and conditions of appointment. Also to the
production of certificate of birth that he is over 21 and not
more than 45 years of age, and to the approval of the Department
of Local Government and Public Health. This appointment is to
be probationary for one year, is not to carry pension rights
and is conditional on residence within the Collection District".

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No.21 District.

Applications were received from the following who were successful at the recent examination:-

Maurice Kehoe.
Hugh Crean
Patrick Carty also
Martin J. Kelay.

It was decided to dispense with the formality of proposing and seconding candidates and an immediate poll was taken with the following result:-

For Kehoe:- Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Hall, Smyth, and Walsh.....8
For Kealy:- Messrs Gaul, Hayes, O'Byrne and Shannon.....4
For Crean:- Mr. Armstrong.....1.
For Carty:- Miss O'Ryan, Messrs Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Cummins, Doran, Jordan, Keegan, Mayler, Murphy, Roche, McCarthy, Corish and the Chairman.....14.

Mr. Carty, having obtained a clear majority of the Council, was declared elected, and the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Cline:-

"That Mr. Patrick Carty, Milehouse, Enniscorthy, be appointed Rate Collector for No.21 Collection District, subject to the terms of advertisement and conditions of appointment. Also to the production of certificate of birth that he is over 21 and not more than 45 years of age, and to the approval of the Department of Local Government and Public Health. This appointment is to be probationary for one year, is not to carry pension rights, and is conditional on residence within the Collection District".

Mr. Carty submitted references from Rev. Thomas Cleary, P.P., New Ross.

The three successful candidates came before the meeting and returned thanks for their election, promising to do everything possible to discharge the duties of their office with satisfaction to the County Council and the public.

APPOINTMENT OF COURTOWN HARBOUR COMMITTEE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan, seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That the following be appointed as Local Committee for Courtown Harbour for the three years ~~from~~ 31st March, 1929, in lieu of Committee whose term of office expires on that day:- Rev. John O'Grady, C.C., Riverchapel, Rev. Mr. Verschoyle, Rector, Ardamine; The Earl of Courtown, Messrs Sean O'Byrne, M.C.C., the Avenue, Gorey; Kyran McNeill, Courtown Harbour, Thomas McGarry do; Richard Garland do, Michael Fitzpatrick do, Michael Wafer, Middletown, Sean O'Byrne, Courtown.

CINEMATOGRAFH INSPECTOR.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Quin, the following resolution was adopted:- "That Sergeant Thomas O'Donnell (1134) G.S. be appointed Inspector under Cinematograph Act 1909 for Clonevan Sub District vice Sergeant Tangney (3979) left the district".

NOTICE OF MOTION - WAGES OF WORKERS AND ROAD ADMINISTRATION.

The following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr. Culleton:- "That the County Council consider the advisability of reducing the wages of Road and Quarry Workers and, if agreed to, that they fix a new figure for such wages".

Mr. Culleton said he had been speaking to some of the Farmer members of the Council and as they were about to move for the appointment of a Committee to consider the whole question of Road Administration and make suggestions to bring about greater efficiency he would withdraw his notice of motion for the present.

Colonel Quin proposed that in consequence of the lateness of the hour the question of setting up a Committee to deal with the system of Road Administration be adjourned for a month.

Mr. O'Byrne. seconded.

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The proposal was defeated receiving the support of the proposer and seconder only.

It was then agreed that a special Sub-Committee on the lines mentioned by Mr. Culleton should be set up and the following were appointed:- Messrs Culleton, Meyler, Colfer, Hayes, Keegan, James Shannon (Vice Chairman) and M. Doyle, Chairman.

CARETAKING NEW ROSS BRIDGE.

Messrs E. Lawlor & Sons, Quay, New Ross tendered for the caretaking of New Ross Bridge at £30 and Thomas Lee, Quay, New Ross, at £35, for year 1929-30.

The tender of Messrs Lawlor and Sons was accepted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Culleton.

TRANSFER OF FEVER HOSPITAL FROM WEXFORD TO NEW ROSS .

Under date 4th March, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote ^{P.} (4442/1929Pb, Loch Garman) forwarding copy of Wexford County Scheme (No.3) Order 1929, transferring the fever hospital from Wexford to New Ross.

Mr. Corish protested against the transfer, Wexford was a town of 12000 people - a seaport town and with Rosslare Harbour and Kilmore they had suspected cases of disease entering the district every day. He was against the transfer of the Hospital. He was in favour of New Ross having a fever hospital of its own and had advocated this always.

No Order.

PETROL PUMP TANKS AND FOOTPATHS &C.

Under date 21st March, 1929, the following was read from the Local Government Department (R/IR/93/32):-

With reference to previous correspondence regarding the refusal of Wexford County Council to grant a licence to Messrs Bates of Gorey in respect of a Petrol Pump the storage tank of which is beneath a footpath, I am directed by the

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Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inquire the reasons why the Council passed their general resolution refusing to grant licences where tanks are placed in/^{the}sub-soil of footpaths".

It was decided to inform the Department the Council came to the conclusion that it was not safe to have tanks which were filled with a highly explosive and inflammable material under footpaths. A further objection was owing to the fact that footpaths were generally laid in cement concrete at great expense. To have these ripped up in order to lay down tanks which could be put on a different site did not commend itself to the Council.

Mr. Keegan gave notice to move at next meeting of the Council that the action of the Council in refusing to allow Messrs Bates & Son licence for petrol pump because the tank was placed under the footpath be reconsidered ~~at next meeting~~ and if resolution be rescinded that licence for this petrol pump issue in the ordinary manner.

GRANTS WITHHELD OWING TO DEFAULTING LAND
COMMISSION ANNUITANTS.

Under date 4th April, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote (S.21295/1929 Loch Garman FB) that the amount of Local Taxation Grants absorbed in the Guarantee fund in respect of arrears of Land Purchase Annuities in Wexford County is £20,468: 16: 5 of which £19,460: 8: 10d was in respect of Estate Duty Grant and £1008: 7: 7d in respect of the Agricultural Grant.

The Chairman said that with this large amount retained by the Government and the debt of over £10,000 by Urban Districts it was easy to understand the large amount of their overdraft.

Miss O'Ryan said the Co. Council or the Land Commission should adopt some system under which the land/defaulters

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could be set so that the rent and taxes could be raised.

The Chairman said the only thing the Council could do would be to press for legislation. They had no authority whatever as regards the collection of the annuities. The people who were in charge of the collection should stand the loss and not the Council. It was a matter that might be dealt with by the General Council of County Councils.

Col. Gibbon pointed out that defaulters could not set their land as people were afraid if they took it their stock would be seized and in consequence they were getting deeper and deeper in the bog.

Col. Quin said the matter should be brought to the notice of the General Council with a view to bringing forward legislation to save the Councils from the present situation.

Mr. Cummins said if it was lawful for the Northern Government to retain the Land Annuities it was quite as lawful for the South to do the same. He proposed the following resolution:-

"That the five T.D.'s for the County Wexford be called upon to raise the question of the retention of the Land Annuities in An Dail with a view to the setting up of a Committee of Inquiry to ascertain whether it is lawful to have the amount of these Annuities retained in the Country. That the T.D.'s for the County be furnished with a copy of this resolution."

Mr. Keegan seconded.

On a poll the following voted in favour of the motion:-

For:- Messrs Colfer, Corish, Hayes, Cooney, Shannon, Cummins, Keegan and Miss O'Ryan.....8.

Against:- Messrs Meyler, Jordan, Culleton and Doran.....4

The following declined to vote:- Messrs Gibbon, Roche, Walsh and the Chairman (4).

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The other members were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR FOR THE DISTRICT.

Under date 4th April, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote (Estab. 261) that County Wexford is included in the District assigned to Mr. A.P. Delaney, Local Government Inspector, as from 1st April, 1929.

SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME.

Under date 28th March, 1929, the Department of Education wrote as follows:-

"I am to refer to the Circular letter issued by this Department to County Councils on the 30th March, 1927, regarding the question of the continuance of County Council Scholarships to pupils who obtain places in Preparatory Colleges and to state that the Department has found that the arrangements proposed in the Circular letter have not proved satisfactory and have given rise to confusion in certain cases. In the circumstances it has been decided that, while arrangements already entered into with Scholarship winners by a County Council may be continued for the normal duration of the Scholarship in question, the procedure for the future should be on a different basis.

"The Secondary Schools attended by Pupil Teachers and the Preparatory Colleges are approved Schools for the purposes of County Council Scholarships and therefore no good reason exists for ceasing payment, or altering the value of one of these Scholarships when the holder has qualified for appointment as Pupil teacher or has been admitted to a Preparatory College.

"Candidates who obtain these appointments (Pupil-Teacher-ships or places in Preparatory Colleges) are required to

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contribute towards the cost of their Secondary education so far as their means will permit them to do so, and any Scholarship which a candidate has already been awarded for the purpose of obtaining a Secondary education should normally be included as part of the means available to him for this purpose. Nevertheless some Councils have taken the view that pupils admitted to Preparatory Colleges are entitled to receive free education therein and appear to be in some doubt as to whether they have power to continue payment of their Scholarships to such pupils. It is hoped that this explanation will remove any doubts that may have arisen in regard to this matter.

"The Department has therefore decided that in future, unless a Council's Scheme makes provision to the contrary, it will be assumed that any holder of a County Council Scholarship who is admitted to a Preparatory College, or appointed a Pupil-teacher will continue to receive his Scholarship from the Council, and the value of this Scholarship will be taken into consideration in determining what payment, if any, (subject to a maximum of £40 per annum) should be made towards the cost of the pupil's education in the Preparatory College, or what grant, if any, should be made towards the cost of his Secondary education as a pupil-teacher".

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

"That circular letter from Department of Education under date 28th March, 1929, relative to Secondary Scholarships being tenable at Preparatory Colleges be adjourned to next meeting and that copy of circular letter be issued to members with agenda paper for said meeting".

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OVERGROUND TELEGRAPHIC LINES.

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

"That permission be given the Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs for erection of the following telegraphic lines subject to the poles being erected to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor:- Overground telegraphic line from Bettyville Gate Lodge to E.S.B. Transformer Station Shelmalier Commons Road Barntown.

Overground telegraphic line along Bawnmore Road from existing line on Irishtown Road to a point 80 yards North - New Ross.

Overground telegraphic line along Arklow Road from St. Michael's Road to E.S.B. Transformer Station Gorey. "

DREDGING KILMORE HARBOUR.

Under date 2nd April, 1929, the following letter (No.D/73/1) was received from the Department of Fisheries:-

"With reference to your communication of 4th ultimo forwarding copy resolution of the Wexford County Council regarding the proposed dredging operations at Kilmore Harbour, I am directed by the Minister for Lands and Fisheries to state that as the work will be carried out by the Commissioners of Public Works and under the supervision of one of their Engineers, the question as to the area &c., to be dredged, referred to in the Council's resolution, is a matter for agreement between the County Surveyor and the Commissioners' Engineer who in this matter will act on behalf of this Department.

"With regard to the proposal that the County Council should have a representative aboard the dredger when working, I am to state that it would be an advantage to have a man aboard the dredger acquainted with the set of the tides, etc., but the

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County Council should clearly understand that he is merely acting as an agent of the Council and not in any other capacity. It is, of course, assumed that the County Council will pay the wages of this agent, which would be in addition to their contribution of £200 payable towards the cost of dredging".

Mr. Corish said he wondered if it would be possible to have this work done without employing the Board of Works Dredger. Mr. Donovan, who was dredging the cot safe at Wexford in a satisfactory manner, would be prepared to undertake it.

The County Surveyor pointed out that one could gather from the correspondence that the grant would not be forthcoming unless the dredger was employed.

Mr. Roche mentioned that it would be advisable to point out to the Department of Fisheries that for the last five or six months the harbour was practically useless. No coal had been landed for the last three months as it was impossible to get a steamer into a berth. Owing to the condition of the harbour, the last steamer that entered there was damaged and a bill of £800 had been incurred for repairs.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Roche, seconded by Mr. Walsh, that the Department of Fisheries be informed that the County Council were prepared to pay for the services of the representative they intended to put on board the dredger when working, as well as to be responsible for the contribution of £200 towards the actual cost of the work. Also that it be pointed out to the Department of Fisheries that it was most essential that operations should start without further delay.

ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Elgee said he had been in correspondence with Mr. P. O'Brien, Secretary to the Local Committee and had asked him to get some information as to the owners of the adjoining lands. It was only on the previous Saturday that he had obtained this information and he would

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now have to inspect the maps in the Office of the Land Registry to ascertain if the land was vested in anybody. Nothing could be done until this point was dealt with; and he would report the result of his investigations to the next meeting.

LOAN FOR COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.

Under date 28th, March, 1929, the following resolution was received from the County Board of Health:-

"That the Wexford County Council be requested to consent to the borrowing, by the Board of Health and Public Assistance, of a sum of £625 for the purpose of converting a wing of the old Hospital at Wexford into apartments for the Nursing Sisters at the Hospital"

The following notice of motion was handed in by Mr. James Shannon:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at the Meeting of Wexford County Council on 13th May, 1929, the following motion:-

"That the Wexford County Council hereby consents to the borrowing by County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum of £625 for the purpose of converting a wing of the old Hospital at Wexford into apartments for the Nursing Sisters at the Hospital".

ROAD CONTRACTS.

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

"That we hereby confirm the tenders accepted at the recent meetings of Tenders Committees and as appearing on Form 20, subject to the modifications and other Orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman".

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SHEEP DIPPING ORDER, 1915.

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

"That the following be appointed lay Sheep Dipping Inspectors for Summer and Autumn Periods, 1929, remuneration to be £1 per week during the dipping periods with actual amount spent for postage:-

ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT.

James Murphy, Coolbawn, Ferns, for the Electoral Divisions of Ballycarney, Ballymore, Castledockrell, Ferns, Kilbora, Kilcormack, Kilrush, Marshalstown, Moyacomb, Newtownbarry, St. Mary's, The Harrow, Tinnacross, Tombrack and Rossard.

Myles Roban, The Moyne, Enniscorthy, for the Electoral Divisions of Ballindaggin, Ballyhogue, Ballyhuskard, Ballyvaldon, Bolaboy, Bree, Castleboro, Castle Ellis, Castle Talbot, Clonroche, Edermine, Enniscorthy Rural, Killanne, Killoughrim, Kilmallock, Kildealy and The Leap.

GOREY DISTRICT:-

Morgan Flaherty, Ballyellis, Carnew, for the Electoral Divisions of Ballylarkin, Ballynestragh, Coolgreany, Courtown, Gorey Rural, Gorey Urban, Kilgorman, Kilnahue, Limerick, Monaseed and Wingfield.

Thomas Prendergast, Knockskimolin, Oulart, for the Electoral Divisions of Ardamine, Ballybeg, Ballycanew, Ballyellis, Ballygarrett, Ballyoughter, Cahore, Ford, Huntingtown, Kilcomb, Killenagh, Killincooley, Monamolin, Rossmínogue, Wells.

NEW ROSS DISTRICT.

M. J. Hennessy, Monamolin, Rathnure, Enniscorthy.

WEXFORD DISTRICT.

James Hayden, Corlican, Killurin.

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POISONS & PHARMACY ACT LICENCES.

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

"That new licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act be issued to Anastasia Somers, Coolgreaney, report having been received from Superintendent O'Neill, G. S. Gorey, recommending the granting of the application; also new licence to Michael Cullen, Taghmon, subject to satisfactory report from Garda Siochana as to suitability of applicant and his premises; That renewal of licence issue to Richard Breen, Commercial Quay, Wexford."

ERECTION OF BUNGALOW.

Under date 28th March, 1929, Mr. Robert C. Williamson, Abbey Quay, Enniscorthy, wrote, applying for permission to erect bungalow at Scarawalsh. The distance from the building to the centre of the public road would be sixty feet.

This was agreed to, the County Surveyor pointing out that the proposed building would be more than 30 feet from the centre of the road and would not obstruct the view of road users.

ERECTION OF HOARDINGS IN TOWN OF GOREY.

Under date 16th March, 1929, Messrs David Allen & Sons, Bill Posting Ltd., 40, Pearse Street, Dublin, wrote, in connection with their application for permission to erect hoardings in town of Gorey, making the following suggestions:-

Esmonde Street: To remove wall to level of field and build hoarding on line of inside of wall.

Arklow Road:- To remove remnants of wall and place hoarding on line of inside of same.

Mr. Keegan proposed that the application be refused.

Colonel Quin seconded.

Adopted.

COUNTY COUNCIL'S GENERAL COUNCIL.

A letter was received from the County Council's General Council asking for a statement of any matters which the Council desired to have included on agenda paper for next meeting of that body.

It was decided that the Secretary submit statement explaining the position of the Council as regards retention of Government Grants owing to arrears of Land Purchase Annuities and the difficulty of carrying on administration in consequence; also, asking the General Council to consider the advisability of endeavouring to secure legislation which would rid County Councils of this incubus and make some provision by which derelict farms could, in some expeditious and satisfactory manner, be let to suitable persons who would be prepared to pay annuities and rates.

WEXFORD - ROSSLARE ROAD.

Under date 11th March, 1929, the Secretary, Irish Tourist Association wrote, in reference to the resolution of the County Council as to the allocation of £3000 for the Wexford-Rosslare Road, that he would request his Directors to support the Council's representations in the matter and would arrange for the inclusion of this item in any schedule he was preparing for submission to the Department of Local Government.

CLAIM - DAMAGE TO MOTOR LORRY.

Under date 22nd March, 1929, Mr. T. J. Kelly, Solicitor, New Ross, wrote, on behalf of Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Dungulph, Fethard, Co. Wexford, claiming £30 for repairs to his motor lorry rendered necessary by the dangerous condition of the road between Campile and Ballysallagh Cross.

Mr. Elgee informed the Council that they had no liability and it was decided that the Secretary inform Mr. T.J. Kelly, Solicitor, accordingly.

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RESTRICTION OF POSTAL SERVICES.

A resolution was read from Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, protesting against the curtailment of rural postal services, and also letter on the same subject from the Post Office Workers' Union.

No action, as the proposal of the Government to curtail these services had been abandoned.

CATHOLIC EMANCIPATION CENTENARY COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from above, asking that the County Council should be represented by their Chairman at the National Celebrations.

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

"That Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman of this Council, be appointed our representative at the forthcoming Catholic Emancipation Centenary Celebrations."

BEEET GROWERS AND PRICE OF BEEET.

A resolution was received from the County Council of Kildare, sympathising with the Beet growers in their efforts to get a decent price for Beet grown in 1929, promising them support and deploring the action of the Irish Sugar Manufacturing Co., Ltd., in seeking drastic reduction in the price of Beet particularly in view of the liberal profits accruing to the Company as the result of their first three campaigns.

The Chairman stated that this matter had been settled and he did not think it was necessary to have any further discussion.

EVIL LITERATURE BILL.

Resolutions in connection with above were received from Galway and Limerick County Councils.

No action was taken as the Bill had passed into law.

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BLENDING OF MAIZE.

The following resolution received from Athy Meeting of Grain Growers, held on 1st January, 1929, was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Roche:-

"That we request the Government of An Saorstát to introduce legislation before the Autumn of 1929, making it obligatory on all millers of maize to blend it with 15 per cent of home grown grain before offering it, in An Saorstát, for sale in any form other than whole grain".

INCREASING AREA DEVOTED TO WHEAT CULTIVATION.

The following resolution was received from Athy Meeting of Grain Growers, held on 1st January, 1929:-

"That we exhort the Government, in the interests of national security, rural regeneration and the prosperity of the Nation as a whole, to seriously undertake the work of increasing the area devoted to wheat cultivation in An Saorstát".

Adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Colonel Gibbon, with the following addendum suggested by Mr. Roche:-

"That we request the Department of Agriculture to carry out experiments for wheat cultivation on a much larger scale than those carried on at present".

The other resolutions from Athy meeting of Grain Growers, held on 1st January, 1929, were adjourned to next meeting.

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Michael Doyle

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY.

I certify the foregoing to be a correct record
of the Minutes of Proceedings of Wexford County Council
in respect of Meeting held on 8th April, 1929.

(Signed) _____

Secretary Wexford Co. Council.

Dated this 12th day of April, 1929.

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

M I N U T E S

MEETING 13th MAY, 1929.

N. J. FRIZELLE,
SECRETARY.

FORTVIEW,
WEXFORD.

The monthly meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 13th May, 1929.

Present:- Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman (presiding); also present:- Messrs James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Cline, Patrick Colfer, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, John Doran, Col. C. M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, William P. Keegan, Thomas Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, M. M. Roche, James Shannon, Myles Smyth James E. Walsh and Miss Nellie O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

VOTES OF CONDOLENCE.

Miss O'Ryan proposed a vote of condolence with the family of the late Mr. Austin Stack who, she described, as probably the greatest Irishman of his time. She coupled with his name in the vote the name of Mr. Samuel Holt who, she stated, was a faithful disciple of Mr. Stack.

Mr. Corish seconded.

Mr. Keegan associated himself with the motion which was adopted in silence.

Miss O'Ryan proposed a vote of condolence with the members of the Loreto Order in the death of Mother Eucharist who had taken charge of the University Scholarship Holders of their County from time to time. She was a great educationalist and her death was a great loss to the Order. All their Scholarship holders had expressed their liveliest appreciation of the kindness and affection displayed towards them by Mother Eucharist.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded the motion which was passed in silence.

Mr. Shannon proposed, on behalf of the Council, a vote of condolence with the relatives of the late Mr. John Sinnott, Rate

Collector. In 1920 the Rate Collectors were summoned into the Courthouse and asked to support the Council and uphold the honour of the County. Mr. Sinnott was the oldest man in the room and he was the youngest man to come out of it. He stood by the Council when a number of younger men failed to do so.

Mr. Hall, in seconding, said that only for the action of Mr. Sinnott and a few others of their officials, in those days, it would have been impossible for the Council to have carried on.

The motion was adopted in silence.

STRIKING RATES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1929-30.

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

"That as set out on Forms 42 and 43, and as appearing on Minutes of County Council in respect of meeting held on 25th February, 1929, and also as appearing in advertising columns of "The People", "The Free Press and "Echo" newspapers of 20th April, 1929, we hereby strike the Rate for General and Separate Charges for Financial year 1929-30, the general Rate being fixed at 8/-^s 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 25th February, 1929, and on 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 County 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 1929-30 for Kilmannock District for the sum of £83: 7: 10d in accordance with Schedule to Charging Order issued by the Commission-

ers 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 a sum of £20 be also levied on the persons whose names are set out in said schedule, same being necessary for works of maintenance as per report of County Surveyor.

"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	£2576 : 11 : 3d
New Ross	£2280 : 15 : 5d
Wexford	£5645 : 18 : 5d.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEES.

Roads Committee:-

Minutes of Roads' Committee in respect of meeting held on 22nd April, 1929, were submitted as follows:-

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The monthly meeting of the Roads' Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 22nd April, 1929.

The following were in attendance:- Messrs P. Colfer, John J. Colloton, T. F. D'Arcy, Col. Gibbon, J. Hall, P. Hayes, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Col. Quin, M.M. Roche, Myles 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. D'Arcy, the chair was taken by Col. Gibbon.

(Subsequently Mr. Shannon, V.C. attended and presided for portion of the meeting).

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following report was presented by the County Surveyor:-

"As directed by the Council I have particulars of the dimensions of the water channels and concrete footpath in the town of Gorey, and small submit estimate to the meeting.

"On the 16th instant I inspected the road and lands liable to flooding at Rosslare. There is a short section of the road at the junction of the Road to the Slob beyond the Golf Pavilion which is constantly liable to flooding. At this place the land is very flat, and there is insufficient depth to put in an ordinary gullet, and no tail run for same. The only thing that could be done, in my opinion, is to put in an iron pipe close to the surface embedded in concrete which will prevent the water flowing across the road, and to some extent, remove the nuisance. As regards the flooded lands I interviewed Messrs Bent and Furlong, owners, and I believe that the cause of the flooding is the defective sluices and out-fall into the Harbour. This case is very similar to the Ford-of-Lyng flooding, but in no way affects the County Road.

"I have frequent inquiries from unemployed workers in regard to their Insurance stamps which were destroyed during the recent fire, and I have been in communication with the Ministry of Industry and Commerce on the matter. On to-day I wired the Mayor (Alderman Corish) asking him to take up the matter, and try to have a settlement made without further delay.

"I have invited tenders for the hauling of tar macadam for the Camblin Road Improvement, and shall submit same to the meeting with my recommendations thereon. The quarry preparation for this work is now well advanced, and I have on hands the tar required for the job, and I shall be able to start the work without delay.

"I have dealt with all Road Improvement Grants and have furnished complete final forms to the Local Government with the exception of the Grant N.881 on the Enniscorthy-New Ross Road, and Grant S.855 on the Gorey-Courtown Road. Both these jobs are now in progress.

"The Pioneer Road Construction Company is at present engaged in making good all the joints and cracks in the concrete road, and are doing satisfactory work. When they have finished I shall go over the whole length of the road carefully before finally approving and shall submit further particulars.

"I have made arrangements for starting the surface dressing work as approved by the Council in their Road Works Scheme, and have the bitumen on order for same. The work has been delayed waiting the arrival of the bitumen, but I believe this will be at hand now at once when a start can be made.

"I have carefully gone into the allocation of the money between the contracts and direct labour for the coming year, and find that there will be great difficulty in dealing with some of the roads. I have circularised the Assistant Surveyors asking them to suggest new grouping of the roads with consequent reduction in the number of gangers necessary. I believe it will

be very difficult to carry out the work in a satisfactory and economic manner. Later when I have considered a Scheme I shall submit particulars to the Council.

"The Enniscorthy Urban Council have signified their agreement to the County Council terms for maintenance of the Main Roads in their Area, and I understand that the Wexford Urban Council will also accept our terms. As the New Ross Urban Council have refused to enter into agreement I am making arrangements to carry out the work. In this case I expect there will be great difficulty in allocating the responsibility for what I consider purely scavenging work, and I think it would be well if the Urban Council were further approached to take over the job.

"I submit a list of allocations of money from the Public Works Fund. These sums will not necessarily be expended but it is advisable to have the allocation made now so as to meet demands as they crop up.

"I submit recommendations for charges for Machinery and Quarry material to remain in force for the year unless altered by a subsequent resolution:-

Steam Drill.....	£3 per day
Granulator and.....	£4 per day for the 16x9"
machine.....	£3 per day for the 12x8"
Stonebreaker.....	£3 per day
Compressor Drill Plant.....	£4 per day
Roller.....	45/- per day,
Lorry.....	50/- per day,
Tar Boiler or Sprayer.....	£1 per week.

For Road Material there will be a flat rate as under for all Grant and Direct Labour work:-

Rubble Stone.....	4/- per cubic yard,
Broken Stone.....	7/- per cubic yard,
Chippings screened from B.S.....	7/- per cubic yard,
Granulated Chippings.....	10/- per cubic yard.

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"The rate charged to Contractors shall be that as set out in the specification."

PUBLIC WORKS ALLOCATIONS.

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Bridges:-

Maintenance Wexford Bridge.....	£50
Repairs Wexford Bridge.....	£25
Maintenance Ferrycarrig Bridge.....	£25
Maintenance Deeps Bridge.....	£15
Maintenance Edermine Bridge.....	£15
Repairs Edermine Bridge.....	£25
Maintenance New Ross Bridge.....	£70
Repairs New Ross Bridge.....	£100
Caretaking New Ross Bridge.....	£30.

Harbours:-

Repairs Courtown Harbour.....	£25
Repairs Poulduff Harbour.....	£10
Repairs Kilmore Harbour.....	£50
Repairs Fethard Harbour.....	£25
Repairs Duncannon Harbour.....	£25
Repairs Arthurstown Harbour.....	£25
Repairs Ballyhack Harbour.....	£10
Repairs Slade Harbour.....	£25

Courthouses and County Buildings:-

Repairs Enniscorthy Courthouse.....	£15
Repairs Gorey Courthouse.....	£15
Repairs New Ross Courthouse.....	£15
Repairs County Buildings.....	£100

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

"That the Report of the County Surveyor be received and considered".

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Footpaths Gorey Town.

The County Surveyor said there were three lengths of channel in Main Street - two of 86 lineal yards each and the third 91: Total 263. His estimate for the work was £41:10:0d. It was very badly needed and would have to be done as the water was constantly lodging opposite merchants houses.

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

"That water channels in accordance with report of County Surveyor be laid down in Main Street Gorey at a cost not exceeding £41: 10: 0d, actual cost to be debited to Contingencies Fund."

As regards the repair of other footpaths in Gorey referred to at last meeting of the Roads Committee it was decided, on the advice of the County Surveyor, that proposed repair should stand over for the present.

Burrow Rosslare

In connection with flooding at the Burrow Rosslare, Mrs C. Bent, Rosslare, forwarded letter from Department of Agriculture under date 25th February, 1929 (G.542-29) stating that the Department could not take any action in the matter. They suggested she should communicate with the County Council with a view to ascertaining whether the flooding of the land could be dealt with under the provisions of the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act 1928.

The meeting considered it was not practicable to have any drainage Scheme promoted under the Act referred to by the Department.

The County Surveyor said that the real flooding occurred below high water level and there was no means of taking off the water which fell on the land during the low tide.

It was decided to communicate with Mr. James Bent (who had brought this matter to the attention of the Council on several occasions) and inform him that the Council were satisfied, after

inspection of the place, that the flooding was caused by the defective nature of the sluices which should be put in order but in regard to these the Council had no responsibility.

Insurance Stamps

The County Surveyor said that he had not been able to obtain a reply from the Department of Industry & Commerce as to the claim for recoupment for the stamps which had been destroyed in the fire which had occurred in his office. The men were complaining they were unable to get their unemployment benefit.

Mr. Colfer said there were five men in Fethard and four in Bannow who had been idle since 9th February and some of them and their families were actually hungry.

The Chairman (Col. Gibbon) said that directions should be given to have the cards stamped in the cases of men who were definitely known to be destitute. He proposed a motion to this effect.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded the motion which was adopted.

The Chairman (Col. Gibbon) proposed:-

"That the attention of the Department of Industry & Commerce be called to the necessity for making refund of claim by County Surveyor for amount of insurance stamps destroyed in fire as the men concerned were urgently needing the benefit to which they were entitled." Mr. O'Byrne seconded. Passed.

Under date 19th April, Messrs Sinnott & Co., Solicitors, Enniscorthy, wrote to County Surveyor that the Insurance cards ^{John} alleged to have been sent out to Wickham on 6th October last never reached him. He had been disemployed since 8th January and had lost the benefit to which he was entitled, if the contributions had been paid up and the cards handed to him or to the Insurance Officials. They (Sinnott & Co.,) had no alternative but to proceed under section 24 of the Insurance Act of 1920 and were about to issue a summons.

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The meeting considered the Co. Council were liable in this case and the County Surveyor was instructed to have the necessary cards for Wickham stamped immediately.

It was decided that where a number of cards were sent to the Ganger a list should be furnished him on which each workman concerned was to affix his signature. When fully signed the list to be returned to County Council Offices with a view to having it compared with duplicate list in County Council Offices. In the case of individual workers a form of receipt of acknowledgement of card to be forwarded to Co. Council offices.

It was decided that the County Surveyor submit to next meeting of the County Council for sanction a definite scheme for the handling of insurance cards to prevent and check losses of these cards through the post or otherwise.

Hauling Tar Macadam Camblin Road.

The County Surveyor submitted four tenders for this work:- Messrs John Wallis & Sons, Railway Agents etc., Waterford, 2/3d per cubic yard for Section 1; 2/- per c.y. for Section 2 and 1/9d per c.y. for section 3. Michael O'Hanlon, 6, Faythe, Wexford, tendered at 2/7d; 2/- and 1/4d per c.y., for sections 1, 2, and 3 respectively. Martin Donohoe, Shallowspark, New Ross at 3/-, 1/1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d and 2d (less loading for which County Council would be responsible) and J. Flood & Co., Clonroche at a flat rate of 1/10d per cubic yard.

The County Surveyor said the haulage for No.3 section covered a distance of only one-third of a mile and taking that into consideration Flood's tender was the cheapest.

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

"That tender of Messrs J. Flood & Co., Clonroche, for haulage of tar macadam to New Ross-Camblin-Campile-Duncan non road as per figures submitted to this meeting by County Surveyor

be accepted."

New Ross Urban Council and Maintenance of Main Roads.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That the reference in County Surveyor's report to refusal of New Ross Urban District Council to take over the maintenance of the Main Roads in their area be referred to next Co. Council meeting at which Messrs Walsh and Cooney, who are members of the Urban District Council, will be in attendance."

Machinery Charges

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

"That the charges for machinery and road material as set out in the County Surveyor's report be adopted and remain in force for six months ending 30th September, 1929, provided these figures are approved by next meeting of the County Council."

Allocations for Public Works.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That we approve of the various allocations for Public Works as recommended to this meeting by the County Surveyor"

As regards decking for New Ross Bridge it was decided that the County Surveyor submit report to next meeting of the Roads Committee for a better wearing and more permanent surface than that used at present.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin, seconded by Mr. Colloton:- "That the report of County Surveyor to this meeting be and is hereby approved".

ROAD 249.

The Secretary reported that John Doyle, Wheelagower, Ballindaggin, who had been accepted Contractor for above Road

had declined to complete bond.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That Road 249 be given in charge of County Surveyor up to 31st March, 1930."

WEXFORD TENDERS' COMMITTEE
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The following report of above was submitted:-

"The Wexford Tenders Committee met at County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 20th April, 1929.

Present Colonel Gibbon (presiding) and Miss O'Ryan.

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

Tenders as submitted and as set out on Form 20 were accepted for all advertised fourth class roads in the District with the exception of 622, 761, 893, 976.

It was recommended that these four roads be given in charge of County Surveyor for period up to 31st March, 1930."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. McCarthy:- "That we confirm Minutes of Tenders Committee and recommend the County Council to ratify Contracts taken thereat. That we also recommend that the four untendered roads, 622, 761, 893 and 976, be placed in charge of County Surveyor up to 31st March, 1930."

FORD-OF-Lyng.
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Opinion of Mr. Jellet, K.C., was submitted by Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, and discussed.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee should communicate with the Quit Rent Office in Dublin with a view to inspection of maps.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin, seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That we act on the opinion of Counsel and that Mr. Elgee proceed accordingly."

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Col. Gibbon asked if Counsel had been informed that the spillways had been raised by the owners of the Tynte estate by about 18 inches and that if it had not been for that the flooding would not be so serious.

County Surveyor - That does not affect the place at the present at all.

Mr. Elgee - Counsel was informed of this matter. I asked Messrs Meldon & Co., for the names of the Drainage Commissioners but they refused to give them.

DISMISSAL OF ROAD WORKER.

James J. Shannon, Road Worker, who was dismissed on 16th February for a direct breach of instructions came before the meeting and submitted a lengthy statement denying the charge that he had deliberately disobeyed the instructions of the ganger.

Mr. Kehoe (Assistant Surveyor) said that Shannon had been informed not to interfere with the bushes which had been cut as they were claimed by the land owner (Mr. Flaherty) but in spite of this Shannon had helped his father to load them and take them away.

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

"The Roads' Committee see no reason why they should make a recommendation to the County Council for the reinstatement of Shannon".

ENNISCORTHY-NEW ROSS ROAD.

The County Surveyor submitted report from Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, under date 2nd April that he was arranging to start rolling at Killanne turn on 8th April and when screenings had been dumped on remainder they could start second gang at the Leap and work towards the turn so that the danger apprehended there would be avoided.

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ROAD 790 - CAMPILE-BALLYSALLAGH CROSS.

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Mr. P. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, reported under date 4th April that he had inspected this road on the previous day. The length of this road was 1000 perches and 100 perches of it were very bad; there were long sections on which the sides are several inches higher than the centre. It would take 200 cubic yards to maintain it for a number of years but the tonnage had been decreasing for the last three years. In 1926-27 there was 120 cubic yards spread; in 1927-28, 100 cubic yards, and last year, 1928-29, 82 cubic yards, while there was provision for 60 cubic yards only for the coming year.

Mr. T. J. Kelly, Solicitor for Mr. P. O'Brien, Dungulph, who claimed £30 for injury to lorry owing to the bad condition of this road wrote that he had noted the Council had been advised they were not liable for the injury. Without prejudice to any further action which his client might take he wished to know whether the Council proposed taking any steps to repair the road complained of by Mr. O'Brien.

A further letter under date 8th April was read from Mr. T. J. Kelly, Solicitor for Shelburne Co-Operative Agricultural Society, Ltd., Campile, complaining of this road. Owing to its condition the springs of their lorries were continually breaking. Their loss on this account for the past twelve months had been considerable. The Society wishes to know whether the Council intended to repair this road and if so when the repairs were likely to be carried out.

The County Surveyor said he would bring forward a supplemental proposal to have increased tonnage provided for this road.

WEXFORD-ROSSLARE ROAD.

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Under date 19th April the following letter was read from Mr. A. B. Hadden, Hon., Sec., Rosslare Golf Club:-

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"At a Committee meeting of this club held a few days ago, I was instructed to communicate with you, and to express the hope that the County Council would now see their way to carry out their promise of October last, with regard to the repairs to the Rosslare Road.

"Those in a position to know, estimate that there will be more visitors than ever to Rosslare this year, but unfortunately, the Road is probably in a worse state now than it has ever been.

"It is earnestly hoped therefore, that the County Council will take the matter in hand immediately."

The County Surveyor said this road was not in a bad condition at all. They had applied for a grant for its improvement and unless this was forthcoming they could do no more than just maintain it.

It was decided to inform Mr. Hadden that the Council were still negotiating with Local Government Department for the purpose of improvement of Wexford-Rosslare Road.

SPECIAL SUB-COMMITTEE - ROAD MAINTENANCE. =====

It was decided that the County Council at their meeting on 13th May should fix date of Meeting of Special Sub-Committee to consider and submit recommendations as regards improvement in methods of Road maintenance.

MAINTENANCE MAIN ROADS ENNISCORTHY URBAN COUNCIL. =====

The County Surveyor submitted letter under date 22nd March from Town Clerk, Enniscorthy, that his Council approved of the offer of the County Council for maintenance of Main Roads in the Urban area, viz., £280 trunk and £180 link roads.

ERECTION OF POLE AT COURTTOWN HARBOUR. =====

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

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"That as recommended by Courtown Harbour Committee,
Courtown,
Michael Kenny, be granted permission to erect pole at
Courtown Harbour (for use for life saving apparatus exercise)
on North Pier."

DANGEROUS CORNER AT KNOCKBRANDON CREAMERY.
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Under date 1st April Mr. Samuel C. Fox, Craan,
Craanford, wrote calling attention to the necessity for
dealing with dangerous corner about 50 yards at Craanford
side of Knockbrandon Creamery as the view was obscured.

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to take steps
to have hedges at corner near Knockbrandon Creamery lowered
in order to afford a view of road to vehicular traffic, cost
not to exceed £6."

ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR.
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Under date 25th March, 1929, letter was read from Mr.
Patrick O'Brien, Secretary to St. Helen's (Kilrane) Fishermen's
Association, reminding the Council that the present was
considered an ideal time for starting the work of renovating
St. Helen's Harbour. Unemployment in the district was now at
its highest.

It was decided to inform Mr. O'Brien that nothing could
be done to the structure until it had been legally vested in
the County Council and that Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, was endeavour-
ing to ascertain the names of the owners.

NEW ROSS COURTHOUSE.
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Under date 12th April the Hon., Sec., County Feis, wrote
applying for the use of New Ross Courthouse for junior dancing
competitions to be held on 20th May in connection with the
County Feis.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. D'Arcy,

a resolution was adopted agreeing to the application.

GANGERS AND ROAD CONTRACTORS.

Mr. Culleton said that at the last meeting of the Council he had raised the question that certain road gangers had canvassed road contractors to give up their contracts. He now proposed that Gangers Bennett, Brownswood, and Sunderland Clonhaston, be requested to attend the next meeting of the County Council in order to have their action in this matter investigated by the Council.

Mr. D'Arcy seconded.

Mr. Hayes proposed:-

"That the persons who complained to Mr. Culleton as to Gangers Bennett and Sunderland be asked to attend the County Council and submit statements of their charges against the gangers in question!"

Mr. O'Byrne seconded.

As an amendment to Mr. Colloton's motion the following was moved by Col. Quin and seconded by Mr. McCarthy:-

"That Gangers Bennett and Sunderland be summoned to next meeting of the Roads' Committee for investigation into charges of canvassing road contractors to surrender their contracts."

This amendment was carried on a show of hands by 8 to 3.

A long discussion took place on Mr. Hayes' motion which was eventually withdrawn.

DANGEROUS FOOTBRIDGE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That a sum not exceeding £10 be placed in charge of County Surveyor for repair of dangerous footbridge on Road 320 - between Monamolin and Camolin."

HANDBREAKING STONES AT MOUNTAIN OF FORTH.

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Mr. Hayes strongly urged the meeting to agree to the re-opening of handbreaking material at the Mountain of Forth. The men there were in a very bad way and there was no other work in the district.

The County Surveyor said they had procured as much material as they could use.

Mr. Birthistle (Assistant Surveyor) said he could have procured material elsewhere but for the sake of the local men he used what material they produced and kept the work going up to now. But he could not do so any longer without definite instructions from the Council.

No order.

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

"That the Minutes of Roads' Committee in respect of meeting of 22nd April be received and considered."

Insurance Stamps:- The following, under date 27th April, 1929, was read from the Department of Industry & Commerce, Lord Edward Street, Dublin (E.B.112094) as to claim of refund of cost of stamps destroyed in the recent fire in County Surveyor's office:- "I am directed by the Minister for Industry & Commerce to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 25th instant in the above named matter (Unemployment Insurance) which is receiving attention."

With regard to adoption of Scheme for dealing with Insurance Cards in the future the County Surveyor submitted the following:-

"Send all Unemployment Cards to Labour Exchange on completion of work or on card being full up. Ask for new Card if necessary.

"N.H. Cards to be lodged with Assistant Surveyors for distribution and receipt from Workman obtained. Each Workman to be notified re both cards."

Instructions to Assistant Surveyors & Gangers.

"No Workman to be taken on, or allowed to work until his cards are handed to the Ganger.

In no case must a workman's name appear on Pay Sheet without card being lodged. On first appearance of workman's name on Pay Sheet it must be definitely noted that both N.H. and Unemployment cards are handed in. This note should be made in left hand margin by mention of letters H. and U.

Cards must be sent with Pay Sheet to County Surveyor's Office. When a workman is being noticed to terminate employment the

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County Surveyor must receive written notice at the same time, stating cause of discharge, and date coming into effect."

Mr. McCarthy proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem.con.:- "That the scheme for dealing with Insurance cards as submitted to this meeting by the County Surveyor be and is hereby approved."

Mr. Shannon said that the County Council should come to the rescue of the men. The fire occurred on the 22nd January last and the claim for refund had not yet been dealt with by the Ministry for Industry & Commerce. It was unfair that ~~the~~ poor working men should be penalised because of the delay.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Cooney seconded the following resolution:- "That the County Council provide the necessary amount to stamp workers Insurance Cards for National Health and Unemployment which had been destroyed in the recent fire."

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, said that the Council were certainly responsible for the stamping of the cards and unfortunately it was not possible to effect an insurance to cover the risk.

After further discussion Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded, the following resolution:-

"That the question of allocating funds to stamp Workers' Insurance Cards be referred to next meeting of the Finance Committee on 23rd Instant with full powers to make payment for Insurance stamps for men who have ceased to be employed by the Council. That Mr. Corish, T. D., be requested to procure an interview with the Minister for Industry & Commerce with a view to making representations as to the justice of the case of the Council regarding refund of cost of stamps destroyed by fire."

After considerable discussion Miss O'Ryan withdrew her proposal and ~~the~~ motion of Mr. Hall referring the matter to the Finance Committee was unanimously adopted.

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New Ross Urban Council and Maintenance of Main Roads.

Mr. Walsh proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem.con.:-

"That the County Surveyor and Mr. Shortall, Town Surveyor, New Ross, consider the details of the work which is to be done by New Ross Urban Council under agreement with the County Council for the maintenance of the Main Roads in said Urban District. That they submit scheme to their respective Councils for approval."

Machinery Charges.

In reply to Mr. D'Arcy the County Surveyor stated that the £3 per day for breaker did not include the wages of men who were employed in feeding the machine. It only included the wages of the men engaged at the engine.

Mr. D'Arcy - You have six extra men engaged feeding.

County Surveyor - It varies from six to nine.

Mr. D'Arcy - I got a very different version at the Roads' Committee. I was told that the £3 covered the preparation of the material.

Mr. Smyth said he obtained the same impression as Mr. D'Arcy.

County Surveyor - The £3 was not to include the ordinary labour engaged in the breaking or the horses necessary to clear away the material. The hireage rate charged for the breaker covered the wages of engine driver and attendant also upkeep of engine, coal, oil and sundry stores, also the cost of and fitting of jaws and small running repairs.

Mr. D'Arcy said he would like to get from the County Surveyor a round figure as to the average cost of breaking over the whole county.

Mr. Smyth - At the Roads' Committee Mr. D'Arcy asked if the £3 did not cover the attendants on the machine and the County Surveyor said it did.

County Surveyor - Yes - the attendants on the machine but

not the labour in feeding it,

Chairman - Anyone looking into the matter could see that the £3 could not cover the labour in feeding the machine.

Mr. Keegan suggested that the County Councillors should attend at the quarries in their district with the Surveyors and ascertain what the cost of running the machinery was exactly.

Mr. D'Arcy said he would like to know definitely at the end of the year how many cubic yards of stone had been broken throughout the length and breadth of the County and then they would know where they were.

The County Surveyor said that taking the daily average the cost per day for breaker would work out as follows:- Driver 10/-; Attendant 6/-; Coal and haulage 15/-; oil 4/-; jaws 15/- repairs and sundries 10/- making a total of £3. He wished it to be definitely understood that the figures given were only on an average basis and were constantly varying. As a matter of fact figures varied in the same quarry from time to time.

The matter dropped..

Dismissal of Road Worker.

Under date 27th April letter was read from Mr. Shannon stating that he had not been given a fair change.

Mr. Murphy said he had been told that the man was reported to the County Surveyor but that whoever made the report did not put his own name to it but the name of another man.

After discussion Mr. Shannon proposed:- "That the case of James Shannon, Road worker, St Leonard's Ballycullane, be referred back to the Roads' Committee for reconsideration."

Mr. Corish seconded.

A poll on Mr. Shannon's proposition resulted as follows:-

For:- Miss O'Ryan, Messrs Corish, Cline, Cooney, Colloton, Doman, Mayler, Murphy, Roche and Shannon.....10.

Against:- Col. Gibbon, Col. Quin, Messrs Brennan, Cummins,

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D'Arcy, Hall, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Smyth, Walsh and the
Chairman.....11.

Messrs Colfer, Keegan and Hayes did not vote.

Mr. Shannon's motion was declared lost.

Road 790.Campile-Ballysallagh Cross .

Mr. Murphy said that no road in the County had more increased traffic. They were an agricultural County and for the people going to the creamery or to market this was one of the worst roads in Wexford - in fact it was almost the worst road in Ireland. Something should be done to help the people of the district.

Mr. Cooney also advocated something being done to repair this road.

The County Surveyor said he had received sanction to provide additional tonnage for this road to be put out at a suitable time.

Wexford Rosslare Road

The County Surveyor said that unless they got a tourist road grant for the Rosslare road they would not get any other grant.

The Chairman said he thought the Tourist Association was trying to get a grant for the road, and he hoped they would get it. However, he travelled over the road as often as Mr. Hadden or anyone, but he could not say it was in such a bad state at all. They would like to have the road done, but they did not want to put extra expense on the ratepayers.

Miss O'Ryan asked how much money was going out of the County in motor taxation.

Mr. D'Arcy said that as far as he knew motor taxation in the country and the taxation on motor spare parts amounted roughly to £960,000 per year. He failed to see why a loan for roads had ever been wanted.

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Miss O'Ryan - I think we are very badly treated in this County.

The Chairman referred to the expenditure on the Enniscorthy-Wexford road.

Miss O'Ryan - It was a foolish undertaking, considering that other roads are deteriorating.

The Chairman remarked that every county represented at the meeting of the General Council of County Councils had the same complaint as Miss O'Ryan - that they were badly treated.

Miss O'Ryan said she would like to know the total motor taxation revenue in the county.

The Chairman said he did not think it was on the basis of motor taxation that the grants were distributed at all.

The County Surveyor said that at present Co. Wexford stood third highest with regard to the amount of grants.

In reply to Miss O'Ryan's query, the Secretary said the total amount received in motor taxation last year was £22,505:11s

The County Surveyor said that he thought their total grants last year were about £63,000 - if they included the Enniscorthy road.

Miss O'Ryan - I think that grant for the Enniscorthy road should not be looked upon as normal expenditure at all. I think it was more or less a freak and an experiment.

Chairman - I think the County Council were glad to get it no matter what freak it was.

Col. Gibbon asked how much the concreting of the Enniscorthy road was saving them each year in maintenance.

The County Surveyor said that if the Enniscorthy road had been a normal road the concreting might save about £1,200 a year but as it was an abnormal road if it had not been concreted it would have cost thousands and thousands. The Council had spent altogether about £50,000 on that road before it was concreted.

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Miss O'Ryan proposed that the Council should pass a resolution asking that they should be paid back the motor taxation sent out of the county each year.

The Secretary suggested that that would be a very dangerous precedent. If they tied themselves down to a figure like that they might lose a lot.

The Chairman said he thought they should leave the matter alone and try and do all they could to get the grants increased.

Mr. Keegan said he thought they should keep the by-roads in order. Everyone would agree that the wealth of the country was being carted over the by-roads.

Mr. D'Arcy - the farmers are't considered at all in the matter.

Secretary - Sure the farmers must use the main roads some time.

The Chairman suggested they should ask their T.D.'s to endeavour to get increased grants.

Mr. D'Arcy said that Wexford was a very good agricultural country, and he thought they were entitled to more grants than other counties.

Mr. Cooney - How much in grants did we lose by cutting the County Surveyor's estimate ?.

Chairman - Oh, you had to have some economy for the rate-payers.

Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. McCarthy seconded, that they ask the T.D.'s to try to get the grants increased.

Mr. Corish said they had no objection to doing what they could but he did not think they had any chance. He believed there would be money available later in the year, but he did not know if they would get a share. He thought it would be very dangerous to adopt Miss O'Ryan's proposition with regard to motor taxation.

The Chairman said he thought if the T.D.'s saw a chance of

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of getting anything they should exert themselves to get it, and he was sure they would do so.

Col. Gibbon suggested that they should write to the Tourist Association stating that unless the association got something extra in grants the Council would not give them a contribution next year.

Mr. Corish said he had no objection to their writing to the Association, but he did not agree that they should be threatened in the matter of a contribution.

On the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the following resolution was adopted:-

✓ "That we again request the Irish Tourist Development Association to call the attention of the Local Government Department to the necessity for the provision of a grant to repair the road between Wexford and Rosslare. In view of the coming tourist traffic it is absolutely necessary that some steps should be taken towards its repair at once. If allowed to remain in its present condition, there can be no question but it will adversely affect Rosslare as a tourist resort."

Special Sub-Committee Road Maintenance.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy, seconded by Mr. Culleton, that the first meeting of the Special Sub-Committee to consider and submit recommendations as to improvements in methods of road maintenance be held at 10.30 a.m. (official time) on Wednesday, 22nd May, 1929, in the County Council Chamber, Wexford. St. Helen's Harbour.

Under date 22nd April, 1929, Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Hon., Secretary Fishermen's Association, forwarded resolution adopted by St. Helen's Fishermen's Association, endorsing their resolution of last year that those in a position to do so would give help in carting material &c., for repair of pier at St. Helen's Harbour. At the meeting of the Association, the Chairman - Rev. J. D'Arcy, C.C., - stated that, from what he knew of the fishermen and others

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interested, those in a position to give help would not look on while public money was being spent. In anticipation of the future the work of building three new fishing boats had already begun and it was expected that, in short, the fishing fleet of St. Helen's would further be largely increased.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, explained that he had had some correspondence with Mr. O'Brien and also an interview. As far as he could find out, everybody in the locality disclaimed ownership of the pier.

The Chairman asked if it would not be possible to acquire a title on the grounds that the place was derelict. It formerly belonged to the Edwardes Estate which had been sold. There were no representatives of the Edwardes people left now.

Mr. Elgee said the pier was not marked on any of the estate maps.

Mr. Corish proposed:-

"That Mr. Elgee communicate with the Department of Fisheries and point out that the Council had made inquiries but failed to find any person who had any claim to the pier at St. Helen's Harbour. In the circumstances would the Department allow the Council to assume that they (the Council) were the Owners.".

Mr. Hall seconded the motion which was adopted.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Colonel Quin seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the Minutes of Roads' Committee in respect of meeting held on 22nd April, 1929, be and are hereby confirmed."

Finance Committee

Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 11th April, 1929, were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in Co. Council Chamber, Wexford, on 11th April, 1929.

Present:- Mr. James Shannon, Vice Chairman, (Presiding); also Messrs Sean O'Byrne, Thomas McCarthy, John J. Colleton and James Hall.

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

Col. Gibbon wrote apologising for non-attendance at the meeting as he had to attend an important meeting in Dublin.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and signed.

TREASURER'S ADVICE NOTE.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4,179: 17: 7d was examined and signed.

STATE OF RATE COLLECTION.

The state of collection of second moiety of Rate for financial year ended 31st March, 1929, was submitted as follows up to date of meeting of Finance Committee:-

E. J. Murphy	86 per cent
J. Quirke	75
S. Gannon	75
M. Deegan	71
A. Dunne	70
J. Curtis	70
J. J. O'Reilly	69
P. Doyle	66
P. O'Byrne	65
J. Cummins	64
T. Sutton	63
T. Rowe	62
M. M. Kelly	62
J. J. O'Reilly and)	
J. J. Sinnott for)	60
No. 14 District)	
W. Cummins	57
P. Donohoe	52
P. Furlong	50
J. Quirke and)	
P. Furlong for)	42
No. 5 District)	
M. O'Hanlon	34.

The arrears outstanding are as follows:-

1923 £102: 2: 1d; 1924 £98: 0: 11d; 1925 £66: 18: 3d;

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1926 £224: 17: 5d; 1927 £641: 1: 6d; 1928 £2385: 1: 0d and
for first moiety 1928-29 £4810: 0: 11d.

Proposed by Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Shannon and
adopted:- "That Temporary Collector M. O'Hanlon (District No.
21) be called on to close his collection by 11th May and that,
in the event of his failure to carry out this direction his
sureties be requested to allow Patrick Carty, newly appointed
Collector for the District, to carry out the work!"

Mr. P. J. Furlong, Temporary Collector for portion of
No.5 District, reported that unofficial receipts had been
issued to eight ratepayers the amount involved being £30:16:0d.
This had not been brought to account.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of
Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That Mr. Charles
McCarthy, Senior, father of ^{Ex-}Rate Collector for No.5 District,
be called on to lodge £30: 16: 0d amount collected by Mr. McCarthy
and not lodged to the credit of the Council."

That Collectors be informed that serious notice will be
taken of the conduct of any Rate Collector issuing unofficial
receipts either under his own signature or by anyone on his
behalf.

A resolution was adopted that Messrs Quirke and Furlong
be called upon to close the collection in No.5 Collection District
by 11th May and Messrs O'Reilly and Sinnott the Collection in No.
14 District by same date in order that the newly appointed
Collectors will not be called upon to deal with rate for period
to March 1929.

A resolution was adopted directing the attention of Collectors
P. Donohoe and W. Cummins to the backward state of their Collections.
The Finance Committee are not satisfied that these Collectors are
paying sufficient attention to the proper discharge of their duties.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That Local Government Department be asked to sanction
payment of 50% of poundage on lodgments to 1st March, 1929 to the

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following Rate Collectors:- Sutton, P. Doyle, J. J. O'Reilly and J. J. Sinnott."

The Secretary reported that Mr. McCarthy, Senior, had notified him that as regards ratings No.82 (£1: 3: 3d); 84 (£3: 0: 4d); 33 (£3: 10: 5d); 109 (£6: 8: 10d) No.220 (£1: 8: 6d) in Killinick E.D., for Rate 1927-28 which the representative of Ratepayer concerned held had been paid and which Mr. C. McCarthy, ex-Rate Collector had denied, he had received a letter from his son denying the statement that the amounts had been paid. However, in order to close the matter a settlement had been agreed to be (Mr. McCarthy) paying half the amount and the ratepayer concerned paying the balance.

NEW BUILDINGS LIST.

It was decided that new premises erected at Ballyhack by Mr. John Cummins be placed on New Buildings List:- E.D.Ballyhack; Townland Ballyhack; Valuation £6; Rebate allowed £4.

APPLICATION BY RAILWAY COMPANY.

Under date 4th April, 1929 (N.223/3) the Accountant, Great Southern Railways, wrote pointing out that in consequence of the recent reduction in the valuation of the Company's property they were entitled to a refund of amounts of rates which had been over-paid. A detailed statement of the amount of refund was asked for.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Accountant, Great Southern Railways, be informed that the Finance Committee are prepared to consider any claim for refund which may be made by Great Southern Railways as regards over-payments of rates caused by reduction in the valuation of the Company's premises in the Rural portion of Co. Wexford".

DEFENCE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CRIMINAL INJURIES.

Under date 28th March, 1929, the Secretary, County Board of Health, wrote, that in connection with the above, it was held

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by members of the Board that if there were co-ordination of effort between the bodies concerned in the defence it might be possible to have some of the claims thrown out and many of them considerably reduced. In the particular case in question he was directed to have a valuation made by one of the Board's Engineers and to ask to have the whole matter of the defence of these claims raised at the meeting of the Co. Council with the object of having a general direction as to defence in these cases given.

Mr. Elgee stated that by a general resolution of the Council passed over a quarter of a century ago all claims for compensation for Criminal injury were opposed. He invariably employed a Valuer when he considered such a course necessary. The real difficulty in these cases was to obtain evidence to rebut allegations of malice.

It was decided that copy of Mr. Elgee's observations be furnished the Co. Board of Health.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACTS.

Under date 4th April, 1929, the following was read from the Gas and Weights and Measures Office (Department of Industry and Commerce) 33, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin:-

"Under the provisions of the Weights and Measures Act, 1928, and the Weights and Measures (General Regulations) 1928, it is required that any stamps, used by weights and measures inspectors in connection with the tests made by them shall be ordered only ^{by} the authority of the Minister for Industry and Commerce, and that such stamps shall be of a form and design prescribed by the Minister. These provisions were found necessary to prevent the use of false or irregular stamps. Following the issue of the Weights and Measures (Stamps) Regulations, tenders were invited for various stamps and stamping appliances required, and the lowest tenders for the most suitable form of articles were

provisionally accepted viz., the tender of Mr. J. A. Rooney, 8, College Street, Dublin, for a sealing pliers with two dies at 17/- and for an obliterating stamp, at 6/10d; and the tender of Messrs Evans and Son, Capel Street, Dublin, for a set of cutting punches at 3/3d per set. Only one set of sealing pliers will be required for your area, but an obliterating stamp and a set of cutting punches will have to be supplied to each of the W. and M. Inspectors in that area. As the cost involved is small, it is proposed, unless you notify objection to that arrangement, to include the requirements of your Council under the acceptance of the tender.

"I am directed to inform you also, that the periodical reverification of the Weights and Measures standards provided by your Council for the inspectors of Weights and Measures is now proceeding. This reverification is required under the Acts and Regulations to be made at least once in every five years and it was last made early in 1924. The adjustment of the standards to enable them to pass the necessary tests after five years' use, involves considerable time and careful operation. This work must now be done under the direction of the Minister and it has been found that substantial economy can be effected in comparison with the former procedure by the employment of an expert man to work under the supervision of the examiner; the time of the adjuster occupied on the standards of each local authority being charged against that authority. Where material repairs are required to the balances (such as the replacement of knife-edges) competitive estimates will be obtained from outside firms".

It was decided to recommend the Co. Council to fall in with the suggestions of the Department of Industry & Commerce regarding procurement of stamps etc., and the periodical referification of the Weights and Measures Standards for the County.

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CARETAKER COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

Mrs McNally submitted the following claim for Quarter ended 31st December, 1929:- Salary £2: 10: 0d; Contingent Expenses £2: 5: 0d; amount in lieu of rent £6: 10: 0d; Coal allowance £1: 16: 0d and Gas £1: 12: 5d. Total for quarter £14: 13: 5d.

After discussion it was decided to recommend the Council to pay the amount.

POSITION OF MR. JOHN J. FANNING, CLERICAL ASSISTANT CO. COUNCIL.

Arising from letter of Department of Local Government under date 4th April, 1929 (G.21914-1929 Loch Garman) the following resolution was adopted at the meeting of the County Council on 8th April, 1929:-

"That the question of the amount of superannuation to be paid to Mr. J. J. Fanning be remitted to the Finance Committee for consideration at their next meeting and that the Finance Committee also make recommendations relative to the new appointment. That the Department of Local Government be requested to sanction payment of salary to Mr. Fanning until the question of his superannuation has been determined and also to agree to the retention of the services of Mr. O'Kennedy for the same period."

After discussion the following recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Shannon "That appointment of Mr. John J. Fanning, Clerical Assistant in Co. Council Offices be determined as from 13th May, 1929."

In connection with proposed superannuation to Mr. Fanning the Secretary stated that Mr. Fanning was appointed Assistant Clerk to Gorey Guardians on 26th August 1911 and sanctioned by Local Government Board on 23rd September 1911. He was appointed Clerk Gorey District Council on 27th March, 1920, and sanctioned by Local Government Board (Letter No. 42384-1920 under date

26th June, 1920)

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Allowing for the amount for checking Rate Collectors' Accounts the average of three years' salary and emoluments to Mr. Fanning was £340: 9: 0d and on that basis the minimum amount of his superannuation allowing for 17 years' service would be £96: 9: 2d. Mr. Fanning had some years unofficial service to the late Clerk of Gorey Union (Mr. Creighton) before his appointment as Assistant Clerk.

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

"That taking into consideration the unofficial service of Mr. Fanning we recommend the Council to fix his superannuation at £113 per annum on a basis of twenty years' service.

"That as regards new appointment we recommend the Council to retain the services of Mr. Sean O'Kennedy at his present remuneration for six months as from 1st April, 1929."

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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 11th April, 1929, be received and considered."
Defence of Applications for Criminal Injury.

In connection with this matter Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, stated that ever since the County Council came into operation they had defended all claims for malicious injury but during that period he had never been able to get a single Councillor or any member of the public to come forward and give evidence to rebut the claims. Copies of the various applications were forwarded to County Councillors but no notice was taken of them and no information was forthcoming.

Mr. Keegan held it was the duty of the County Councillors for the various districts to report to Mr. Elgee any information in connection with claims that might come to their notice.

Some of the Councillors pointed out that the real grievance was as to the inflated value of these claims.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee be instructed to employ a valuer in any cases of claims for malicious injury in which he considers such a course is necessary.

Superannuation of Mr. J. F. Fanning.

It was decided that the recommendation of the Finance Committee be considered with Notice of Motion of Mr. Cummins, which was as follows:-

"That superannuation to Mr. John J. Fanning, Clerical Assistant, County Council Offices, be agreed to by the Council, that amount of same be fixed, and that his appointment as Clerical Assistant in the County Council office be determined as from 13th May, 1929."

Mr. Cummins moved the adoption of his motion which was seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and passed.

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Mr. Keegan proposed and Mr. Smyth seconded the following:-

"That we confirm the recommendation of the Finance Committee, fixing the superannuation of Mr. J. J. Fanning at £113 per annum."

As an amendment Colonel Quin proposed:-

"That the legal minimum amount of superannuation, viz., £96: 9: 2d be voted to Mr. J. J. Fanning."

Mr. Hall seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the amendment:- Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs Brennan and Hall.....4.

Against:- Miss O'Ryan, Messrs Corish, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Colloton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Doran, Hayes, Jordan, Keegan, Mayler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Roche, Shannon, Smith, Walsh and the Chairman.....21.

Mr. Armstrong was not present when poll was taken.

The amendment was declared lost and the recommendation of the Finance Committee was then put and passed nem.con.

Position of Mr. O'Kennedy.

Mr. Cummins proposed:- "That the position vacated by Mr. Fanning be filled by advertisement."

Mr. D'Arcy seconded.

As an amendment Mr. Cooney moved:-

"That Mr. O'Kennedy's services be retained until 30th September."

Mr. Walsh seconded.

After considerable discussion, both motions were withdrawn and it was decided to agree to have the appointment of Mr. Fanning's successor made at the July meeting of the County Council, the Finance Committee at their next meeting to consider terms and conditions of appointment for submission to June meeting of the Council.

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

"That the Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 11th April, 1929, except where same have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting, be and are hereby confirmed."

Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 25th April, 1929, were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 25th April, 1929.

Present:- Mr. M. Doyle (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs James Hall, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £6081: 18: 11d was examined and signed.

NEXT MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

In consequence of date of next meeting of Finance Committee falling on Ascension Day and would also clash with the Royal Dublin Society's Show, the day of next meeting of Finance Committee was fixed for Wednesday, 8th May at 2.15 p.m.

RATE COLLECTION.

The following is the percentages of second moiety of Rate 1928-29 collected to 25th instant:-

	E. J. Murphy	94.
	S. Gannon	91
	J. Doyle	88
	J. Curtis	87
(No.14 District)	J.J.O'Reilly	85
(No. 1 District)	J. Quirke	84
(No.13 District)	J.J. O'Reilly	83
	A. Dunne	82
	P. O'Byrne	78
	M. Deegan	78
	T. Rowe	77
	J. Cummins	77
	P. Doyle	77
(No.16 District)	J.J. Sinnott	74
	W. Cummins	73
	T. Sutton	72
(No.14 District)	J.J. Sinnott	71
	M. M. Kelly	67
(No. 4 District)	P. Furlong	64
(No. 5 District)	J. Quirke	63
	P. Donohoe	61
	M. O'Hanlon	45
(No.5 District)	P. Furlong	25.

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The amount outstanding on this moiety is £15687: 1: 11d.
Amount outstanding on first moiety is £4307: 6: 6d. Arrears of
previous rates 1922-23 £102: 2: 1d; 1923-24 £98: 0: 11d;
1924-25 £66: 18: 3d; 1925-26 £224: 17: 5d; 1926-27 £630: 15: 11d;
1927-28 £2174: 18: 5d. Total arrears £3297: 13: 0d.

The following, under date 15th April, 1929 (G.23088/29 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 Form 61 for the month of March and I am to draw your attention to the large sum outstanding - over £30,000. The Collectors should be called upon to close their warrants without further delay. The Sureties should be notified of the position and warned that they may be called upon in the event of further delay. Disciplinary action should at once be taken in the more backward cases".

The Secretary stated that a copy of this letter from the Local Government Department had been sent to each Rate Collector and his sureties.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That the special attention of Collectors Donohoe and Furlong be called to the resolution on the Minutes of this Committee that at the close of the collection the Committee intend reviewing the work of all the Collectors for the past year with the intention of dispensing with the services of Collectors who have not performed their work in a satisfactory manner."

"That Collector Furlong be informed that if he does not close the Collection in No.5 District for all recoverable rate by 31st May next the Finance Committee recommend that he be not paid poundage in respect of this district".

The Secretary reported that on 24th April, 1929, Mrs M. Doyle, Kilmacoe, Curraclloe, had notified him that she had received a note from Collector Sutton to pay her rates at his office in

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Wexford. She had written to him she would hand him the amount of rates due any time he called. In reply she had received a six day notice from the Collector. She stated that Mr. Sutton had not called to her for rates for the past three years.

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

"That Collector Sutton be requested to furnish an explanation relative to the statements of Mrs Doyle, Kilmacoe, in respect of the collection of her rates."

Collector Donohoe wrote, under date 24th April, that he had travelled over his district for the previous week and collected any money it was possible to get. He expected to secure a large amount of outstanding rates in Blackwater fair on 26th inst. The collection would have been more forward were it not for the change of date for last fair in Blackwater which resulted in the fair being very poor.

In connection with the issue of unofficial receipts in Collection District No.5, referred to at last meeting of Finance Committee, Mr. C. McCarthy (father of Mr. C. McCarthy, ex-Rate Collector) wrote, under date 25th April, that he had sent copy of list of such cases to his son and he would write when a reply was received. He could not pay on all unofficial receipts without some acknowledgement from his son that he had been paid.

FIDELITY GUARANTEE BONDS.

The Council were recommended to have enclosed clause in Fidelity Guarantee Bond:- That any amounts found to have been embezzled or retained by Collectors be paid under Fidelity Guarantee Bond notwithstanding any references to fraud or embezzlement in Personal Bonds for Collectors which Council may hold.

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CASE OF EX-COLLECTOR FITZPATRICK.
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Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, handed in cheque from New Ireland Assurance Co., for £188: 4: 8d as final payment for defalcations of Ex-Collector Fitzpatrick. The total payment made by the Company in this case is £832: 12: 6d. In forwarding Paying Order for £188: 4: 8d the Insurance Company wrote as follows under date 24th April, 1929:-

"Adverting to your conversation over the 'phone of even date with our Mr. Corry we have pleasure in forwarding to you herewith our cheque for £188: 4: 8d in settlement of Fitzpatrick's defalcations.

"As pointed out to you in our communication of the 16th inst, we consider that we are entitled to a contribution under the Personal Surety Bond, and our cheque herewith is forwarded without prejudice to our right to claim a recovery and/or contribution from such Bond from the Council and/or the two sureties - Patrick Fitzpatrick, N.T., Kiltelaly and Joseph Hendrick, Main Street, Enniscorthy.

"We await your further advices as promised in this connection.

"As pointed out in your letter of the 18th ultimo, we should be glad to receive Pay Order for poundage to the amount of £163: 6: 10d at your earliest convenience. We are, of course, prepared to admit the Co-Sureties' title to their share of the poundage on settlement".

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That in view of the fact that the New Ireland Assurance Co., have now met in full the claim of the Council in connection with the defalcations of Ex-Collector Fitzpatrick we recommend the Council to pay over to the Company £163: 6: 10d amount of poundage claimed by them, being poundage on lodgments made by Fitzpatrick previous to his dismissal. We also recommend the County Council

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to pay over £28: 12: 3 and £24: 5: 8d Fitzpatrick's Voters Lists' fees and poundage on lodgment by Insurance Company, to Rate Inspector for the District and to Temporary Collector for the District; payment to be contingent on amounts remaining to the credit of the Council after Insurance Company's claim for poundage has been satisfied!

SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

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Applications under above Scheme were received from the following:-

- Richard Kearns, 1223, Goulding St. Rosslare Harbour (father - Railway Employee).
- Patrick D. O'Brien, Tagoat. (Father - Postman).
- Michael Sinnott, The Ballagh, Enniscorthy (Farmer).
- Daniel Condon, Kilmore Quay (Father - Chaffeur).
- Margaret Hughes, Irish Street, Bunclody (Gardener)
- William G. Lambert, Sunnyside, Broadway (Mother National Teacher).
- Richard M. Sinnott, Coolroe, Clonroche (Farmer).
- Richard Kehoe, Kilmore Quay (Mother widow of fisherman).
- Annie Hayes, Church Road, Bunclody (Labourer).
- John F. French, Moneylawn, Gorey (Farmer).
- Wm. P. Redmond, 30, Esmonde Street, Gorey (Labourer).
- Annie Teresa Murray, Ballymacoonogue, The Ballagh (Farmer).
- Patrick Joseph Kenny, Irish Street, Bunclody (tailor)
- Michael Furlong, Foulksmills (Farmer).
- Hugh O'Reilly, Killanne, Enniscorthy (National Teacher).
- Thomas Dempsey, Gurrawn, Rathnure (Labourer).
- James Clare, Moneynamough, Rathnure (Farmer).
- John Hennessy, Grange, Rathnure (Farmer).
- Mary V. Larkin, Ballycullane (Farmer).
- Mary Anne Ronan, Drinagh, Broadway (Farmer).
- Patrick A. Delaney, Barrack ~~5200~~ Adamstown (Farmer).

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Patrick G. B. Power, Railway Station House Chapel (Station Master).

John Geraghty, Coolgreaney, Inch, (Chaffeur).

Kathleen B. Forde, Delta Cottage, Gorey (Farmer).

Matthew Berney, Foxcover, Monaseed (Farmer).

Patrick Parle, Duncannon (Mason).

Mary Ellen Doyle, Duncannon (Labourer).

Bridget Mary Dillon, Templetown, Fethard-on-Sea (small shop keeper).
Peter Fleming, Kilanerin, Gorey (Farmer).

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That we consider the candidates whose names have been submitted to this meeting are eligible to compete at forthcoming examination for Secondary Scholarships subject to the following reservations:-

"That certificates of the valuation of all their holdings be received from the parents or guardians of the following:-
Richard Kearns; Michael Thomas Sinnott, D. Condon; James Clare and Bridget Mary Dillon and that these applications be approved subject to the total valuation of holdings in each case not exceeding £75.

"We consider that the parents of William G. Lambert, Hugh O'Reilly and Patrick G. B. Power are in a position to provide for secondary education without financial assistance from the Council.

✕ "That application of Richard Kehoe, Kilmore Quay, be refused as he is over the age specified in Scheme."

✓ Two applications from New Ross Urban District were rejected as the Scheme is exclusively for the benefit of children residing in the Rural Districts of the County.

Applications received from Frederick G. Todd, The Bungalow, Kilrane (Gas stoker) and David Lynch, Kilrane (Platelayer) did not reach Co. Council Offices until 15th April, while latest date for reception of applications was 13th April.

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

"That we agree to accept applications under Secondary Scholarship Scheme from Frederick G. Todd and David Lynch and approve of same provided certificates of the valuation of their parents' or guardians' holdings are furnished at once and that amount of said valuations do not in either case exceed £75"

The County Council will agree that the candidates for pupil teacherships sit at same centre as candidates for County Scholarships viz., Christian Schools, Joseph Street, Wexford.

GENERAL CATTLE DISEASES FUND.

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Under date 23rd April, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote that the sum assessed upon the County Council in connection with above was £410: 16: 2d.

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

MR. JOHN J. FANNING, CLERICAL ASSISTANT CO. COUNCIL
OFFICES.

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The following under date 18th April, 1929 (G.26049/1929, Loch Garman Fa) was read from 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 13th instant and to state that he will not object to the continuance of remuneration to Mr. John J. Fanning, Clerical Assistant, up to the 13th proximo from which date his position will be definitely terminated.

"The Minister further concurs in the temporary continuance of Mr. Kennedy's services for a period not extending beyond the 30th September next on the definite understanding that the terms and conditions for the permanent filling of the vacancy will meantime be arranged and submitted for sanction with a view to the issue of the requisite advertisements."

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It was decided that the Finance Committee consider and draft advertisement etc., in this matter before the 30th September.

OVERDRAFT OF COUNTY COUNCIL.

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Under date 18th April, 1929, the Manager, National Bank, Wexford, wrote that his Directors had sanctioned the continuance of overdraft accommodation of £40,000 on the Subsidiary Account until 30th June next.

While sanctioning this advance his Board, however, had directed him to state that they did so on the distinct understanding that within the period mentioned substantial reductions must be effected in the overdraft requirements.

WEXFORD CORPORATION AND PAYMENT OF DEMAND.

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The following resolution was adopted:-

"That in view of Co. Council overdraft and the necessity for providing funds for County Requirements the Finance Committee must request the Wexford Corporation to take steps, as soon as possible, to meet the demand of the County Council and which is considerably in arrear.

SHEEP DIPPING EXPENSES.

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Under date 19th April, 1929, Mr. M. J. Hennessy, lay sheep dipping Inspector, applied for payment of 15/- travelling expenses for visits to the following in January and February in connection with prosecutions by Garda Síochána under Sheep Dipping Order:- J. Bolger, Robinstown; R. Tyndall, Oaklands; New Ross, and for attending at New Ross District Court on 12th and 19th February, 1929.

It was decided to recommend the County Council to pay the 15/- and to inform Mr. Hennessy that in such cases, in the

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future, he should make application to the District Justice for the amount of his expenses.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

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Under date 19th April, 1929, Mr. Thomas F. White, Carcur House, Wexford, ex-University Scholarship holder, wrote re refund of £7. He regretted he was not at present in a position to do this but hoped to do so at a future date when circumstances would have somewhat changed.

It was decided to inform Mr. White that the Finance Committee expected him to forward the £7 by the 31st May.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT.

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Bill for £2 for four days' use of Town Hall Gorey for Inspector of Weights and Measures was received from the Gorey Town Commissioners.

The Secretary stated he had written the local District Superintendent, Garda Siotchana, asking if it had not been possible to obtain suitable premises for a lesser rate.

Under date 16th April the District Superintendent, Garda Siochana, wrote that the Inspector had not been able to secure alternative accommodation at any price and it was necessary to use the Town Hall Gorey.

It was decided that Mr. O'Byrne should represent to the Commissioners that the charge was excessive and endeavour to have it reduced.

COMMITTALS TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

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Communications were received from the District Court Clerk at New Ross as to committal of Johanna Fowler to an Industrial School and from District Court Clerk Wexford as to committal to Industrial School of Mary and Sarah Dempsey.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee, in respect of meeting held on 25th April, 1929, be received and considered."
Secondary Scholarship Scheme.

In connection with the recommendation of the Finance Committee, Mr. Shannon referred to the possibility of sufficient candidates not passing the examination for the full number of Scholarships and suggested that the three candidates ruled out by the Finance Committee should be allowed to compete on the understanding that, if Scholarships could be filled by other candidates, no award would be made to any of the three candidates referred to.

The meeting declined to accept Mr. Shammon's suggestion.

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 25th April, 1929, be and are hereby confirmed. "

Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 8th May, 1929, were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 8th May, 1929.

Mr. M. Doyle (Chairman) presided. Also present:- Messrs J. E. Walsh, Sean O'Byrne, James Shannon and J. J. Culleton.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3365: 7: 2d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

The state of the Rate Collection was submitted, showing the following percentages of second moiety of 1929 Rate lodged:-

	E. J. Murphy	95.99
(No.14)	J. J. O'Reilly	92.02
(No.13)	J. J. O'Reilly	91.89
	J. Curtis	91.60
	J. Doyle	90.35
(No.14)	J. J. Sinnott	88.74
	A. Dunne	88.06
	J. Quirke	86.79
	M. Deegan	84.38
(No.16)	J. J. Sinnott	84.11
	P. Doyle	83.39
	S. Gannon	83.11
	P. O'Byrne	82.73
	T. Rowe	82.59
	J. Cummins	79.95
	P. Donohoe	79.84
	W. Cummins	75.77
	T. Sutton	75.58
	M. Kelly	69.53
(No.5)	J. Quirke	68.97
(No.4)	P. Furlong	68.05
	M. O'Hanlon	56.91
(No.5)	P. Furlong	26.26.

The amount outstanding on first moiety of 1929 Rate was £3917: 18: 2d; second moiety 1929 Rate, £12085: 3: 4d; rates for previous periods outstanding £3008: 15: 10d.

The meeting considered that the progress made by Collector P. J. Furlong in No. 5 Collection District (26.26 per cent) was

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unsatisfactory. Mr. Quirke, who was collecting the other portion of this district had 68.97 per cent collected.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Culleton, that Collector Furlong be instructed to attend next meeting of the Finance Committee with his collecting books in order to explain the backward state of his collection.

The following letter was read from Collector Patrick Donohoe:-

"In reply to your letter in connection with resolution of Finance Committee calling my attention to resolution on the Minutes in dealing with Collectors who are not carrying out their duties, I take it that the Committee has me down as one of these Collectors I would like to know what the Finance Committee want me to do as I have done my best to carry out their instructions in trying to collect the rates. I have called on people several times and failed to get the rates and I have to wait until they make money. It has been said I do not call on ratepayers to collect the rates. This statement is certainly untrue as most of my time is gone in the District. If any member of the Committee has any complaint to ~~make~~ make in that respect I ask to be given the opportunity of hearing it. I have carried out seizures on my own Warrant and got several parties committed to terms of imprisonment for non-payment of rates. I also wish to bring under your notice that the sum of £85 costs of Rate cases brought through the Courts from 1923 to 1928 is due to Mr. J. J. Bolger, Solicitor, which he is unable to recover and which I must pay. If I am to take proceedings where ~~there~~ are no goods who will pay the costs.

"I wish to bring under your notice also that I have received no poundage on second moiety 1929 rate and I find it impossible to travel around the Country for four or five months for nothing.

× "Please bring this matter before your Committee."

It was decided that Mr. Donohoe's letter be referred to the

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the meeting of the Finance Committee to be summoned to consider the state of the Rate Collection during the last financial year.

The following letter was read from Collector Thomas Sutton ^{on behalf} regarding statement of Moses Doyle, Kilmacoe, that the Rate Collector failed to call for the rates:-

"Re your letter of the 1st instant I beg to state that I called to the house of Moses Doyle, Kilmacoe, on two occasions during the year for 1st and 2nd moieties of rate which amounts ^s of 5/5d and found no one there, although I had reason to believe that there was someone there.

"As I have placed the matter in the hands of my Solicitor I don't mean to call again, neither will I accept his rates in any way except through my Solicitor."

It was decided that Mr. Sutton be requested to inform the Finance Committee of the dates on which he called to Mr. Moses Doyle.

POUNDAGE.

It was decided that payment of poundage be recommended to Collectors P. J. Furlong (No.4 District), W. Cummins and P. Donohoe, in respect of lodgments of current rate to 1st March, 1929.

SURETIES OF NEW COLLECTORS.

Mr. Patrick Carty submitted the following names for approval as sureties:-

Thomas O'Hanlon, Gusserane and
Martin W. Harrington, Terrerath.

Mr. Thaddeus Bolger submitted, as his sureties, the names
of James Kelly, Bay View House, Camolin and
Patrick Doyle, Newbridge, Camolin.

Mr. Martin J. Culleton submitted, as his sureties, the names
of Andrew Forrest, Wellingtonbridge and
P. E. Mayler, Harriestown.

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The names were approved subject to bankers references for £200 in each case being furnished.

It was reported that Mr. Martin J. Culleton's birth certificate showed that, on the date of the meeting of the County Council, at which he was appointed, viz., 8th April, 1929, he had not reached his 21st year. Mr. Culleton was 21 years of age on 8th May, 1929.

No Order.

Courtkeeper Wexford.

Mrs McNally, Courtkeeper, Wexford, applied for payment of £15: 0: 3d for salary etc., for quarter ended 31st March, 1929.

The amount was made up as follows:-

	£	:	s	:	d
Salary	2	:	10	:	0
Contingent Expenses	2	:	5	:	0
Rent	6	:	10	:	0
Gas	2	:	1	:	2
Coal	1	:	14	:	1.
	£15	:	0	:	3

The amount was approved for payment.

WEXFORD COURTHOUSE SITE.

The Chairman stated he considered steps should be taken to expedite a decision being arrived at as regards the site on which new Courthouse was to be reconstructed. The matter had been going on now for a number of years and he thought a definite decision should have been arrived at long since.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Culleton, that the County Council be recommended to appoint a deputation to wait on the Minister for Finance with a view to obtaining his ruling on the application of the Council to have Wexford Courthouse rebuilt on old Jail site, plans for which have been in

the hands of the Minister for a considerable time.

DRAINAGE RATES.

Under date 25th April, 1929, the following letter was read from Messrs Colfer & Son, Solicitors, New Ross:-

"Mr. Rowe called here and handed us your letter of 10th instant and we now return the Charging Order which you lent him.

"We hesitate to take proceedings in these cases as there are negotiations pending between the various occupiers of Kilmannock and the Government in reference to the annuity and other Charges affecting the property. We pointed out this to Mr. Rowe and he instructed us to inform you of our doubts but if you wish we will go ahead with the proceedings at once."

The Secretary stated he had replied as follows:-

"I have yours with Charging Order re Kilmannock Drainage Rate. As regards proceedings the County Council are anxious that this rate be collected to date and as there does not seem to be any possibility of the amount being paid unless those concerned are prosecuted, I am afraid there is no option but to proceed. If you wish, however, I will ask the Finance Committee for further instructions in view of your statement that negotiations are proceeding between the occupiers and the Government. We were not aware of such negotiations and if you could let me have some particulars thereof I could have the matter discussed at the meeting of Finance Committee on 8th May."

It was decided that Messrs Colfer & Son be informed that the Finance Committee must insist on the Rate Collector taking the necessary steps to collect the Kilmannock Drainage Rate which has already been struck and agreed to by the Council.

Under date 4th May, 1929, the following letter No. 6806/29, was read from the Office of Public Works:-

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"With reference to the resolution passed by your Council at its meeting on the 8th ultimo with regard to the payments due to us under the Drainage Maintenance Act, 1924, in connection with the restoration of the Sow Drainage District, we desire to invite the attention of your Council to our letter of the 23rd January last in which it was pointed out that the payment of the rent-charge is a statutory obligation on the Council. We should be obliged therefore, if steps can be taken to have the amount of the instalment due lodged to our credit before the 1st proximo."

It was decided that the Finance Committee do not interfere in the matter in view of the resolution adopted by the County Council at their meeting on 8th April, 1929, declining to pay instalment of loan for Sow Drainage System.

REFUND OF RATES-RAILWAY COMPANY.

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X The Great Southern Railways Company forwarded application for refund of rates amounting to £719: 4: 0d for 1928-29 owing to reduction of valuation of railway property on appeal.

It was decided that the amount be paid when the new rate has been put in course of collection.

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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 8th May, 1929, be received and considered."
Rate Collection.

In connection with this matter, the following letter, under date 8th May, 1929 No. G. 32246/1929, 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 the rate collection position as on the 30th ultimo, and to state that he expresses grave dissatisfaction with the state of the Rate Collection in County Wexford over £18,000 remaining outstanding one month after the close of the financial year. The Minister notes that the position of the Rate Collection is growing yearly worse and trusts that the County Council will not hesitate to deal effectively with such Rate Collectors as are carrying out their duties in a dilatory and indifferent manner. The Rate Collectors should be required to close their warrants without further delay and if they fail to do so, their Sureties should be warned and proceedings instituted against the Collectors and their Sureties under their Bonds."

Appointment of Mr. Culleton as Rate Collector for No. 5 District.

In connection with the Minute of Finance Committee, pointing out that Martin J. Culleton had not reached his 21st year until 8th May, 1929, Miss O'Ryan moved that the appointment be cancelled in view of the fact that the terms and conditions of appointment stated that the age limits were 21 and 45.

Mr. Corish seconded.

Mr. Culleton moved, and Mr. Murphy seconded, that the

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appointment stand.

Mr. Mayler contended that no vote should be taken on the matter, seeing that Mr. Culleton's appointment as Rate Collector had to be sanctioned by the Local Government Department and that he could not be legally regarded as a Rate Collector until the sanction of this Department had been received. He was over 21 years of age when this sanction was given.

The Chairman said that, in the circumstances, he would accept the proposals which had been made, and directed that a poll be taken on Mr. Culleton's motion to allow the appointment to stand.

The following was the result of the poll:-

For:- Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs Brennan, Colfer, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Doran, Jordan, Keegan, Mayler, McCarthy, Murphy, Roche, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman.....17

Against:- Miss O'Ryan, Messrs Armstrong, Cline, Cooney, Corish, Hall, Hayes, O'Byrne and Shannon.....9

The Chairman declared Mr. Culleton's motion adopted.

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

"That, in future, where age limits are mentioned in connection with any appointment to be made by this Council, each candidate must submit certificate of birth with his application."

Wexford Courthouse Site.

In connection with this matter Mr. Elgee wrote, under date 11th May, 1929, stating that all the owners of the old Courthouse site had now agreed to sell the rents which they received out of the premises at twenty years purchase with the exception of the Hatchell Estate, the position of which was a bit involved in consequence of proceedings which were pending

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in the Land Judges Court. The Solicitors who had carriage of sale in the matter were dead, and all the papers in connection with it were destroyed in the burning of the Four Courts. The Solicitor who took over the business of the former Solicitors was not disposed to move in the matter so that there might be some difficulty in making title to their interest in the premises. However, as far as the Owners and the Mortgagee on the premises were concerned, they would concur in a sale and he (Mr. Elgee) might be able to get over any difficulty in connection with their part of the Estate. He had done nothing further as to getting a formal agreement with the parties signed until he was sure that the money to complete the purchase was forthcoming.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Hall, that Messrs Jordan and Corish, T.D.'s (who are members of the Council) with the Chairman arrange for an interview with the Minister for Finance in order to lay before him the present position as regards Wexford Courthouse site and obtain his ruling thereon. That Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, accompany the deputation who are also empowered to obtain the services of the County Surveyor and the County Secretary, should they consider this essential.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 8th May, 1929, be and are hereby confirmed."

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PAYMENTS TO ROAD CONTRACTORS.

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

"That the several Proposals for Payments to Road Contractors, as appearing on Form 22, be and are hereby adopted, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and

initialled by the Chairman."

APPLICATIONS FOR CLOSING OF ROADS &c.

Under date 10th May, 1929, (R./RV/32), the Department of Local Government wrote that the Minister had instructed Mr. Quigley, Chief Engineering Inspector, to hold an Inquiry at 10.30 a.m., on the 28th May into the applications of the Wexford County Council for Orders under Section 7(4) of the Roads Act, 1920 (Restriction of Motor Traffic, Main Street, Wexford), and Section 29 of the Local Government Act 1925 (closing portion of road adjoining Rosslare Coastguard Station).

It was decided that Wexford Corporation be requested to nominate witnesses as regards application under Section 7(4) of the Roads Act, 1920, and that the Chairman and Messrs Hayes and Roche attend the Inquiry on behalf of the County Council in respect of the applications for an Order to close road at Rosslare and, if necessary, that they submit evidence in the matter.

£625 LOAN, COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.

Mr. Shannon moved the following, of which he had given previous notice:-

"That the Wexford Co. Council hereby consents to the borrowing by County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum of £625 for the purpose of converting a wing of the old Hospital at Wexford into apartments for the Nursing Sisters at the Hospital."

Colonel Quin seconded.

Passed.

PETROL PUMP - MESSRS BATES & SON, GOREY.

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

"That the action of the Council in refusing to allow

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Messrs Bates & Son, Gorey, licence for petrol pump because tank was placed under footpath be reconsidered, and if resolution be rescinded that licence for this petrol pump issue in the ordinary manner."

Mr. D'Arey seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For: Miss O'Ryan, Messrs Armstrong, Brennan, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arey, Doran, Hayes, Keegan, Mayler, McCarthy, Murphy, Shannon, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman.....19

Against:- Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs Corish, Hall, Jordan, O'Byrne and Roche.....7.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. D'Arey proposed and Mr. Keegan seconded the following which was adopted:-

"That Licence for Petrol Pump referred to in Mr. Keegan's Notice of motion, considered at this meeting, be now issued to Messrs Bates & Son".

FUTURE APPOINTMENTS OF OFFICERS.

The following motion of which she had given previous notice, stood in the name of Miss O'Ryan:-

"That, in future, positions under the County Council be given only to those in need of employment. That candidates for Rate Collectorships and other posts must not be owners of land or of other property nor the Representatives of persons holding same."

Mr. Elgee said that, in his opinion, the motion was too far-reaching and tied the hands of the Council beyond the limits to which they were entitled to go. The Council could not cut down the powers given them by statute in relation to appointments and he believed the effect of this motion would do this. There was nothing to prevent the Council going into the merits of each individual case and, in the circumstances, he advised that the

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motion should not be adopted.

Miss O'Ryan, in view of Mr. Elgee's opinion, withdrew her motion.

SALARY OF CORONER FOR SOUTH WEXFORD.

Under date 25th April, 1929, (G.27565/1929 Loch Garman Sd), the Department of Local Government wrote, forwarding copy of the following appeal under Section 18 of the Coroners Amendment Act, 1927, received from Mr. J. J. Roche, Coroner for South Wexford, as regards his salary:-

"It is with the greatest confidence I appeal to you to remedy a matter of long-standing injustice, viz., the totally inadequate salary I receive from the Wexford County Council as their Coroner for the Southern Division of the County. Since I became deputy coroner (1st December, 1908) and Coroner (December 20th, 1916) I must have travelled well over 10,000 miles in discharge of my duty, without ever receiving one farthing compensation towards the expenses of these journeys. For many years I paid 1/- per mile for motoring costs to and from Inquests which left practically nothing for the work connected therewith. They pay me £100 per year, out of which I must bear all motoring expenses in addition to paying a deputy coroner from my own pocket. The Council asked me lately for a return of the Inquests I held and the mileage I travelled in the last three years, which proved I had travelled no less than 1,178 miles. You are aware, Sir, under the New Coroners Act very little discretion is left to coroners about the holding of Inquests so that the work has increased enormously, and no prospect of it being less, especially for me. My district is rather a peculiar one, as I have a water line for drownings of about 80 miles. My river and ocean district run from Mountgarret Bridge above New Ross down the river Barrow, then down to Hook

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Lighthouse at the entrance to Waterford Harbour, then down the Atlantic Ocean to Fethard and Cullenstown (where the Fethard lifeboat was lost with nearly all hands a few years ago;) then down the coast to Kilmore Quay on to Carnsore Point and to Ballygeary Pier (where the Fishguard service touches the Emerald Isle). Still on to Curracloe and back up the Wexford Harbour, taking in both sides of the river Slaney, on to Ferrycarrig Bridge, and ending at Killurin Bridge, where North Wexford joins in making a distance of water alone of about 20 miles. Probably no other coroner in Ireland has such a district to cope with. My district by land - It runs from the Hook lighthouse to the hills of Screen, about 32 miles. From Ballywilliam to Carnsore, 33 miles, and from New Ross to Ballygeary Pier, 33 miles. This includes the important town of Wexford with over 12,000 souls and the important seaport of New Ross (so famous for its drownings) Therefore, Sir, if you refer to the Returns of Coroners for other counties you will find Coroners in receipt of nearly double my salary for doing far less work. I had in 1928 twenty-seven Inquests, particulars of which I enclose. Therefore, Sir, you can easily see that my request to you calls for your immediate attention. The Secretary of our Coroners' Association says I have one of the strongest cases possible for a substantial increase in salary. Under all the circumstances I have laid before you and all founded upon truth, if you deem me worthy of a substantial increase of salary, I would be grateful if you let the increase cover expenses as then there could be no dispute as to the mileage or anything else. The Council allows travelling expenses to all their surveyors, poultry, butter and horticultural Instructors, and I am informed the Superintendents of the Guards are allowed full expenses for attending Inquests; yet the Coroners are left out in the cold."

Proposed by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. D'Arcy, and adopted

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"That the Council see no reason why they should increase the salary of Mr. Roche as Coroner for South Wexford. We consider it a fair and just salary. Mr. Roche is a large farmer and, as he is in receipt of £3 to £4 per Inquest, we deem his present salary ample."

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS - MOUNTGARRETT BRIDGE.

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Under date 1st May, 1929, (A.S.30768/29 Oifig(d)), the Department of Local Government wrote, stating that the Minister had instructed Mr. S. Hurley, Local Government Auditor, to audit the accounts of the Mountgarrett Bridge Committee for the half years ended 30th September, 1927, 31st March and 30th September, 1928, and until further notice.

SANCTION TO APPOINTMENTS OF RATE COLLECTORS.

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Under date 10th May, 1929, (G.32802/1929, Loch Garman Fa) the Department of Local Government wrote, stating that the Minister sanctioned the proposed temporary appointment on the terms set out in the Queries, of Mr. Patrick Carty as Collector for Collection District No.21, and on condition that Mr. Carty resided in his District.

Under date 10th May, 1929 (G.32801/1929, Loch Garman Fa) the Department of Local Government wrote, stating that the Minister sanctioned the temporary appointment of Mr. Martin J. Culleton as temporary Rate Collector for the No.5 Collection District on condition that he resides in his District.

Under date 10th May, 1929, (G.32803/1929, Loch Garman Fa) the Department of Local Government wrote, stating that the Minister sanctioned the temporary appointment, on the terms proposed by the Council of Mr. Thaddeus Bolger for Collection District No.14.

ROAD GRANTS.

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The Secretary reported that, since the last meeting of

the Council, a sum of £1238 had been received in respect of Road Maintenance Grant, 1928-29.

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BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER: REMUNERATION OF VETERINARY INSPECTORS
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Under date 6th May, 1929, (letter No. L.2414/28) the Department of Agriculture wrote, approving of remuneration at the rate of ^{£25}~~£25~~ per annum being paid for a period of twelve months from 1st April, 1929, to the undermentioned Veterinary Inspectors for work under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order of 1926:-

Mr. T. A. Mernagh, V.S., former Union Area of Gorey;
Mr. P. J. Hayes, V.S., former Union Area of Enniscorthy;
Mr. R. Malone, V.S., former Union Area of Wexford; Mr. Joseph Lynch, V.S., former Union Area of New Ross (Southern Portion);
Mr. F. W. Taylor, V.S., former Union Area of New Ross (Northern portion).

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER.
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Under date 18th April, 1929 (L.1087-29) the Department of Agriculture wrote stating that the Department of Justice had intimated that the Garda Síochána had been instructed to renew, for this year, the arrangements made last year in connection with the enforcement of the Sheep Dipping Order. Accordingly, the Garda would prepare and furnish to the Local Authority lists of Sheep Owners in the respective Police Districts. Copies of the Forms required by Sheep Owners would be made available at Garda Síochána Stations but it was not practicable for the Garda to distribute these forms among Sheep Owners. Notices of Intention to Dip and Declarations as to completion of dipping received by the Garda would be transmitted to the Local Authority. The Garda could not be expected to participate actively in the work of supervising the process of Sheep Dipping but they would report any instance of infringement of the Regulations which might come under their notice.

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Under date 4th May, 1929, (L.1293-29) the Department wrote, approving of the re-employment of Messrs James Murphy, Myles Roban, James Hayden, Morgan Flaherty, Thomas Prendergast and M. J. Hennessy, as Sheep Dipping Inspectors, during the Sheep Dipping Periods for the current year at a remuneration of £1 per week, to include travelling expenses, but not postage, cost of which is allowed to the Inspectors by the County Council.

SUBSTITUTES FOR VETERINARY INSPECTORS.

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Under date 15th April, 1929 (L.72/29), the Department of Agriculture wrote, drawing attention to the necessity for Local Authorities making proper arrangements in respect of substitutes for their Veterinary Inspectors temporarily unable to perform their usual duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts. The definite powers conferred and the definite duties imposed on an Inspector under the Acts and the Department's Orders thereunder could be properly discharged only by an officer appointed by the Local Authority and approved by the Department. Whether the Local Authority accepted the substitute nominated by an Inspector or selected a substitute themselves, a formal temporary appointment should be made in every case and submitted for the Department's approval. If the Local Authority had not a Committee a Sub-Committee capable of making such temporary appointments, immediately an occasion arose, the Department suggested that the Clerk should be authorised to act in an emergency.

It was decided that the Finance Committee, which meets fortnightly, be empowered to make the necessary appointments of substitutes for Veterinary Inspectors when occasions arise.

PROJECTING ROCK AT CAHORE PIER.

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Under date 25th April, 1929 (D/24/2) the Department of Lands and Fisheries wrote that the attention of the Minister had been

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called to the necessity for the removal of a projecting rock at the junction of the old and new work at Cahore Pier. The Minister would be glad that the County Council would arrange to have the rock removed as it was a source of danger to boats engaged in fishing particularly during the winter herring season.

Under date 7th May, 1929, the County Surveyor wrote that, some years ago, he had examined this particular place and inspected the rock with a view to its removal. He came to the conclusion that the only method of removing it would be by blasting and, in his opinion, such work would probably injure the masonry. He would, however, make a further inspection soon and, if it were possible to arrange for the removal of the rock, he would have it done.

DEFAULTING LAND COMMISSION ANNUITANTS.

Under date 27th April, 1929 letter (No. 1017/29 Wexford D2), was read from the Irish Land Commission, stating that the total amount of Annuities payable annually by tenant purchasers in the County Wexford was £128,602, and the total of the arrears at the 31st March, 1929, was £17,840.

The Chairman explained that he and Mr. O'Byrne put the case of Wexford County Council very clearly before the last meeting of the County Council's General Council and fully explained the grievance of the Council regarding the withholding of Government Grants. The matter was referred to the Executive Committee to report to next meeting of the General Council.

Colonel Gibbon said in the case of defaulting annuitants the Land Commission might make arrangements by which portion of the money obtained for the setting of land would go towards the repayment of the annuities and the rates and another portion be left to the man himself.

It was decided that a copy of the resolution of the Council

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already sent the General Council should be forwarded to the Land Commission and also the County Councils in An Saorstát.

COUNTY COUNCILS SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS.

Under date 28th March, 1929, letter was read from the Department of Education that County Scholarships would be tenable at Preparatory Colleges unless provision to the contrary was included in the County Scheme.

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

"That, in the Co. Wexford Scheme for Secondary Scholarships, for next year, a clause be included that such Scholarships are not to apply to candidates holding pupil teacherships or places in Preparatory Colleges." .

ROAD FROM ROSSLARE HARBOUR TO KILRANE SCHOOL.

Under date 26th April, 1929 (L.1984/29) the Department of Education wrote asking the County Council to have the necessary improvements made in the road from Rosslare Harbour to Kilrane School so as to render it free from flooding in bad weather when it was a danger to the young children who used this road on their way to school.

The County Surveyor stated that the road would require to be raised a distance of about 48 yards by about one foot. This would cost £25 or £30, and in view of the fact that this road was used by people going to Mass and by children going to school, he thought the amount might be expended.

It was decided that the County Surveyor submit a supplemental proposal in connection with this road before next Winter.

PUBLIC WEIGHBRIDGES.

Proposed by Mr. D'Arcy, seconded by Mr. Shannon and adopted:-

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"That we request the ex-officio Inspectors of Weights and Measures to pay surprise visits to public weighbridges in towns when animals are being weighed thereat. This we consider necessary in consequence of statements which have been made to this Council."

DE-RATING OF LAND.

Under date 17th April, 1929, the Secretary, County Councils General Council forwarded report relative to proposals approved at a special meeting of the General Council on 1st March for (1) carrying out the de-rating of agricultural land and (2) a joint Scheme for the relief of rates and construction of Trunk roads.

In connection with the de-rating of land Mr. Jordan mentioned that the Farmers' Party had moved in the matter as early as last June and a Committee, of which he was a member, was set up to make recommendations which included the taking over of maintenance of Main and trunk roads and Mental Hospitals by the Government but these recommendations were not approved by the Minister for Finance. The Farmers' Party had another discussion later but he was not in a position to speak about it at the moment. He was certain that the Minister for Finance would make an announcement on the whole matter very soon and it would be advisable if the Council adjourned consideration of the report submitted from the General Council until they were in possession of the Minister's views.

It was decided that consideration of the report received from the General Council be accordingly adjourned.

APPLICATION, EXTENSION OF LEASE, NURSING HOME.

Dr. S. A. Furlong, Infirmary House, Wexford, wrote, under date 26th April, 1929, applying for an extension for a further 70 years of the lease on the premises held by him from the County

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Council, as he might undertake alterations and improvements provided he had that fixity of tenure which everyone desired.

Referred to next meeting of the Finance Committee.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE.

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

"That the following be appointed as members of the Scholarship Committee:-

The Chairman (Mr. M. Doyle), Vice Chairman (Mr. Shannon); Messrs Hall, Mayler, Sean O'Byrne, R. Corish, (County 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. Foley; J. J. Kelly, N.T., Taghmon; and Hugh O'Byrne, N.T., Ballindaggin, Enniscorthy."

CIRCUIT COURT OFFICE.

Under date 26th April, 1929, letter was read from Mr. Michael J. Dwyer, County Registrar, asking that the Circuit Court Office and approaches thereto should be put into proper order without further delay. Very little had been expended on the repair of the premises since they were partially destroyed in November 1922, and the question of putting them in proper order being allowed to remain in abeyance pending the settlement of the general question of the building of a new Courthouse and offices. Mr. Dwyer further added that no matter what decision might ultimately be arrived at to provide a new Courthouse and offices the condition of his present offices must be improved.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of the matter pending the result of the visit of the deputation to the Minister for Finance regarding the fixing of site of Courthouse.

IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr.

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Murphy, seconded by Miss O'Ryan:-

"That Mr. Thomas McCarthy, M.C.C., be appointed representative of Wexford County Council on the Executive Committee of the Irish Tourist Association for the year 1929-30."

ANALYST'S REPORT.

Report of County Analyst for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1929, was submitted, showing that 160 analyses had been carried out; drugs 33; Food, 126; Waters, 1; number adulterated:-
New milks, 2; Whiskies, 2; Buttermilk, 1.

The remainder of the business was adjourned to next meeting.

Michael Doyle

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 May, 1929.

(Signed)

N. J. Foyzelle

Secretary Wexford County Council.

Dated this 17th day of May, 1929.

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF MEETING

HELD ON

24TH JUNE, 1929.

N J FRIZELLE
SECRETARY

FORTVIEW
WEXFORD

The Annual Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 24th June, 1929.

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 Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, M. M. Roche, James Shannon, Myles Smyth, James E. Walsh and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Colonel Gibbon proposed, and Mr. D'Arcy seconded, the re-election of Mr. Michael Doyle as Chairman for the ensuing year to hold the position until his successor has been appointed and has taken office.

There was no other proposal and Mr. Doyle was declared elected unanimously.

The Chairman, having subscribed the usual declaration of office, thanked the Council for the honour conferred upon him. The only thing he regretted was that the financial position of the Council was not better after last year's working. He hoped at the end of next year, through strict and careful administration, there would be a marked improvement. He thanked the members for the courtesy which had been extended to him during the past year and promised he would do his best in the future in the position of their Chairman as he had done in the past.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN.

Mr. Cummins proposed the re-election of Mr. Shannon as Vice Chairman for the year to retain the position until his

successor has been appointed and taken office. He hoped that, as the Council had been unanimous in the election of Mr. Doyle as Chairman, they would also be unanimous in the election of Mr. Shannon who did his duty as Vice-Chairman satisfactorily and well. He sincerely hoped that the unanimity prevailing in the re-election of the Chairman would apply to the re-election of Vice Chairman.

Mr. Keegan seconded.

Colonel Quin proposed the appointment of Colonel Gibbon as Vice Chairman to act until his successor had been appointed and taken office.

Mr. Brennan seconded.

A poll was taken as between the two candidates with the following result:-

For Colonel Gibbon:- Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Hall, Jordan, Mayler, Murphy, Roche, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman.....14

For Mr. Shannon :- Miss O'Ryan, Messrs Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne and Shannon.....13.

The Chairman declared Colonel Gibbon elected.

Colonel Gibbon then subscribed the usual declaration of office.

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Culleton proposed, and Colonel Quin seconded, the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That Mr. Shannon's name be retained on any Committee on which he has acted in the past in virtue of his office as Vice Chairman of the Council."

REPLIES TO VOTES OF CONDOLENCE.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Quin, the following reply to the Council's vote of condolence on the

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death of Mr. John Sinnott, ex-Rate Collector, received from Mr. J. Sinnott, Ballyelland, Davidstown, was ordered to be inserted on the Minutes of the day:-

"Please convey to your Council our heartfelt thanks for their very kind expression of sympathy. Of course John's death, R.I.P., was not unexpected, but we all feel the loss nevertheless. Death always leaves a void.

'I would thank yourself personally for your sympathy. Yes, time is passing and it is, indeed, a long time since we first met, still it is good to cherish memories of the old days.

'Hoping you are keeping well.'"

Proposed by Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Quin, and adopted:-

"That the following letter from Mother M. J. Stanislaus Ryan, Loreto Hall, Dublin, in reply to the Council's vote of condolence on the death of Mother M. Eucharist, be inserted on this day's minutes:-

'Mother Superior has has me to reply to your kind letter of the 4th instant.

'She and I and all the members of the Community are deeply grateful to you and to the members of the County Council for your resolution of sympathy with us in our great bereavement and for the tribute you paid to the noble character and Educational achievements of our late revered Mother M. Eucharist, R.I.P.

'Hoping you will be good enough to convey our best thanks to the members of the County Council.'"

NEXT MEETINGS OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES.

It was decided that the next meeting of the Roads' Committee be held on 1st July, 1929, and the next meeting of the County Council on 29th July, 1929.

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEES.

Finance:-

Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 23rd May, 1929, were submitted as follows:-

The monthly meeting of the Finance Committee was held on 23rd May, 1929.

Present:- Mr. James Shannon, Vice Chairman (presiding) also Messrs John J. Culleton, James Hall, Thomas McCarthy; John Murphy and Sean O'Byrne.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3,536: 17: 8d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

The following gives the amount of second moiety of Rate for 1928-29 collected to date:-

	E. J. Murphy	97 per cent.
(No.14 District)	J. J. O'Reilly	97 per cent.
(No.13 District)	J. J. O'Reilly	97 per cent.
(No.14 District)	J. J. Sinnott	95 per cent.
	John Curtis	94 per cent.
	A. Dunne	92 per cent.
	J. Doyle	91 per cent.
	J. Quirke	91 per cent.
	T. Rowe	90 per cent.
	P. Doyle	88 per cent.
	S. Gannon	87 per cent.
(No.16 District)	J. J. Sinnott.	87 per cent.
	P. O'Byrne	87 per cent.
	M. Deegan	87 per cent.
	P. Donohoe	85 per cent.
	J. Cummins	82 per cent.
	W. Cummins	80 per cent.
	T. Sutton	77 per cent.
	M. Kelly	77 per cent.
(No.5 District)	J. Quirke	70 per cent.
(No.4 District)	P. Furlong	68 per cent.
	M. O'Hanlon	64 per cent.
(No.5 District)	P. Furlong	26 per cent.

It was decided that the general work of the Collectors for last collection period be considered at the next meeting of Finance Committee and that all Collectors be notified they must have all collectible rate lodged by 31st May.

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It was decided that Collecting Books for Rate 1929-30 be handed to all Collectors who had lodged 85 per cent of second moiety of rate 1928-29. The following are the names of the Collectors concerned:-

Messrs E. J. Murphy.
J. J. O'Reilly.
J. J. Sinnott.
John Curtis.
A. Dunne.
John Doyle.
J. Quirke
T. Rowe
P. Doyle
S. Gannon.
P. O'Byrne.
M. Deegan.

A resolution was adopted directing the Secretary to call the special attention of the following Collectors to the amounts outstanding in their districts, viz.,

(1st moiety Rate 1928-29) :-

M. Kelly 18 per cent.

T. Sutton 12 per cent.

(2nd moiety Rate 1928-29) :-

(No.4 District) P.J. Furlong 32 per cent.
M. Kelly 29 per cent
T. Sutton 23 per cent.
W. Cummins 21 per cent.
J. Cummins 18 per cent.
P. Donohoe 15 per cent.

That Collectors be informed the Finance Committee have decided definitely that all collectible rate must be lodged by the 31st May.

RATE COLLECTOR FURLONG.

The Secretary reported that on 21st May he had forwarded the following letter to the New Ireland Assurance Co., Ltd., 12, Dawson Street, Dublin:-

"I have to report that as Rate Collector Philip J. Furlong failed to attend for checking on Friday, the 17th instant, Books were taken up on the 18th instant.

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"Mr. Furlong was absent from home and his sister stated he had gone to Dublin for a holiday and she did not know definitely when he would be home but she expected him on Wednesday the 22nd instant.

'Notification has been sent to his house that he is to attend Finance Committee Meeting on Thursday, 23rd instant.

"The receipts issued from Collecting Books since last checking amount to £131 and the poundage unpaid on Collector's lodgments covers more than this amount.

"In view of the Collector's failure to attend and his absence from home, I communicated with a number of ratepayers whose receipts are in Collecting Books.

'I will notify you of result and also as to whether Collector attends Meeting on the 23rd instant.'

Mr. Furlong was not in attendance at the meeting.

The Secretary reported that he was unaware of Mr. Furlong's present whereabouts.

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

"That Collector Furlong be suspended from duty. That he be informed - should he return to the County - that he must attend the meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on 6th June."

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

"That Collector Quirke be offered the position of temporary Collector for closing of Collection in portion of No.5 District which was being carried out by Philip Furlong. That should Mr. Quirke not accept appointment Collector Culleton be appointed to close collection."

Letter from Collector Donohoe, under date 7th May, 1929, referred to Finance Committee by County Council, pointed out that he had done his best to carry out the instructions of the

Finance Committee. He had called on people several times and failed to get the rates and he would have to wait until they make the money. It was untrue to say that he did not call on ratepayers as most of his time was gone in the district. If any member of the Committee had any complaint to make he would like to have an opportunity of hearing it. He had carried out seizures on his own warrant and had several persons committed to imprisonment for non-payment of rates. He owed his Solicitor £85 for Costs of Rate Cases from 1923 to 1928. He also asked to be paid his poundage.

It was decided to inform Mr. Donohoe that all collectible rate must be lodged by 31st May, 1929.

POUNDAGE.

It was decided that Local Government Department be requested to sanction 50% of poundage on lodgments to 28 February in the following cases:-

Collector J. Quirke	(No.5 District)
" J. J. O'Reilly	(No.14 ")
" J. J. Sinnott	(No.14 ")

INSURANCE COMPANIES AND RATE COLLECTORS' GUARANTEE POLICIES.

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, submitted letter, under date 16th May, 1929, from Messrs Little O'Huadhaigh & Proud, Solicitors, on behalf of New Ireland Assurance Company, with reference to claim against Fitzpatrick's sureties under personal bond. The Company did not understand why the County Council is so solicitous to save the sureties under the personal bond against whom the Company intended to proceed.

Under date 22nd May, 1929, the Manager, New Ireland Assurance Co., Ltd, wrote forwarding copies of letters which they had addressed to the Rate Collectors holding guarantee policies from them. The Company stated they found it necessary to increase the premium on

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these policies to a rate of £1 per cent.

The Secretary stated that this meant payment of £9 premium for each policy.

It was decided that Rate Collectors be empowered to furnish guarantee bonds from either New Ireland Assurance Co., or Irish National Co., or any other approved Company.

SITE OF COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

The following under date 16th May, 1929 (404/296) was read from the Department of Finance:-

"With reference to your letter of the 14th instant and previous correspondence regarding the conditional portion, £5,000 of an Award made by the Compensation (Ireland) Commission in favour of your Council and other parties in respect of an injury to Wexford Courthouse, I am directed by the Minister for Finance to say that he has had an examination made of the plans of the premises which the Council propose to erect on the Old Jail site and he is advised that the floors and staircases which are planned to be of timber supported on rolled steel joists should, having regard to the purposes for which the premises are contemplated, be substituted for fire-resisting floors and staircases. It will also be necessary that a specification and bills of quantities should be submitted for examination.

'The plans which were transmitted with the County Surveyor's letter of the 4th February last, are being returned to you under separate cover. They should be amended as indicated above and re-submitted. Subject to this being done, to the lodgment of a satisfactory specification and bills of quantities, and to the Minister being furnished with an Indemnity (in approved form) indemnifying him against all claims or charges whatsoever by any parties who, in addition to your Council, have an interest in the Award, the injured building or the site on which it stood, the

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Minister will be prepared to authorise payment within the limit of the Award of such sum as is certified by the Office of Public Works as having been satisfactorily expended on the erection of the proposed premises

'In view of the terms of this letter, it is assumed that your Council will not desire to proceed with the suggestion made in your letter of the 14th instant that a deputation should be received by the Minister. ''

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

"That the County Surveyor be authorised to prepare specification and bills of quantities in connection with Wexford Courthouse for submission to Minister for Finance. Also that the floors and staircases in the structure, which are planned to be of timber, should be replaced by fire-resisting floors and staircases."

NEXT MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCIL.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. McCarthy:- "That the monthly meeting of the County Council fixed for 11th June be abandoned in favour of Annual Meeting on 24th June."

LEASE NURSING HOME.

Under date 26th April, 1929, Dr. Furlong, Infirmary House, Wexford, wrote:- "I should be much obliged if the County Council would increase the length of the lease on my premises for a further 70 years. Owing to circumstances which did not obtain when taking out the short lease I may undertake alterations and improvements provided I had that fixity of tenure which everyone desires."

This letter was referred to Finance Committee from last

meeting of the County Council.

Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following resolution:- "That County Council be recommended to grant lease for 70 years to Dr. Furlong, Infirmary House, Wexford, as from 1925 at a rent of £85 per annum less income tax, Dr. Furlong to be responsible for all other rates and taxes. "

RESIGNATION OF RATE INSPECTOR.

The following under date 8th May, 1929, was read from Mr. M. J. Finn, Rate Inspector for New Ross District:-

"I regret I cannot continue to act any longer as Deputy to the County Council for the checking of the Rate Collectors' Books, and beg to tender my resignation of the appointment.

'In doing so, I desire to thank the members of the Council, and in a particular manner their officers, for the invariable courtesy and kindness extended to me during the many years I acted in that capacity.'"

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted:-

"That the County Council be recommended to accept the resignation of Mr. M. J. Finn, Rate Inspector for New Ross District, and arrange for appointment of successor - Remuneration £28 per annum!"

RECOMMENDATIONS - COURTTOWN HARBOUR COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of Courtown Harbour Committee held on 7th May the following resolution was adopted:- "That in the event of electric cable being carried from Gorey to Courtown the County Council be requested to replace the existing lights on the quay and pier by electric light."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That we recommend the County Council to agree to resolution of Courtown Harbour Committee

as regards installation of electric light at Courtown Harbour Quay and Pier."

The following resolution was received from Courtown Harbour Committee:-

"That Mrs Furlong's rent be reduced to 6d per week as from 1st January, 1929, on condition that she pays her back rent as from that date."

The following resolution was moved by Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That the recommendation of Courtown Harbour Committee fixing rent of Mrs Furlong's hut at 6d per week as from 1st January, 1929, provided she pays all arrears of rent from that date be approved."

The following amendment was moved by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Murphy:-

"That the County Council be recommended to fix rent of refreshment hut at Courtown Harbour at 6d per week provided she pays all arrears to date."

On a show of hands two were in favour of amendment and four against.

The recommendation of Courtown Harbour Committee was then put and passed nem.con.

DESTROYED INSURANCE STAMPS.

The following resolution was adopted at last meeting of the County Council:-

"That the question of allocating funds to stamp Workers' Insurance Cards be referred to next meeting of the Finance Committee on 23rd instant with full powers to make payment for Insurance stamps for men who have ceased to be employed by the Council. That Mr. Corish, T.D., be requested to procure an interview with the Minister for Industry & Commerce

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with a view to making representations as to the justice of the case of the Council regarding refund of cost of stamps destroyed by fire."

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor communicate with local Labour Exchanges and ascertain names of men who are entitled to draw benefit and that their cards be stamped at once."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

Applications for four Scholarships under above Scheme were received from the following:-

1. Byrne Bernard, Foulksmills. (Art): (Father-National Teacher) Valuation £12: 15/-
2. Dunphy Anne, Quay Street, New Ross (Arts Science or Commerce) (Father - Shipbroker) Val.£16.
3. Hunt John J., Seafield, Duncormack (Arts) (Father - ex-Soldier). No valuation. Primary Scholarship holder.
4. Kelly James, 18, North Main Street, Wexford (Science) (Father - Baker and Flour Merchant) (Valuation £20).
5. Kickham Catherine M., Abbey House, Enniscorthy. (B.Commerce) (Father - Manager Donohoe's Ltd) Valuation £12.
6. Murphy Patrick J., 3 and 4 Irish Street, Enniscorthy. (Arts) (Mother - Shopkeeper) Valuation £20.
7. Nix Arthur James, South Street, New Ross (Engineering). (Father - Reporter) Valuation £16.
8. O'Keeffe Michael Francis, 61, Faythe, Wexford (Science) (Father - Painter) Valuation £4.

It was decided that all candidates were eligible to compete except, Bernard Byrne and Catherine M. Kickham whose parents are, in the opinion of the Committee, in a financial position to afford them University education.

SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

Under date 17th May, 1929, the following (L.1179-29) was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

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"I have to refer to your letter of the 6th instant with enclosure, regarding a sample of butter, taken on behalf of your local Authority, which was found on analysis to contain 18.06 per cent of water.

'The Department cannot accept the view that the amount by which the water content of the sample exceeded the maximum amount - ¹⁶~~18~~ per cent - allowable under the Sale of Butter (Ireland) Regulations was not sufficient to warrant the institution of proceedings.

'As you are aware, the Public Analysts do not, as a rule, give prosecution certificates in respect of samples found to contain water only slightly in excess of the legal limit. The Department are of opinion that, when a prosecution certificate has been given the question of instituting proceedings should receive consideration and, whilst there may be no serious objection to merely warning the vendor when the amount of water in a sample is less than 17 per cent., it cannot be conceded that any general limit may be fixed within which the question of prosecution will not be considered. It is evident that the adoption of a practice of the kind would have the effect of rendering the Regulations ~~imoperative~~ and would lead to the substitution of local limits for the limit determined by the Regulations.

'It may be mentioned that in various administrative areas convictions have been secured in many cases in which the percentage of water was less than 18 per cent, and in a number also in which the percentage did not exceed 17 per cent.'

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, said that in the case referred to by the Department proceedings had not been taken in view of decisions of the District Justice in similar cases.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. McCarthy:- "That in future Mr. Elgee

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take proceedings in all cases under Food and Drugs Acts in which the water content in butter samples exceeds 16 per cent."

ENNISCORTHY COURTHOUSE.

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

"That the Irish National Trade and Labour Insurance Society be granted permission to utilize room in Enniscorthy Courthouse for one fortnight in consequence of necessary repairs to their offices necessitated by fire on adjacent premises."

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 23rd May, 1929, be received and considered".
Rate Inspector, New Ross District.

In connection with proposed appointment of Rate Inspector for New Ross District, vice Mr. M. J. Finn resigned, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cooney, seconded by Mr. Murphy:-

"That the position of Rate Inspector for New Ross District be advertised, remuneration to be £28 per annum."

It was also decided that an examination of candidates for the position was not necessary but that the successful candidate should be prepared to satisfy the Secretary and the Local Government Department as to his qualifications for the position; also, that it was not necessary for the candidate to reside in New Ross District.

University Scholarship Scheme.

Mr. Cooney proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded:-

"That we dissent from the recommendation of the Finance Committee allowing Miss Anne Dunphy, Quay Street, New Ross, to compete for University Scholarship, as we are of opinion her father is in a position to afford her University Education without assistance from the Council."

Adopted.

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 23rd May, 1929, be and are hereby confirmed, except in so far as same have been varied by resolution adopted at this meeting."

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee, in respect of meeting held on 31st May, 1929, were submitted as follows:-

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A Special meeting of Finance Committee was held on 31st May, 1929.

Present:- Mr. James Shannon, Vice Chairman County Council, (presiding) also Messrs John J. Culleton; James Hall; T. McCarthy; Sean O'Byrne.

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

Letter was read from Colonel Gibbon that owing to business in England he was not able to attend the meeting.

COLLECTOR P. J. FURLONG: (DISTRICTS Nos. 4 and 5).

The following, under date 31st May, 1929, was submitted from the Secretary:-

"I beg to report that Collector Furlong has not attended for duty.

'Queries addressed to a number of ratepayers, (official receipts for whose rates remain in Collecting Books) revealed the fact that in certain instances Mr. Furlong received rates without giving official receipts therefor and that he has not accounted for amounts to the County Council.

'The following are the cases referred to:-

'John Keating, Tilledavins, Tomhaggard, £6: 2: 4d (2nd moiety 1929 Rate) unofficial receipt held by Mr. Keating. Said receipt was inspected by Mr. A. O'Callaghan, Inspector of New Ireland Assurance Co., who also inspected the official receipt in Collecting Book.

'Cheque from Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, Wexford, to Mr. John J. Codd, Churchtown, forwarded to Furlong on 24th April, 1929: amount of Mr. Codd's Rates £12: 1: 3d: official receipt in Collecting Books: No receipt held by Mr. Codd.

'Messrs Walsh and Corish paid by cheque £20: 5: 5d (2nd moiety 1929 rate) to Collector Furlong on 8th March, 1929, for

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rates due by Michael Breen, Ballyharty. No receipt held by Messrs Walsh and Corish or Mr. Breen. Official receipt in Collecting Book.

'In view of these discoveries I recommend that arrangements be made to have all ratepayers whose rates are shown as outstanding called upon as soon as possible.'

Mr. Elgee mentioned that Mr. Wm. Codd, the Cotts, Tacumshane, had forwarded a cheque to Collector Furlong for £31: 12: 0d for rates on his holding. The latter had lodged £15: 9: 10d first moiety and retained the balance. Receipt for second moiety had not been given to Mr. Codd.

The following resolutions were adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by the Chairman:-

"That the services of Mr. P. J. Furlong as Rate Collector for No.4 District and Temporary Rate Collector for part of No.5 District, be dispensed with and that the Minister for Local Government be requested to sanction this proposal.

'That proceedings be instituted against Collector Furlong for embezzling the funds of the Council and that our Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary warrant.'

"That Martin J. Culleton, recently appointed Rate Collector be appointed to collect outstanding arrears in No.5 District; unless Messrs McCarthy's sureties object."

"That Collector Quirke be appointed to collect outstanding arrears and first moiety of current rate in No.4 District; that the Minister for Local Government be asked to sanction this arrangement. That Mr. Quirke submit additional guarantee from Insurance Company in the sum of £450 for the performance of this work. This arrangement to be subject to their being no objection received from Mr. Furlong's sureties!"

"That advertisements be inserted in three local papers

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giving particulars of the resolution of the Finance Committee for the information of the ratepayers concerned."

RATE COLLECTION.

The following gives the percentage of amounts outstanding at 31st May in connection with first moiety of Rate for 1928-29:-

	E. J. Murphy	.8
(No.14)	J. J. O'Reilly	.97
(No.13)	do	1.1.
	John Curtis	1.58
(No.14)	J. J. Sinnott	1.59
(No.16)	J. J. Sinnott	2.33
	A. Dunne	3.43
	J. Doyle	4.01
	M. Deegan	4.09
	T. Rowe	4.10
	P. Doyle	4.29
(No. 1)	J. Quirke	4.78
	S. Gannon	5.68
	P. O'Byrne	6.79
	W. Cummins	7.2
	P. Donohoe	7.88
	J. Cummins	7.64
(No. 4)	P. Furlong	8.56
	M. O'Hanlon	11.64
	T. Sutton	12.16
(No. 5)	J. Quirke	14.9
	M. Kelly	17.83
(No.5)	P. J. Furlong	21.32.

The following shows percentages of amounts outstanding for second moiety of Rate 1928-29:-

	E. J. Murphy	1.7
(No.14)	J.J.O'Reilly	2.54
(No.13)	J.J.O'Reilly	3.09
(No.14)	J.J.Sinnott	4.76
	J. Curtis	4.85
	J. Doyle	6.74
	A. Dunne	7.89.
	M. Deegan	8.76
	T. Rowe	8.82
(No.1)	J. Quirke	9.45
	S. Gannon	10.58
	P. Doyle	10.68
(No.16)	J. J. Sinnott	12.14
	P. O'Byrne	12.8
	P. Donohoe	14.67
	J. Cummins	14.93
	W. Cummins	17.73
	T. Sutton	22.53

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	M. Kelly	28.03
(No.5)	J. Quirke	29.66
(No.4)	P. J. Furlong	31.95
	M. O'Hanlon	36.25
(No.5)	P. J. Furlong	73.75.

Collector Deegan wrote that it was impossible for him to lodge all collectible rate by 31st May. He had been promised large amounts at the fairs of Bunclody and Enniscorthy on the 17th and 18th June. He was in a bad position as there were four large derelict farms in his district. He was prepared to make seizures in suitable cases if instructed to do so by the Council.

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

"That Rate Collectors be called on to lodge the full amount of their warrants less amounts for vacant premises and under Decree or which are held up owing to Bankruptcy or other court proceedings; Otherwise the Council will proceed, without further notice, against the personal sureties of the Collectors in order to wind up the Collection.

'That the personal sureties of Collectors be notified of this decision of Finance Committee.'".

Under date 22nd May, 1929, Mr. John J. Kelly, Ex-Rate Collector, applied for payment of poundage. The Council, he wrote, was at liberty to hold back the amounts of Rates outstanding against him for warrant ended March 1928 until such time as warrant is closed by his successor.

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

"That the Local Government Department be asked to sanction payment of poundage to the extent of 75 per cent of poundage on amounts collected and lodged by Mr. John J. Kelly, Ex-Rate Collector."

RATE COLLECTORS BONDS.

The following, under date 23rd May, 1929, was read from Collector Joseph Cummins:-

"The New Ireland Assurance Co., Ltd., have notified me that for renewal of Bond they have to increase the premium to the rate of 21%. I have written to Messrs McDonagh & Boland and they have quoted me for £4: 1: 0d with the Irish National Assurance Co., Ltd., so if your Council have no objection I will transfer back to McDonagh & Boland as it will be a saving to me of almost £5."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Hall, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "The County Council are prepared to accept the security of any Guarantee Society which is on the Local Government Department's approved list"

APPOINTMENT CLERICAL ASSISTANT CO. COUNCIL OFFICES.

The Local Government Department wrote, under date 30th May, 1929 (G.37164/1929 - Loch Garman Fa) that as regards above appointment there was no objection to the proposed advertisement provided that the scope of the examination is extended to include simple Accountancy. The papers should be of a suitable standard and the examination should be conducted by the County Secretary.

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

"That we accept the suggestion of the Local Government Department to add examination in simple Accountancy for the position of clerical assistant in Co. Council Offices."

The Secretary stated he understood two members of existing staff were applying for the position and, in consequence, he considered it would be advisable that the examination should

be conducted by an outside Examiner.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That we request the Superior Christian Brothers' Wexford, to set examination papers in connection with appointment of Clerical Assistant in County Council Offices."

CRIMINAL INJURY DECREES.

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

"That amounts of decrees for Criminal Injuries which have been raised by Rate be now discharged."

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (COMBINED PURCHASING) ACT 1925.

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

"That Pay Order for £150: 3: 1d due by the Wexford Co. Council under Section 10 of Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act 1925 be issued in accordance with Order of the Minister for Local Government under date 22nd May, 1929, (30584/1929) ."

WEXFORD CORPORATION AND PAYMENT OF DEMAND OF CO. COUNCIL.

Under date 29th May, 1929, the following was read from the Town Clerk, Wexford Corporation:-

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 21st instant transmitting copy of a resolution adopted by the County Council as to sums due by Wexford Corporation on foot of Poor Rate Demands which I submitted to the Finance and Works Committee on Monday last.

"The Committee fully recognise the grave inconvenience occasioned by the non-payment of these sums and appreciate very much the forbearance of the County Council in the matter and

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and I am directed to say that the recently-appointed Poor Rate Collector, who has now received provisional sanction, has been given explicit instructions to proceed immediately with the collection of all outstanding Rates, so it is hoped that from now onwards substantial monthly payments will be made on foot of the Demands in arrear.

'I may add that it is the intention of the Corporation to make every possible effort to have the collection brought up to date at the earliest possible moment, and will use all the means at their disposal to this end.'

WEXFORD CO. LIBRARY SERVICE.

The following resolution was ~~admx~~ received from the County Library Committee:- "That we request the County Council to place to the credit of the Library Committee's a/c any sums due to them at the end of last financial year, viz., 31st March, 1929."

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That the sum of £38: 6: 8d standing to the credit of the Co. Library Committee be paid to that Committee's Treasurer."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

The Secretary reported that the sum of £7 paid Mr. Thomas F. White on foot of University Scholarship in consequence of the neglect of University Authorities to inform the Council that he was not attending lectures last session at University College had been refunded to the Council.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 31st May, 1929, be received and considered."
Appointment of Clerical Assistant.

The following is copy of advertisement approved by the Finance Committee:-

"The above County Council require the services of a Clerical Assistant (Male) with experience of office work and Accountancy.

Salary £3 per week.

Age Limits 21 to 45 years.

Candidates must pass qualifying examination in Irish, English, Simple Accountancy and Arithmetic, which will be held on Friday, 19th July, 1929, at 10.30 a.m. (official time) in Old Jail, Wexford.

Beyond this advertisement no further notice of examination will be given.

Applications must be lodged by 5 o'clock p.m. (official time) on Monday, 15th July, 1929, with the Undersigned and must be accompanied by certificate of birth and medical certificate of sound health.

Appointment will be subject to the approval of the Department of Local Government and Public Health"

Mr. O'Byrne proposed the adoption of the recommendation of the Finance Committee, including approval of the suggested advertisement.

Colonel Quin seconded.

Under date 11th June, 1929, the following was read from Mr. Denis C. Radford, Clerical Assistant, County Surveyor's Office:-

"The terms and particulars in connection with the clerical appointment in your department will be considered at

meeting of the County Council on the 24th instant. I shall be pleased if you take this as an application for the position in question.

'I was permanently appointed to my present position in County Surveyor's Office in 1920 and as the position now vacant represents a substantial increase on my present salary, and also in view of the fact that I would be quite capable of carrying out the necessary duties, I think that very favourable consideration should be given to my application!'

Under date 19th June, 1929, the following was read from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union:-

"The attention of the Central Council of this Union has been drawn to your proposals for the filling of the vacancy in your Clerical Staff created by the retirement of Mr. J.J. Fanning, and I have been directed to request you to fill the position by the promotion of one of your existing clerical officers.

'In making this request my Council are confident that the course they ask you to adopt will commend itself to you as the fairest and most satisfactory method of filling the present appointment, from your view as well as that of the staff. It is universally recognised that an officer who has given satisfactory service for a number of years has a reasonable claim to promotion when opportunity arises, to a better position for which he is qualified; and that he possesses, in his experience gained in the ~~service~~ service, a special qualification which a new entrant does not bring with him. You have on your present clerical staff Officers with six to nine years efficient service fully qualified for the position vacated by Mr. Fanning.

"My Council have been informed that it is proposed to fix a salary of £3 (three pounds) per week for the position in question. This salary I am to submit is quite inadequate and if adopted would be a reproach upon the good name of the Wexford County Council. It is but half of the amount of the salary you

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paid to Mr. Fanning for the same position, for the same work: it is less than the amount of the wages paid to labourers and office messengers in the Dublin Corporation Service. My Council earnestly trust that when you are determining the terms of the appointment you will carefully consider what is fair and just remuneration for the position, and that you will fix a salary scale commensurate with its duties and responsibilities.

Miss O'Ryan advocated that the position should be filled by promotion from the Council's existing staff.

The Chairman mentioned that, in connection with a proposal of this description, there were three persons concerned - John Moloney, Salary, £2: 15/- per week.

P. Hawkins, Salary, £2: 10: 0d per week (County Secretary's Department), and D. Radford, Salary £2: 5: 0d per week (County Surveyor's Department).

Mr. D'Arcy, in order to allow of Miss O'Ryan's proposal being considered moved that the salary of the incoming official be fixed at £2: 15: 0d per week.

This proposal was not seconded.

After considerable discussion Miss O'Ryan gave the following notice of motion to be considered at next meeting of the Council:-

"That the resolution of the Council, deciding to advertise the appointment of Clerical Assistant as successor to Mr. J. J. Fanning be rescinded; that the Council consider the advisability of promoting a member of their staff to the position, and, if this be agreed to, that the Council advertise the position vacated through promotion."

Pending decision on this notice of motion, consideration of the recommendation of the Finance Committee was adjourned.

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 31st May, 1929, be and are hereby confirmed, except in so far as same have been varied by resolution adopted at this meeting."

Minutes of Finance Committee, in respect of meeting held on 6th June, 1929, were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber on 6th June, 1929.

Present:- Mr. James Shannon (Vice Chairman) presiding; also Messrs Sean O'Byrne, James Hall and John J. Culleton.

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

The Minutes of ordinary meeting of 23rd May and of Special meeting of 31st May, 1929, were read and confirmed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4235: 7 : 11d was examined and signed.

PURCHASE OF TYPEWRITER.

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

"That an L.C. Smith typewriter be purchased for County Council Office provided old Kappel machine be taken in exchange at £9 leaving net cost of new machine £16."

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 6th June, 1929, be and are hereby confirmed."

Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 20th June, 1929, were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 20th June, 1929.

Present:- Mr. M. Doyle (Chairman Co. Council) presided and there were also present:- Messrs John J. Culleton, James Hall, T. McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

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.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £6571: 5: 3d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

The following is the state of collection of second moiety of rate for 1928-29 as regards the percentage of rate outstanding in each case:-

(No.14 District)	J. J. O'Reilly	.89
(No.14 District)	J.J. Sinnott	1.11
	E. J. Murphy	1.22
(No.13 District)	J.J.O'Reilly	1.55
	J. Curtis	2.48
	A. Dunne	3.94
	T. Rowe	4.38
(No.16 District)	J. J.Sinnott	4.39
	J. Doyle	4.73
	Philip Doyle	5.69
	M. Deegan	5.81
(No. 1 District)	J. Quirke	6.15
	P. Donohoe	7.33
	S. Gannon	7.45
	J. Cummins	9.47
	P. O'Byrne	9.76
	W. Cummins	10.11
	T. Sutton	14.24
	M. Kelly	18.48
(No. 4 District)	J. Quirke	19.65
	P. Carty	23.44
(No. 5 District)	J. Quirke	15.53
(No. 5 District)	M.J. Culleton	41.73

The total arrears outstanding, including amount for Rate of 1928-29, are as follows:-

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(No.14)	J. J. O'Reilly	£60
(No.14)	J. J. Sinnott	£30
	E. J. Murphy	£199
(No.13)	J. J. O'Reilly	£100
	J. Curtis	£160
	A. Dunne	£361
	T. Rowe	£201
(No.16)	J. J. Sinnott	£283
	J. Doyle	£245
	P. Doyle	£452
	M. Deegan	£658
(No.1)	J. Quirke	£438
	P. Donohoe	£547
	S. Gannon	£370
	J. Cummins	£639
	P. O'Byrne	£972
	W. Cummins	£667
	T. Sutton	£1060
	M. Kelly	£1055
(No.4)	J. Quirke	£1314
	P. Carty	£1500
(No. 5)	J. Quirke	£1099
(No. 5)	M.J.Culleton	£1518

The following amounts for Rates 1929-30 were lodged to date:-

	T. Bolger	£121 : 10: 0d
(No. 1)	J. J. O'Reilly	94 : 4: 8d
	J. Quirke	74 : 5: 6d
	A. Dunne	64 : 2: 3d
	J. Cummins	58 : 9: 6d
	J.J.Sinnott	43 : 3: 3d
	M. Deegan	27 : 15: 3d
(No.4)	J. Quirke	22 : 16: 11d
	M. J. Culleton	15 : 8: 5d
	P. Doyle	1 : 5: 8d
Total		£523 : 1: 5d

Letters of explanation as to their failure to close collection by 1st June were read from some of the Collectors.

Messrs O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, Enniscorthy, wrote that Collector Deegan had given them a list of all outstanding rates to last March for proceedings to be taken.

Collector M. Kelly wrote that he would admit his collection was backward but he could not possibly help it. He had warned all defaulters that he would proceed against them. All - practically - wanted time from two to three weeks.

Collector W. Cummins wrote that he had spared no pains in endeavouring to have all collectible rate lodged by 1st June.

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He found it impossible to comply with the instructions of the Finance Committee owing to the great scarcity of money and people having to purchase seeds and manures for the Spring sowing. He had handed the names of some defaulters to his Solicitor and he hoped to secure payment from the others by 18th June.

Collector J. Cummins wrote that he believed he had collected all recoverable rate. Certain ratepayers had promised to pay him after June fair and others who could have made a better effort he had handed to his Solicitor for prosecution. He had three farms pending sale and when sale went through he would be paid up to date.

Collector O'Reilly wrote that as regards No. 14 District a number of ratepayers had paid him one and a half year's arrears during the past few months and he believed it would be a great hardship to summon them or seize on them for the balance as they had made a big effort to clear up. He expected to have all arrears settled up within a fortnight. In No.13 District there were three large amounts outstanding but these would be paid after hay making.

Collector J. J. Sinnott wrote that he would be unable to collect all recoverable rate by 1st June. He had decrees in a few cases and there were some big holdings which were derelict. The people were doing their best to pay; if decrees were obtained against them it would prevent them letting their lands which would become derelict.

Collector John Doyle wrote that he had placed the collection of all outstanding recoverable rate in the hands of his Solicitor..

Collector Curtis wrote that he had done his best to close all collectible rate by 1st June. He had done his best to carry out the instructions of the Committee and was proceeding against all defaulters.

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Collector Dunne submitted a list of the principal items outstanding in his district. In addition to the list there were a number of small rates through the district in which he did not take legal proceedings. It would not have been any use as the people had nothing to lose. They would pay as soon as they were in a position to do so.

Collector Sutton wrote that he had rates amounting to £361: 10: 0d listed for hearing at the last sitting of the Circuit Court but owing to the Judge not accepting the Rate Collectors as plaintiffs the cases were adjourned to next sitting of the Court in October. There were a large number of derelict farms in his district and in respect of which he had not received any rates for the past three years.

After a long discussion the following resolutions were adopted:-

"That the attention of Rate Collectors be called to the necessity for taking legal proceedings and making seizures under their warrants in good time. We believe there are many cases in which this step could have been taken with considerable benefit to the rate collection and without undue hardship to the ratepayers.

"That we recommend the County Council to call on the personal securities of Collectors W. Cummins, P. O'Byrne, T. Sutton, and M. M. Kelly to lodge up to the amount of their bond in respect of arrears outstanding in the districts of these collectors over and above the amounts under decree held by the Collectors or amounts for vacant premises."

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

"That Rate Collectors be informed they cannot have offices or collect rates in licenced premises!"

Proposed by Mr. Shannon, seconded by Mr. McCarthy and adopted:-

"That we recommend the County Council to adopt

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resolution authorising the Rate Collectors to utilise the name of the County Council in proceedings for the recovery of all rates which have not been paid to the Council."

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"That the attention of Collector Sutton be called to his failure to reply to the query of Secretary, under date 21st May, 1929, asking him to set out the dates on which he called on Mr. Moses Doyle, Kilmacoe, for his rates."

The Secretary reported that Collectors Quirke and Culleton were at present calling on ratepayers who had amounts outstanding in No.4 District. When their reports were received they would be brought to the attention of the Finance Committee.

Mr. John Joyce applied for refund of amount of rates on vacant houses in Carne. Mr. Joyce stated that the houses had been vacant for several years and he had been promised a refund by the Rate Collector. The premises were not habitable.

It was decided to recommend the Council to make refund amounting to £17: 10: 8d representing rate for year 1927-28.

Alexander Swaine, Scarawalsh, Ballycarney, ~~wrote~~ wrote asking for time until 1st December next to pay his rates.

It was decided to inform Mr. Swaine that the Committee will not interfere with the Rate Collector in the matter.

A similar order was made in regard to the application of Mrs Statia O'Brien, Raheenaskagh, Oulart.

Letter under date 1st June, 1929, was read from National Bank, Wexford, that the personal sureties of Collector M. J. Culleton could be regarded as solvent for a bond of £400 .

Under date 18th June, 1929, the National Bank, Wexford, wrote that Mr. P. Doyle, Newbridge, Camolin, personal security for Mr. T. Bolger (Rate Collector) could be regarded as solvent in a bond of £400.

Under date 23rd June, 1929, Collector John J. Sinnott wrote that one of his sureties, Mrs Mary Keane, Parkannesley House,

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Clonevan, died on 23rd May. He submitted the name of Andrew Wafer, Merchant, Ballygarrett, Gorey, as surety vice Mrs Keane.

Under date 10th June letter was read from the National Bank that Andrew Wafer could be considered reliable on a Bond for £400.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Gulleton:- "That the County Council be recommended to approve of Mr. Andrew Wafer, Merchant, Ballygarrett, Gorey, as personal surety for Collector J. J. Sinnott vice Mrs Keane deceased!"

Under date 12th June, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.39857/29 Fa Loch Garman) that until the full amount of all warrants for which ex-Collector J.J.Kelly (No.14) was responsible have been lodged the Minister could not consider the payment of poundage to Mr. Kelly.

Under date 12th June, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote (40158/29 Fa Loch Garman) that the Minister approved of the proposed appointment of Collector Quirke to complete the collections in No.4 District.

It was decided to ask Collectors Sinnott and O'Reilly to furnish list of irrecoverable items in No.14 District with a view to closing the Collection in this area.

Applications were read from Mr. C. McCarthy, Senior, asking for payment of poundage to his sons, Charles and Michael, ex-Rate Collectors and P. Walsh, Ex-Collector for payment of poundage in No.3 District now held by Collector P. Doyle.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That copy of letter from the Department of Local Government under date 12th June, 1929, (G.39857/29 Fa Loch Garman) refusing to consider the question of payment of poundage to Ex-Rate Collector J. J. Kelly be furnished Messrs C. McCarthy and P. Walsh and that they be informed that the Finance Committee,

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in view of the decision of the Minister will not be in a position to deal with the payment of poundage until all warrants have been satisfactorily closed.

Collector James Quirke, Hon.Sec., to Co. Wexford Rate Collectors, wrote asking for payment of poundage to the Collectors who had now started issuing demand notes for the current year and who found it very difficult to carry on without some remuneration.

It was decided to postpone this application to next meeting of the Committee.

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY(COMPENSATION) ACT 1923.

Under date 14th June, 1929, the Minister for Local Government wrote (R/SR/1) calling attention to the outstanding arrears due by Wexford County Council, viz., £14,833: 4 : 5d under above Act. In sanctioning the grants to be made from the Road Fund for the year the Minister for Finance had drawn special attention to the matter and considered that the special attention of the Council should be drawn to the matter before any payments are made from the grant for maintenance or improvement of roads.

It was decided to recommend the County Council to inform the Local Government Department that the amount will be paid as soon as the Council have funds to meet it.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES(OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES)ACT 1926.

Under date 3rd June, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote (S.30090/1929 Ilgh(s)) forwarding copy of Order made under section 12 of above Act assessing £113: 0: 11d on Co. Wexford in respect of year ended 31st March, 1929.

It was decided that consideration of the matter should be adjourned.

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UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

Under date 10th June, 1929, Mr. P. J. Kickham, Abbey House, Enniscorthy, (Manager Donohoe's Ltd), wrote that he had learned the application of his daughter for University Scholarship had been prejudicially affected by the description of his position as book-keeper on application form. He never saw the completed form and was not in the least way responsible for the misdescription.

He asked the Finance Committee to permit his daughter to compete pending full investigation of the question of his being able to afford her University Education.

Under date 15th June, 1929, Mr. Kickham wrote that he had carefully read the Scheme, especially section 10(2) of Irish University Act 1908 and he unhesitatingly and truthfully stated that his daughter's application complied with the conditions and requirements of the Scheme. He was quite prepared to satisfy the Council on any question they desired to be more fully informed upon concerning any portion of the Scheme.

Under date 11th June, 1929, the Sister Superior of St. Mary's College, Convent of Mercy, Arklow, wrote that the Scholarship application form had been filled up by Miss Kickham under the supervision of a Nun and her father's occupation had been copied from her birth certificate which accounted for the inaccuracy. Mr. Kickham had no knowledge of the matter.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. McCarthy:-

"That having made further investigation into the application of Miss Catherine M. Kickham we recommend the County Council to agree to her eligibility to compete for University Scholarship."

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WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACTS.

Under date 7th June, 1929, the Chief Superintendent Garda Siochana, Wexford, wrote, regarding suggested surprise inspections of public Weighbridges in the County, that it would be almost impossible to give an estimate of the expense which would be incurred but he estimated that the extra cost would scarcely exceed £20 in the year and it might not be necessary for a longer period than 12 or 18 months. All claims for these expenses would be put through the Accounts Branch of the Gardai so that there was little chance of any unnecessary expenditure being incurred.

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

"We recommend the County Council to set aside a sum not exceeding £20 to cover cost of surprise visits by ex-officio Inspectors of Weights and Measures to Public Weighbridges on the terms and conditions of letter from Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, under date 7th June, 1929."

Sergeant Francis J. Keenan, ex-Officio Inspector Weights and Measures Act, Enniscorthy, submitted quotation from Mr. P. J. Kenny, Slaney Place, Enniscorthy, for rent of room as a temporary Weights and Measures Office at 10/- per week to cover fuel and light. The room was not suitable but it was the best he could get and for that reason he recommended acceptance of the quotation.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That the quotation of Mr. P. J. Kenny, Slaney Place, Enniscorthy, to rent room to County Council as temporary Weights and Measures Office at 10/- per week (with fuel and light) be accepted for period required by ex-Officio Inspector for year 1929. That the Council be recommended to advertise with a view to securing a

more suitable office on more favourable terms.

Under date 10th June, 1929, Sergeant J. Kelly, Ex-Officio Inspector, Weights and Measures Acts, applied for refund of £2: 10: 0d amount expended by him on overhauling and fitting locks etc., to boxes containing weights and measures standards.

It was decided that amount be paid on production of appropriate vouchers.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS.

Communications were received from the following as to proposed committals of children to Industrial School:-

District Court Clerk New Ross - Matthew McGrath, Bullawn, New Ross; Laurence Carroll, Follyhouse Lane, New Ross and Catherine Hanlon, Old Ross.

District Court Clerk Enniscorthy:- Michael Joseph Harmon, Spring Valley, Enniscorthy.

Inspector Local Branch National Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children:- Mary Kate and Laurence Phillips, Spring Valley, Enniscorthy.

It was pointed out that the father of Joseph Harmon was a baker in constant employment while the father of Catherine Hanlon, road-worker^{was}, in the constant employment of the County Council.

It was decided that the attention of Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, be called to both these cases.

WEXFORD COURTHOUSE.

Under date 18th June, 1929, Mr. Delap (Delap and Waller, Northern Bank Chambers, 115 Grafton Street, Dublin,) wrote asking for payment of £108: 4: 9d fees etc., in connection with plans etc., for reconstruction of Courthouse on old site.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of

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Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. McCarthy:- "That the County Council be recommended to offer Mr. Delap £100 in settlement of his account for preparation of plans etc., in connection with proposed reconstruction of Wexford Courthouse on old site.

GOREY COURTHOUSE.

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

"That the use of Gorey Courthouse be afforded Central Savings Committee for the purpose of holding a meeting for the Establishment of a Local Savings Committee."

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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 20th June, 1929, be received and considered."

Rate Collection:-

Under date 21st June, 1929, the following letter (No.G.40154/1929, Loch Garman), was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to transmit, for the consideration of the Wexford County Council, the accompanying copy of a report from one of his Inspector's concerning the condition of the rate collection in the County. The backwardness of the collection has on many previous occasions been brought to the notice of the Council and, in the Minister's view, the time has now arrived when matters must be brought to a conclusion. There has been evident neglect of duty by the Rate Collectors as a body but the worst feature of the position has been the defalcations which have recently taken place. In Furlong's case it is regrettable that steps were not taken in sufficient time to secure his apprehension.

'The Minister has been led to believe from the proceedings of the special committee dealing with the rate collection that the Council had earnestly tackled the question of the dilatory and inefficient Collector, but he regrets to learn from the Inspector that the warnings of the Committee and Council, owing to their not having been followed in the past by definite action, now appear to be looked upon merely as empty threats and are disregarded.

'The Minister desires me to draw attention to the recommendations of the Inspector and to state that the County Council should take into their careful consideration the question of adopting the suggestions made for the improvement of

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the collection in so far as these suggestions may not yet in whole or part have been adopted.

The following is the report of the Inspector:-

"In accordance with instructions contained in Department's letter of June 3rd, 1929, Collector Furlong has been written to by the County Secretary requesting him to explain his conduct. Furlong has been given up to the 8th instant to do so. Meanwhile, informations have been sworn against him by the County Secretary, and the Finance Committee have recommended that his services be dispensed with and that the Minister be requested to sanction their action. The matter cannot come before the County Council until their meeting of June 24th next.

"The Finance Committee considered they were justified in anticipating action by the County Council as they have information that Furlong is already in America, and that no defence or explanation of his conduct will be forthcoming. So far as has been discovered Furlong's defalcations amount to £180. Several unofficial receipts, as stated in County Secretary's letter of May 31st last, have been traced to him for monies returned as paid in collecting books.

"The County Council propose to appoint Collector Quirke temporarily, in lieu of Collector Furlong. Quirke will continue to do duty in his own district (No.1), will clear up arrears in Furlong's district (No.4), and also collect, in No.4, the first moiety for the year 29-30. Quirke made satisfactory collections in No.5 district from which Collector McCarthy was dismissed some time ago, but his duties here have ceased since a new appointment has been made to that district. Quirke is probably the best Collector in the employment of the Council. His arrears for 28-29 are £43: 6: 0d, the collection amounting to 93 per cent., his arrears for 27-28 being £39: 17: 5d. He has no arrears for any preceding year.

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"With reference to Collector P. Donohoe and W. Cummins, whose neglect of duty was animadverted on by the Finance Committee on May 24th (36304) I am able to state that both these men, since that time, have shown some little endeavour to speed up their work, for the year ending March 28th, but the results which they have shown are still far from satisfactory.

'Ex-Collector McCarthy was dismissed for neglect of duty and no definite case of misappropriation has been traced to him. If such should be proved the ex-Collector's father will make good the deficiencies. It appears that correspondence is going on between the father and the son, who is abroad, as to the authenticity of certain unofficial receipts which the latter is stated to have issued. The son, so far, has repudiated all such receipts attributed to him, and it will take some time before the various complications that have arisen can be solved.

'I could go into more details as to the state of rate collection in Co. Wexford, but my report would only be a tedious reiteration of delays and irregularities. I think it would be more pertinent and illuminating to submit certain returns which indicate, at a glance, the exact position of affairs now existing.

'Return marked "A" shows the percentage of rates outstanding in 28-29, in the case of each Collector, with the actual amounts outstanding, for each year, from 28-29 to '22 - '23.

"B" shows, in a more summarised form, the amount of outstanding rates, each year, from '23 to '29.

"C" shows poundage and other emoluments, paid to each Collector.

The amount of the County Council's overdraft to-day is £31,300, the rate of interest being $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Last year over £1,000 was paid in interest on overdrafts.

'In the course of conversation with the County Secretary I told him that any arrears, up to 1927, that are clearly irrecoverable

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should be struck out, the fact, with particulars, to be reported to the Department. I also told him that when satisfactory progress is being made with the current year's collection, and that the collections made would justify the advance of poundage, poundage might be allowed on condition that such poundage was applied so far as necessary in closing the recoverable arrears of previous unclosed warrants, leaving the unissued receipts to the Collectors to enable them to recoup themselves from the ratepayers in default.

'It will be seen from the file that advertisements have been issued from time to time, by the County Secretary warning people not to pay rates unless they obtained official receipts from the Collectors. In many instances these warnings are dis-regarded, and I understand that unofficial receipts are still frequently offered and accepted. I would suggest, that, in future, any Collector found to have issued an unauthorised receipt be dismissed.

'It will also be seen that Collectors have repeatedly been cautioned in consequence of the unsatisfactory manner in which they are performing their duties. These warnings were not followed by any definite action on the part of the Committee or County Council, and any remonstrance or warning now issued appears to be looked on merely as an "empty threat". It appears to me that if still more unsatisfactory results are to be avoided the County Council should now, even at the eleventh hour, realise a sense of their responsibility. I would, therefore, suggest that, as a beginning, they should, at once, dismiss Collectors P. O'Byrne and M. Kelly whose records appear on return "A, and administer a severe warning, to be followed, if necessary, by dismissal, to Collectors T. Sutton, W. Cummins, S. Gannon and P. Donohoe. Collector J. Cummins was prevented from attending to his duties recently by sciatic trouble. Until his illness, from which he

has now recovered, his work was regarded as satisfactory.

'Finally, I would suggest that the vacancies created by the dismissal of Collectors be not filled by the making of new appointments, but that the work be distributed amongst such Collectors as are doing their work satisfactorily. The additional remuneration would be a great stimulus to added zeal. The tendency of certain members of the County Council is to engage as many men as possible, and to sub-divide work and consequently remuneration, in such a manner as will not afford an inducement to men of ability or probity to enter their service. In this way, they say, they are preventing unemployment.

"I may, perhaps, be permitted to point out that I came across one very striking instance to-day in which the neglect of the County Council to see that the duties of their collectors are properly carried out re-acts on the funds of another public body. Clerk of the Co. Wexford Board of Public Health, in his statistical return to me, estimated that for the current financial year there would be an unfavourable balance of £1,000. I spoke to him of the necessity of making adequate estimates to meet the year's outlay. He replied that the estimate would be quite adequate if the County Council would only make advances as they became due. The Contractors had told him, he said, that as they knew they would have to wait for their money for an inordinate period they felt compelled to put on such additions to contract prices as would compensate them for the loss thus entailed.'"

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution:-

"That we confirm the recommendations of the Finance Committee of 20th June, 1929, relative to rate collection and that consideration of the report of the Local Government Inspector be adjourned for a month in order to ascertain the effect of

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the recommendations of the Finance Committee."

As an amendment, Colonel Gibbon proposed:-

"That, as recommended by the Inspector of the Local Government Department Collectors P. O'Byrne and M. Kelly be dismissed from office. That a small Committee consisting of the Chairman and two other members of the Council, be appointed to go into the whole question of rate Collection and put definite recommendations before the Council, on which the latter can act immediately."

Colonel Quin seconded.

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

For:- Colonel Gibbon and Colonel Quin.....2

Against:- Miss O'Ryan, Messrs Armstrong, Brennan, Clinee, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Doran, Gaul, Hall, Hayes, Jordan, Keegan, Mayler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Roche, Shannon, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman.....25

The amendment was declared lost and the motion of Mr. O'Byrne was then put and passed nem.con.

Under date 17th June, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.37256/1929 Loch Garman Fa) forwarding copy of sealed Order dated 14th June, 1929, removing Mr. Philip J. Furlong from the office of Collector of Rates.

It was decided that the question of filling vacancy be dealt with by the Finance Committee.

Under date 21st June, 1929, the following letter (No.G.38204/1929 Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"With reference to the Minute of the Wexford County Council of the 13th ultimo proposing to make advances on account of poundage to Rate Collectors W. Cummins and P. Donohoe, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government

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and Public Health to advert to this Department's letter of the 10th October last (No.68066/1928) with special reference to the last paragraph thereof, and to the fact that no Rate Collector has yet closed his warrant for 1928/29.

"The above-mentioned Collectors have old arrears outstanding amounting in the case of Collector Cummins to £125 and Collector Donohoe to £215 (running from 1923 to 1928): in addition they have arrears on their last year's warrants of respectively £652 and £494. Having regard, therefore, to these most unsatisfactory circumstances the Minister cannot agree to sanction further payment of poundage to these Collectors.

"As regards the payment of poundage fees to Collector J. Quirke, No.5 District, the Minister appreciates that this Collector is differently circumstanced to those mentioned in the first paragraph of this letter; but in view of the fact that there are considerable arrears outstanding in his own District the Minister does not at present see his way to sanction the poundage proposed."

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

"That the Department of Local Government be requested to sanction payment of 75 per cent of poundage on amounts collected and lodged by any Collector who has 95 per cent of last year's rate collected and lodged."

University Scholarship Scheme.

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

"That the recommendation of the Finance Committee, adopted at meeting of 20th June, 1929, allowing Miss Catherine Kickham, Abbey House, Enniscorthy, to compete for University Scholarship be confirmed."

On a show of hands this proposal was carried by 17 to 5.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 20th June, 1929, be and are hereby confirmed. "

Roads:-

Minutes of Roads' Committee in respect of meeting held on 27th May, 1929, were submitted as follows:-

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The Monthly meeting of the Roads Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 27th May, 1929.

Present:- Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman Co. Council, (Presiding)
Also:- Messrs P. Colfer, R. Corish, J. J. Culleton, James Hall, P. Hayes, W. P. Keegan, Thomas J. Meyler, T. McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, M. M. Roche, James Shannon, Myles Smyth, Colonel Gibbon and Colonel Quin.

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.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following report was read:-

"As directed by the County Council I have notified all the Assistant Surveyors and Gangers in regard to the adopted Scheme for dealing with Insurance Cards and Stamps. I have, as directed, had John Wickham's Insurance Cards stamped and returned to him, and he has acknowledged receipt of same. At the Finance Committee meeting on the 23rd instant it was directed that all Cards, belonging to men disemployed, which had been destroyed in the recent fire should be replaced, and stamps should be provided for this. The matter is being dealt with now.

'On the 17th instant I had an interview with the New Ross Town Surveyor, and I have arranged with him in regard to the terms of maintenance of the Main Roads in the Urban Area, The Council's proposal for which is £357. For the maintenance of Chilcomb ^{Railway} Bridge £71: 2 : Od, and for the maintenance of New Ross Bridge excluding opening span £70: 0: Od. For this money it is agreed that the whole of the New Ross Bridge should be sprayed - that the Chilcomb Bridge should be levelled up with tarred stones and

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screenings, and maintained as well as possible, and that the Streets already surface dressed should be re-dressed to the extent of about 8,500 square yards. The remainder of the surface dressed Streets to be repaired and levelled up with tarred stones and chippings. I think this is a reasonable proposal and will leave the whole of the Town in a very fair condition in view of the money available, and I recommend the Council to accept the agreement. The Wexford Urban Council has not yet notified me of their acceptance of the agreement for the maintenance of the Main Roads in their Area.

'The Sub-Committee appointed to deal with Road Maintenance met on the 22nd instand, and will furnish report.

'With reference to item "3" on the agenda I beg to state that I have notified the two Gangers in question to be present at your meeting.

'Recently the Pioneer Road Construction Company went thoroughly over their work on the Road between Wexford and Enniscorthy, faulty joints have been attended to and run with Bitumen, ~~run~~ and also all large cracks have been raked out and Bitumen run. A number of very fine cracks (in fact some were at the time not capable of being located) have not been touched, as we considered it inadvisable to deal with them at present. If in the future any of these cracks open to any extent it will be a simple matter to rake them out, and run with Bitumen, but at present this is not advisable. I have carefully examined the whole length of the road, and believe that it is now in good condition, and also I have got the two Assistant Surveyors to make examination. The Gangers were directed to carefully go over the road, length by length, and draw my attention to any unattended defect, and I am satisfied now that the work should be taken over from the Pioneer Road Construction Company.

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'It has been arranged to have a preliminary test of Mountgarrett Bridge on the 24th instant, and the final test will take place on the 25th instant. I shall report verbally on the result.

'At last County Council meeting I was directed to submit particulars of more economical form of decking on the opening span of New Ross Bridge. I find that in January 1928 I went very fully into this matter with the Roads' Committee, and shall submit particulars again on the 27th instant.

'Notification has been received from the Minister of Finance, sanctioning the Plans for the conversion of the Old Jail into Wexford Courthouse subject to putting in fire resisting floors and staircase. The Finance Committee on the 23rd instant authorised me to at once proceed with these alterations, and to prepare Bills of Quantities and Specification for submission to the Minister. When I have the altered Plans ready I shall obtain Bill of Quantities from a Quantity Surveyor as already approved, and now directed by the Finance Committee.

'The Grant work on the Courtown Road would have been completed were it not for the recent wet weather, but I expect to have it finished by the day of the meeting. This job was under full discussion by the Sub-Committee on the 22nd inst.

'The alteration of the corners at Clonard Cross is now in progress, and when completed will remove a very serious danger.

'On the 18th instant the Rosslare Water Works were formally opened by the Chairman of the County Council. In connection with this matter I beg to state that I have been in communication with the Secretary of the Health Board in regard to the proper restoration of the pipe trenches, and I am informed that the Contractor is required to do this work, and that part of his contract payment is available to cover

same.

'Some time ago there was a bad slip at Arcandrisk, and very extensive work had to be done to remove the debris from the road. This road is part of the Railway Company's responsibility, and accordingly I furnished account of the cost, amounting to £72: 3: 10d to the Railway Company. This has now been paid.

'On the 7th instant Mr. MacNeill, Engineer, Board of Works, attended at my Office to discuss the dredging work to be done in Kilmore. Unfortunately I had an appointment on that date for blasting work in Ryland Quarry, and could not go with him to Kilmore, but we fully discussed the work, and I am to see him again before the job is commenced.

'Recently in connection with claims by a couple of Workmen for injuries to their eyes I have had a communication from the Insurance Company questioning the use of eye protectors. We have constantly supplied goggles to the men in the quarries, and from time to time I have notified Assistant Surveyors, Gangers and Workmen that failure to take proper precautions may result in their claims being disallowed by the Insurance Company. I have again sent a Circular to all the Assistant Surveyor with instructions for the Gangers, and notification to be read to all the workers in the quarries.

'At the last County Council meeting the flooding of Ballygillane Lane was under discussion, and I was directed to bring forward Proposal later on. This I now do as it would be well to have authority to undertake the work whenever circumstances and weather are suitable. I estimate the cost at £25, and this should be allowed out of the Contingencies Fund. Another Special Work referred to at a former Council meeting was a dangerous corner at Poulmarl, on road 764, this work I estimate at £10 and recommend that it should be dealt with also out of the Contingencies Fund.

'I have application from Mr. Patrick Lennon for permission

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to erect business premises in Coolgreany, and I shall submit same to the meeting. There is also a notification from Mr. James Forrestal, Campile, stating that he is building a house, and would like to know if he is encroaching on the public highway. I have directed the Assistant Surveyor to report on the matter.

The following resolution was adopted, on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Colonel Quin:- "That the report of County Surveyor be received and considered".

New Ross Urban Council and Maintenance of Main Roads.

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

"That the County Council be requested to sanction the agreement with New Ross Urban Council for the maintenance of main roads in their district for £357 for the financial year 1929-30."

Wexford Urban District and Main Roads.

Mr. Corish mentioned that the Wexford Urban Council would consider the proposed agreement with the County Council for the maintenance of main roads in their District at a meeting to be held that evening.

Road Gangers Bennett and Sunderland.

The case of Ganger Bennett was first dealt with. The Chairman explained to him that it had been alleged at the County Council that he had canvassed Road Contractors for who had recently taken contracts from the Council to surrender their contracts.

Bennett - I admit I did ask men to surrender their contracts owing to the large amount of unemployment in our district. But, if I have done anything wrong I am sorry for it.

In reply to Mr. O'Byrne, Bennett said he was not now

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in the employment of the Council.

Chairman - Were you successful in inducing any of them to surrender ?.

Bennett - Some of them did surrender. We did not think there was anything wrong in regard to fighting for our employment.

To Mr. Colfer - We did not use any threats. I would be glad to have the man before me who said we made threats.

Sunderland, in reply to the Chairman, said that he had been talking to some of the Contractors but they did not ask the latter to give up their Contracts, they left them to their own will.

Chairman - Was it with the idea of asking them to surrender their contracts you talked to them. ?

Sunderland - We thought they might do so..

Chairman - In your argument you must have suggested they would give up their contracts.

Sunderland - We had no argument with anybody; we were talking to some of them.

Mr. Hall - Did'nt you go around in a motor car and canvass them ?.

Sunderland - I did.

Chairman - Did any of them give up their contracts ?.

Sunderland - Some of them signed to give them up. No threats were used against any person.

To Mr. Keegan - I am in the employment of the Council at present.

Mr. Culleton - I think as they have admitted the charge we might overlook it and if it occurs again they should be suspended or dismissed. The Council ruled in favour of the contract system and the servants of the Council who act against their interests should not be retained in the service.

Mr. Hayes contended that no charge to justify criticism had been made against the two gangers. The circumstances did not even warrant a warning. They were legally entitled to approach contractors and put the position before them as the new system was depriving them of their livelihood. There was such a thing known in connection with strikes as peaceful picketting and peaceful persuasion and the men in this case did not go beyond that.

Chairman - If every officer we have was to turn round and flout the Council's decisions as these men have done where would we be. These men did their best to upset the decision of the Council and if every other officer was to follow suit we might as well have no Council at all. There would be a great outcry against the Assistant Surveyors if they - for their own interests - had gone against the decision of the majority of the Council and canvassed road contractors to give up their Contracts.

Mr. O'Byrne said that if the Assistant Surveyors were in the same position as the gangers and had taken the same steps he could not see that any fault could be found with them. The gangers had a perfect right to put before the Contractors what the new system meant to them - that they would lose their jobs.

Chairman - Then there is no use in the Council coming to decisions if they are to be upset by the action of our own employees.

Colonel Quin - There must have been intimidation in order to get these men to give up their Contracts.

Mr. Keegan said it was most natural that the gangers should have tried to keep their employment. The whole thing appeared to be a bottle of smoke. He moved:- That the discussion be closed as Gangers Bennett and Bunderland have given a satisfactory explanation, and that no further

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action be taken.

Mr. Colfer seconded.

Mr. Culleton moved:- "That in future any Road Gangers found canvassing, in the manner admitted to by Gangers Bennett and Sunderland, be not retained in the service of the Council!"

Colonel Quin seconded.

After further discussion it was decided, on the suggestion of Colonel Gibbon, to refer the matter to the County Council for their decision.

Concrete Road Ferrycarrig to Enniscorthy.

Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem.con.,

"That we recommend the County Council to take over the Ferrycarrig Enniscorthy Road from the Pioneer Road Construction Company in accordance with the references to same in County Surveyor's report to this meeting."

Mountgarrett Bridge.

The County Surveyor stated the the bridge was now practically complete; some small items of painting and some extra weights for counterbalances having to be provided and some touching up here and there. The actual deflection in the test was only one - sixth of the allowable defection. It was a good job tho' it was not completed in time. The members of the Joint Bridge Committee from Wexford and Kilkenny were present with Mr. Delap, Consulting Engineer and his Assistant, also Mr. Quigley, Chief Road Engineer of the Local Government Department. The Contractor had to maintain it for six months after the date of actual completion.

Decking Opening Span New Ross Bridge.

The County Surveyor stated that a system of wood blocks would cost £2790 and their life would be about 21 years. The

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present expenditure for ordinary planking was £150 per annum ~~xx~~ which in 21 years would amount to £3150 so that the wood blocks would be more economical . Of course the County Council of Kilkenny would be responsible for half the cost.

Mr. Hall proposed and Colonel Gibbon seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the question of improved decking for New Ross Bridge be deferred for the present."

Courtown-Gorey Road.

Mr. Keegan said the people in the locality, and in fact all round the Gorey Union area, were not satisfied that they got value for the money and had given up hope of ever seeing the road finished. £2000 had been spent on a mile of this road. He asked that the County Surveyor supply the cost of this work under the various heads of expenditure at next meeting.

Dangerous Corners.

Mr. Keegan called attention to dangerous corner at Ballymoney Gorey about a mile from the sea. The place was becoming a very popular seaside resort and there was not a more dangerous corner in the whole county.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, said that the corner was certainly dangerous and should be widened.

On the suggestion of the Chairman it was decided that an estimate of the cost of the work should be furnished next Roads Committee meeting.

Dredging at Kilmore.

Colonel Gibbon said the Councillors for the District should have been notified of Mr. McNeill's visit by the Department concerned. If this had been done they might have been able to be present at his inspection. The Co. Surveyor said he knew nothing of the matter until Mr. McNeill arrived in the office.

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Colonel Gibbon said if Mr. McNeill came again without notice he might be asked to pick up himself and Mr. Roche who were the local Councillors as they lived on the road to Kilmore. When these Dublin people came down it was an enormous advantage to have some member of the Council meet them.

Mr. Corish said he did not see why in this matter of Kilmore Colonel Gibbon and Mr. Roche should be singled out to accompany the officials from the Ministry.

Colonel Gibbon - We live on the road and it would be no inconvenience to call on us. If time permitted, of course, all the members of the Council could be notified of the visit.

Courtown Harbour Improvement Work.

Mr. Keegan mentioned that he had been informed that a representative of the Fisheries Department had stated that the delay in the work of erecting sluice gates at Courtown Harbour had been caused by the want of action on the part of the Council. This was news to him as he was under the impression that the County Council had done everything possible.

The County Surveyor said he had asked Mr. McNeill why the Department was not empowering the County Council to go on with the work and he said he did not know but he had the matter at his fingers ends. There was only a question of the cost and design of the gates and he had reported to the Department of Fisheries.

Colonel Gibbon moved and Mr. Roche seconded the following which was adopted unanimously. :- "That it be an instruction from the Roads' Committee that where an inspection is to be made by a Government department whether for Roads, drainage or kindred works, if time permits, the Councillors of the district concerned, be notified by County Surveyor beforehand of the date and hour of inspection."

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Kilmore Harbour.

Mr. Roche said unless the dredging of Kilmore Harbour could be started next month there would be no use in beginning it later.

The County Surveyor said the work would probably take five or six weeks to complete.

Mr. Corish said the Board of Works dredger was at present engaged in dredging the berths at Wexford Quay and suggested that the County Surveyor should ascertain if she would be available for the dredging of Kilmore Harbour if suitable.

The County Surveyor said he would communicate with the office of Public Works in the matter.

Mr. Keegan proposed - "That the Secretary communicate with the Department of Fisheries and ascertain when it was proposed to start work at Kilmore and Courtown Harbour owing to the fact that the most suitable weather for carrying out such work was passing."

Mr. Roche seconded.

Passed.

Mr. Roche said the Department of Fisheries had given a guarantee that there would be two feet of sand removed from the base of the Harbour and the County Surveyor should be careful to see that this guarantee was carried out.

Flooding Ballygillane Lane.

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. McCarthy seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That £25 be allocated from the Contingencies Fund for work in connection with prevention of flooding at Ballygillane Lane."

Corner at Poulmarle.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hayes:- "That a sum of £10 be allocated from Contingencies Fund for the work of

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removal of dangerous corner at Poulmarle on road 764."

Business Premises at Coolgreaney.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, stated that the road at the place was 32 feet wide and there was also 16 feet of a margin. The proposed premises would be outside of that.

It was decided that the County Council be recommended not to make any objection to the erection of new building.

House at Campile.

Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, said that the proposed building would be less than 30 feet from the centre of the road.

It was decided to inform Mr. Forrestal that in the circumstances he would erect the building at his own risk.

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

"That we approve of the County Surveyor's report."

Dangerous Corners.

Colonel Quin said there was a dangerous Corner adjoining his land going down to Inch. If the Council wanted to alter the corner he would be glad to give the necessary land free.

It was decided that the County Surveyor report to next meeting of the Roads' Committee in this matter.

The Chairman called attention to dangerous corner at Ballybeg (Killinick) going to cross at Mountfield.

It was decided that the County Surveyor report to next meeting of the Roads' Committee.

INJURY TO ROAD BY TRACTION ENGINE.

Colonel Gibbon said that last Bank holiday, which was a very hot day, an engine, unusually heavy, on the road between Scarawalsh and Enniscorthy and which had the

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wheels fitted with cleats sunk into the road and pulled up the stones. On the following Thursday he found six men with horses repairing the damage. On the Bank holiday a slight amount of damage had been done by engine traffic on the road between Inch Church and Inch Railway Station.

Though vital damage was not caused on these occasions ~~but~~ on hot days in summer very heavy damage might be caused such as had happened last year when a circus came down from Newtownbarry. The Council should seek some authority to deal with this difficulty and he believed the real solution would be to say to these people, who had heavy traffic of this kind, that if you pull up the road you will be responsible for the repair of the damage if you travel in the middle of the day and if you want to save yourself you will have to wait until night or early in the morning when the damage will not occur. It would not be a great hardship on these people to comply with this suggestion. When he (Colonel Gibbon) saw the traction engine on Bank holiday he did not happen to notice any Registration marks on it and he wondered if any tax had been paid on it.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, said that the engine in question belonged to George Carroll, Ballyroe buck and the trouble arose because the driver stopped to take in water and the engine took up a piece of tar. When he restarted he took up another piece and so on, tearing up the road all the time. When the wheels were cleaned there was no further damage. Although the damage looked very bad the whole thing was repaired at a cost of 30/- as the men and plant were on the ground.

Carroll had six engines, four of which were unlicensed and it was not possible to say whether it was a licensed or unlicensed engine which caused the damage. If the owners of

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these engines saw that the wheels were clean after taking in water they would not cause any damage. If the engine had travelled on the side of the road it would not have done any damage but it looked, in this instance, ^{as} if the damage was deliberately done or caused through gross carelessness.

Mr. Elgee said he was afraid the amount of the damage was not legally recoverable.

Colonel Gibbon asked if in that event it would not be possible to get the Local Government Department to adopt a by-law under which heavy vehicles in certain stages of temperature would be obliged to travel over tarred roads early in the morning or late at night.

The Chairman said in view of Mr. Ennis' statement that the damage had been caused more or less intentionally he thought they should send Mr. Carroll a demand for payment of cost of repair.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Corish, it was decided to inform Mr. Carroll that in the event of a similar complaint being received, the Council would proceed against him.

It was also decided that the County Surveyor should insert an advertisement in the local papers asking owners of heavy vehicles during hot weather not to use tarred roads except at night or early in the morning.

CUTTING TREES ADJOINING ROADS.

Colonel Gibbon called attention to the manner in which a number of ~~thre~~ trees had been cut near Ferns on the road between Ferns and Gorey. If there was any necessity to cut trees over a main road the work should be done in a way that would not interfere with the beauty of the landscape. In the present instance the trees had been cut in a disgraceful manner and they should remember that action of this kind would

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not be encouraging to tourist traffic. If the Council were doing this work they should ask the Forestry Department to lend them a man to have some of their gangers trained for the job and not have a beautiful highway disfigured.

The County Surveyor said that the tree cutting referred to had been done by the owners of the land and not by the Council. He had, in accordance with a suggestion from the Local Government Department, notified the Assistant Surveyors that when hedges or trees were being cut the work should be done in a manner that would not interfere with the scenic effect of the country and also to give instructions to the local people to do the thing in the right way. But if the owners cut and hacked trees in the manner complained of the County Council had no power to prevent it.

Mr. Ennis said he had ^{not} notified the owner in this case to cut the trees and it was a pity the work had been so badly carried ^{out}. The owner, in this case, gave the trees to people in Ferns for firewood.

The matter dropped.

ROAD BETWEEN CLOHAMON AND BUNCLODY.

Mr. McCarthy called attention to the condition of the road between Clohamon and Buncloody. It could not be worse.

The County Surveyor said nothing could be done at present. He had been hopeful that they might get a grant to deal with it.

Mr. Ennis said the bad length was ^{about} a mile and a half. The pot holes for half the bad section could be dealt with but the other half was wearing down. If it was left much longer it would break up.

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Council with a view to making an application to Local Government

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Department for a grant for improvement.

ROAD BETWEEN BALLYCANEW AND GOREY.

Mr. Corish said the road between Gorey and Ballycanew was in a very bad condition. The County Council should direct special attention to the whole of the direct road between Gorey and Wexford. They might be able to secure a grant for it.

The County Surveyor said he would have the pot holes filled with tar and chippings.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT - FERRYCARRIG WEXFORD ROAD

Under date 17th May, 1929, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote that a sum of £8206 had been provisionally allocated to the Council for the improvement by Concrete (reinforced) of the road between Wexford and Ferrycarrig.

The letter set out the various conditions which governed the grant, the principal being that supplies of tars and bitumens should be obtained from the Official Contractors, that the grant could be expended only on this particular work, that payments could be withheld or refused in the case of unsatisfactory work, that on completion a certificate of County Surveyor should be supplied the Department that the work had been properly carried out and furnishing any particulars which might be required, that conditions regarding the men to be employed which attached to previous grants should apply and that the grant should be expended before 31st March, 1930.

Colonel Gibbon said in view of the proposed grant to resurface this road with reinforced concrete the County Surveyor should take immediate steps to see to the drainage.

The County Surveyor said if the road was to be done by

contract the specification would include all drainage work.

Mr. Shannon proposed:- "That the County Surveyor put before Mr. Quigley, Chief Roads' Engineer, Local Government Department, that it was the wish of the Roads Committee that the work should be carried out by direct labour."

Mr. O'Byrne seconded the resolution which was adopted.

Mr. Corish said that if work be carried out by direct labour Urban wages should be paid for the portion in the Urban district.

In reply to Colonel Gibbon, the County Surveyor said there would be no difficulty in getting the necessary road material for the work prepared in good time.

WORK N.881.

The following report was read from Mr. Quigley, Chief Roads' Engineer, Department of Local Government, as to his inspection of above work on 9th April 1929:-

"I made an inspection of the work being carried out with the County Surveyor.

'The organization of the men and the method of work needed tightening up.

'It was explained to me that a start had only been made that day to put in the grout and possibly that accounted for apparent lack of method.

'The foreman in charge was unable to explain in what proportion the bitumen and tar were being mixed. The spreading had been done a long stretch ahead and the men spread with the tar were not able to keep up with the spreaders.

'Some rough pieces of stone were not picked out of the material spread.

'A lorry load of coal was delivered while I was there and a very big proportion of it was slack.

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'The foreman in charge did not appear to me to be of the type that should be in charge of so large an undertaking. He is responsible for receiving tar, coal, bitumen and stone and keeping an account of all machinery &c., being used. Where the expenditure is so high a foreman of good experience should be in charge and should be paid good wages.

'The Assistant County Surveyor should have explicit rules laid down as to the quantity of grout put in and as to how the mix should be made and applied''

The County Surveyor said there was a certain amount of difficulty in having everything spick and span when the machinery only came on the road the day before and most of the men were new hands. The coal had given good results. It was Newport coal and was the most regular they could get. They had tried steam coal but it had been very unsatisfactory. They rejected unsuitable coal and if any used was not found satisfactory it was paid for at a reduced rate.

Colonel Gibbon - I am very much surprised that Mr. Cullen (Assistant Surveyor) should allow the County Council to come under censure a second time from Mr. Quigley and hoped it would not again occur.

Mr. Cullen said he had nothing to be ashamed of in the work; it was as good a job as could be seen anywhere. He did not think it was fair to expect of any Surveyor that he could have things in complete and perfect order the very first day he starts with a gang of 20 men.

The County Surveyor was said he had arranged to meet the points raised by Mr. Quigley.

Mr. Shannon said the road was a splendid job and Morrissey, the ganger, had proved he was a good man from the manner in which the work had been carried out.

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FLOODING AT SCAR AND "RAVIS TREE".

The following report was read from Mr. Kehoe,
Assistant Surveyor:-

"I have inspected the rivers at Scar and Rafis-tree where the public roads are flooded after heavy rain and beg to report as follows:-

The river at Scar is badly choked for a long distance below the road bridge, and will require to be cleaned out for about 120 perches. The cleaning would cost about 2/- per perch.

The river at Rafistree is badly choked in the south side and will require cleaning for at least 100 perches below the road bridge. The work will cost about 2/6d per perch.

The work cannot be done sooner than August as there is corn and hay fields at both places by the river sides."

Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. McCarthy seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem.con.:-

"That a sum of £12 be allocated from Contingencies Fund for cleaning river at Scar to obviate the flooding of road."

Mr. Hayes proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That a sum of £12: 10d be allocated from Contingencies Fund to clean river at "Ravis Tree" to obviate flooding of road."

GARAGE AT ENNISCORTHY.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the application of Mr. John J. Cosgrave, Railway Hotel, Enniscorthy, to lay pipe along water table of road to garage at old Church Enniscorthy - approximate length about 56 feet - be agreed

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to, work to be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor.

CLONATTIN CEMETERY.

Under date 22nd April, 1929, attention was directed by Committee of Graveowners in above to the necessity of having a proper gullet placed across entrance gate leading to Cemetery. At present the water table discharges the water through entrance and leaves the place impossible for funerals in the winter. Hearses had to remain outside and coffins had to be conveyed for burial in common cars or by hand power.

Under date 23rd May, 1929, Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, reported that what was required at the place is a side-long gullet under passage from road to cemetery entrance and he was of opinion this should be done by the owner of the land or by County Board of Health.

Colonel Quin said this was a private graveyard and the County Board of Health had nothing to do with it.

Mr. O'Byrne said the caretaker appeared to be paid by the Board of Health.

Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. McCarthy seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the County Board of Health be requested to appoint a Committee to visit Clonattin Cemetery and report as to the application of Committee of Graveowners for erection of gullet at entrance, the Committee to pay particular attention to the liability of any public body in the matter."

BUSINESS PREMISES AT COOLGREANEY.

Under date 13th May, 1929, the County Surveyor submitted application from Mr. Patrick Lennon, Coolgreaney, for permission to erect a business premises in front of plot of

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ground on the north side of Mrs Shortall's house Coolgreaney.

From statement by Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, it appeared that the road was 32 feet wide with a margin of 16 feet. The building would not obscure the view and according to measurements would be over 30 feet from the centre of the road.

The Roads' Committee decided to recommend the Council not to make any objection to the application of Mr. Lennon.

LINK ROADS ENNISCORTHY URBAN DISTRICT.

The following, under date 15th May, 1929, was read from Town Clerk, Enniscorthy:-

"With reference to previous correspondence regarding the streets improvement in Enniscorthy Urban District I am directed by my Council to request that your Council urge the Roads Department of the Local Government to issue a grant to have the link roads through the town of Enniscorthy completed.

'I understand that the Trunk Roads through Enniscorthy will be completed next year, but my Council are particularly interested in the link roads. There is a possibility of obtaining a grant from the Department to have those roads put into a proper condition and the Treasurer of the Council proposed to issue a loan to do that portion of the Streets for which my Council are responsible for construction and maintenance.

'It is suggested that the Urban Council be appointed by your Council to carry out the work if the grant is obtained. As the summer is now commencing it is earnestly requested that no time be lost in having the matter definitely disposed of.'"

Mr. McCarthy said that the Urban Council want the support of the County Council in their efforts to obtain a grant. The

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Urban Council were prepared to do this work themselves by loan but the streets were under the control of the County Council and the Urban Council would not be allowed to do the work. It would look very bad if the trunk roads were done and the link roads left; as they were unable to have the work done by loan, tho' their Treasurer was prepared to advance the amount to the Urban Council, the only means they see to have the work done was by grant.

Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That we recommend the County Council to urge on the Department of Local Government the necessity for providing a grant to improve the link roads in Enniscorthy Urban district. The County Council be requested to afford the Urban Council all the assistance in their power towards the success of this proposal."

CINEMATOGRAPH ACT.

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

"That Sergeant John Kelly (325) be appointed Inspector under Cinematograph Act 1909 for Oulart Garda Sub District, vice Sergeant G. O'Shea (2780) left the District."

GULLET AT KILLINCOOLEY.

Under date 3rd May, 1929, letter was read from Mr. Andrew Byrne, Killincooley, Kilmuckridge, that at a meeting of the principal ratepayers of the district it was unanimously decided to draw the attention of the County Council to the necessity for a gullet on that part of the road at Killincooley which was sometimes covered with water to a depth of about four feet. The road led to Church, Schools and the Village was used by more than 30 families and was impassible after rain at any season of the year. Motorists had on several occasions been obliged to abandon their cars until the flood

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subsided.

Under date 22nd May, 1929, Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, reported that he had inspected the place last November after heavy rain and found it badly flooded - at one place for a length of 120 yards. The river ran parallel with road at this point and during floods flowed out on the road. To remedy this it would be necessary to clean up bed of the river or raise road. The latter would be most advisable and would cost about £75. He would bring forward the matter as a special work when dealing with next year's Estimates.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. McCarthy seconded the following resolution:- "That the question of dealing with road flooding at Killincooley be deferred until estimates for roads and works for next financial year are under consideration."

The Chairman said that something might be considered as to cleaning up the river. Their operations at Ford-of-Lyng in raising the road had not been very successful.

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

"That the Minutes of Roads' Committee in respect of meeting held on 27th May, 1929, be received and considered."
Gangers Bennett and Sunderland .

Mr. Culleton moved the following, which he mentioned he had proposed at the meeting of the Roads Committee:-

"That, in future, any Road Gangers found canvassing in the manner admitted to by Gangers Bennett and Sunderland, be not retained in the service of the Council."

Colonel Quin seconded.

As an amendment Mr. Hayes proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded:-

"That no further action be taken"

The Chairman held that this proposal was merely a direct negative and decided that a vote be taken on Mr. Culleton's motion. This resulted as follows:-

For - Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Hall, Jordan, Mayler, Murphy, Roche, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman.....14.

Against:- Miss O'Ryan, Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne and Shannon.....13.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Shannon gave notice of his intention to move at the next meeting of the Council that this resolution be rescinded.
Dredging at Kilmore.

In connection with this matter, letter, under date 13th June, 1929 (No.D./73/1) was read from the Department of Lands and Fisheries, stating that the Office of Public Works had advised that the dredger would not be able to proceed to Kilmore on the date anticipated owing to further dredging being required

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at Wexford.

The County Surveyor stated that additional dredging was necessary at Wexford Quays but this would take only a short time. The dredger would then proceed to Kilmore. Courtown Harbour Improvement Work.

In connection with this matter, letter under date 13th June, 1929 (No.D/73/1) was read from the Department of Lands and Fisheries, stating that arrangements had been made for an inspection at Courtown Harbour and that a further communication would be addressed to the Council when the report of the Department's Engineer had been considered. Road between Clohamon and Bunclody.

Mr. Armstrong gave notice of his intention to move at the next meeting of the Council that a loan be negotiated with the Treasurer of the Council for the necessary amount to put the road between Clohamon and Bunclody into proper repair. Ferry carrig-Wexford Road.

In connection with the matter, the Department of Local Government wrote, under date 14th June, 1929 (R/SGF/32) pointing out that the time limit for the expenditure of the grant for this road expired on 31st March next, and it was very important that no undue delay should take place in submitting the necessary documents to the Department. The Minister was unable to accede to the request of the Roads' Committee that the work should be carried out by direct labour, and accordingly, it was to be understood that it was to be executed by contract.

It was decided, on the advice of the County Surveyor, that the Council should make the necessary application to the Minister for the closing of the road between the Redmond Monument Wexford and Newtown Railway Bridge, alternative route to be via Ballyboggan, Carricklawn and County Hospital, traffic from New Ross to enter Wexford via link road at Barntown.

In reply to queries the County Surveyor stated he had

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estimated that a sum of over £9,000 would be required to finish the road from the ending in concrete in Wexford Town to join up the ending in concrete on the Enniscorthy side of Ferrycarrig Bridge. The grant of £8,206 from the Road Fund would probably be sufficient to do the portion between Wexford and Newtown Railway Bridge. He had received the following letter from Capt.C.N.Musgrave of the British Portland Cement Association Ltd.,14, Dawson Street, Dublin:-

"While in Wexford when I was with you last, I called in on Colonel Gibbon on my way to Bannow and had a general chat with him. We were discussing cement bound macadam roads and he suggested we should make a present to you of sufficient cement to lay 50 lineal yards of road. I told him that we could approach the Cement Marketing Company on the matter but could only hope for a present of cement if Ferrocete were used on the work you intend doing between Wexford and Ferrycarrig Bridge.

'I have since written to our head office and have been authorised to let you know that we have made arrangements with the Cement Marketing Company to provide sufficient Ferrocete cement to lay a trail length of 150 lineal yards maximum by 6 yards wide of cement bound macadam (4" coat), provided Ferrocete is used on the ~~Ferrycarrig~~ Wexford Road.

'If you have not sufficient funds to carry out the whole length in ordinary concrete, would you consider laying portion of the work in cement bound where your foundation is reasonably good ?.

'On the other hand, if this does not appeal to you, perhaps you have plant working on a main road, such as that ^{trial} between Enniscorthy and New Ross where you could put this ~~trail~~ length down. A good sand would be required and some 4" timber with spikes. It would be advisable to have a small mixer.'"

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The County Surveyor mentioned that if this offer was accepted, it would go a long way towards completing the full length of the road.

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

"That the letter from the British Portland Cement Association Ltd., be referred to the next meeting of the Roads' Committee who are empowered to make any arrangements which they consider advisable with this Company as regards their offer of Ferrocrete."

It was decided that the County Surveyor should submit specification and other necessary documents to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health as soon as possible.

Mr. Corish mentioned that there should be a provision in the specification that the contractor be obliged to pay the Urban rate of wages when work in the Urban area is being carried out.

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

"That the Minutes of Roads' Committee in respect of meeting held on 27th May, 1929, be and are hereby confirmed except in so far as same have been altered by resolution adopted at this day's meeting."

Special Sub Committee - Road Maintenance.

Minutes of Special Sub Committee, Road Maintenance, in respect of meeting held on 22nd May, 1929, were submitted as follows:-

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SPECIAL SUB-COMMITTEE - ROAD MAINTENANCE.

A meeting of above Sub Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 22nd May, 1929.

Present:- Mr. M. Doyle (Chairman Co. Council) presiding;
Also:- Messrs J. J. Culleton, T. Mayler, P. Colfer, P. Hayes, W. P. Keegan and James Shannon (Vice Chairman).

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

Mr. Culleton said he had had a notice of motion for second last meeting of the County Council for a reduction of wages of road workers as he believed the time had come when this should be made. All classes of the community had been obliged to make sacrifices and the time had come when the road workers should be prepared to meet the present economic position. He did not want to be harsh in the matter but wished to do what was fair to the ratepayers and also to the Road workers, and accordingly he moved that the wages of road workers be reduced by 5/- per week, and that the half-holiday on Saturday be abolished.

Mr. Hayes said that the road workers had made sacrifices. A few years ago their wages were reduced from £2: 10: 0d per week to £2 and broken weather and Church holidays had been allowed. Since then another reduction to 30/- had been made in the wages. These were certainly sacrifices on the part of the road workers.

The Chairman said at the time referred to by Mr. Hayes farm labourers were paid 35/- per week but to-day they were not getting anything at all like that. He was more in favour of the abolition of the half holiday than a reduction in wages. The half holiday caused a good deal of jealousy between road workers and farm labourers who really belonged to the one class. He did not begrudge the road workers their wages if the Council and the times could afford it. But the reduction in farm labourers' wages

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owing to economic necessity was out of proportion to the road workers' wages. He would be glad if the Sub Committee could make some other recommendations to the Council for economy outside a cut in wages. There might be some reduction in the number of gangers. It was ridiculous to have a ganger standing over a man spreading a shovelful of stones. The times were much more prosperous when the big wages were given but there was a great difference between the prices obtained for agricultural produce then and to-day.

Mr. Hayes said the cost of living should be taken into account. If the wages were fixed below the cost of living how could men rear their families or live in anything approaching a decent condition.

Mr. Keegan argued that if the Council agreed to a change of System and have all possible work done by piece work it would satisfy everybody. The only thing damning the County was the machinery purchased by the Council themselves. As regards reduction of wages they should remember the farm labourer had a full year's work and the road man has'nt.

Mr. Meyler said they were not getting value for their money by direct labour. The men should be prepared to work six days a week for the 30/-. The fact that road men had a half-holiday had created a good deal of discontent among the farm labourers.

Mr. Mayler ^{also} said that a lot of men will not work for farmers. They left the farmer to work on the roads.

Mr. Hayes pointed out that there was a resolution on the books of the Council against this. But if a man was only employed casually on a farm he should not be prevented taking work on the roads. The same thing would apply to a farm labourer who was out of employment.

The Chairman said he could not exactly fathom how piece work could be employed all round as suggested by Mr. Keegan. He

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would be glad to see wages higher if the Council got value but there were complaints they were not getting value.

The County Surveyor said he would like to know what was in Mr. Keegan's mind. They could not do piece work with rollers except by sub-contract. A certain amount of quarry work could be done by piece work. This would not be possible for work on rollers and spreading. With the present system piece work could not be used to advantage for the spreading of material.

A long discussion took place on statements made by Mr. Keegan regarding work on Gorey Courtown Road.

The County Surveyor stated that what had caused extra expense on the Courtown road was the fact that owing to the bottom not being sound they had to take out the whole sides of the road which were nothing but marl and had to put in a lot of rubble stone. The £1200 per mile which he specified was for water bound macadam but did not include strengthening, bottoming, widening or haunching. This had all been done by day's work except the haulage.

The Chairman said all this discussion would be quite appropriate at the Roads Committee but their business to-day was to try and devise ways and means by which they would get more value for what they were spending.

Mr. Keegan asked why Ballyclogh quarry was closed up some months ago.

Mr. Treanor stated that Ballyclogh Quarry had to be levelled down to save the cattle of Mr. Tomkins the owner of the quarry. But it had not been closed.

As regards Courtown road, as the County Surveyor had explained, they came upon a very marly subsoil and the road gave way under the roller. They had to take tons and tons of stuff out of the road and it was very costly work. It would cost about £2000 a mile to do the work with tar as at present.

The County Surveyor merely estimated to have road done in water bound macadam.

Mr. Shannon said the County Surveyor had given a very fair explanation of how the cost had been increased.

The Chairman considered the meeting might discuss if there could be any reduction of gangers by more centralization of men.

Mr. Treanor said all the gangers in his area, except one, were working gangers and there was no quarry in this man's area.

Mr. Keegan said they should have their material broken by hand wherever possible. The men were rushing to get the work and the system should get a trial. It would lead to economy and would increase employment.

Mr. Meyler - Mr. Treanor said all the gangers were working. Does that mean they are really working or only watching the men ?. In connection with the employment of men by piece work for attending on the breaker Mr. Meyler said that most of the men would have intelligence enough to know that if they jammed the breaker they would be standing in their own light.

The County Surveyor cited an instance in which, owing to the breaker being over run, renewals of bearings had cost £12. Men were most anxious naturally to get the most they could out of the machine and from this alone they would be inclined to over-run it.

The Chairman said that if they saw the breaker over-run the men would know it would be to their own loss if they did not take proper precautions. But there was surely other work where injury, such as had been referred to, would not be caused.

The Assistant Surveyors then gave particulars of the various gangers which were employed in their districts.

Mr. Ennis said that the only suggestion he could make

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was that as the Surveyors were responsible for the work they should get more power over the men. Very often a man was unsatisfactory and it was very difficult to make a case against him such as would satisfy a judge and jury but the Council should trust the Surveyors to be really fair with the men. He was sure if this suggestion was adopted it would make for improvement.

Mr. Hayes said the Assistant Surveyor got his information from the ganger and when any complaint regarding a particular man came before the Roads' Committee they could ascertain if there was any spleen on the ganger's part against the man. The Roads' Committee in matters of this kind should have the power of considering everything.

The Chairman said he certainly thought they should give the power asked for to the Assistant Surveyors but he did not want it deputed to the gangers. The latter should not be empowered to dismiss a man.

Mr. Culleton was of the opinion that there could be more concentration of men on the back roads than at present. He was sure the Gangers would be able to supervise them.

Mr. Hayes contended there would be a saving in breaking "spawls" by hand.

The Chairman again referred to the abolition of the half holiday for road workers. It was creating a lot of discontent and he (Chairman) believed they should work the six days a week the same as the Agricultural Worker. They had no broken time and were paid for Church holydays and many farmers were not allowing for these. So long as the cost of living was as high as at present he did not see how a big cut could be made in wages. But it was only fair and just that the Sub Committee should suggest to the Council that the men work the six days of the week.

Mr. Mayler strongly supported the Chairman's view.

The Chairman said the farmer would not have many half holidays

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if he minded his business properly.

Mr. Keegan said that the workers had enjoyed the half holiday for a long time and if it was now abolished they would not have ~~take~~ the same spirit to work. Tar work was very trying and arduous and the men were put to a good deal of expense owing to the destruction of their clothes. Then the road worker had only five months' employment out of twelve.

The Chairman said this was not true. The road worker had more than five months work on the road.

Mr. Keegan said no man in the Gorey District gets any more employment than what he had stated.

Mr. Treanor said that 70 per cent of the men in that district were employed for ten months in the year.

County Surveyor - The average would be 50 per cent for full time and the other 50 per cent for half time. The whole would average about three quarters of the year, eight or nine months.

After further conversation Mr. Shannon said he considered the discussion could be closed. The matter had been discussed upside down. They had heard the statements of the Assistant Surveyors and they had also a resolution on the books that hand-breaking should be tried where possible. The Assistant Surveyors were prepared to carry out that instruction in any place where feasible. He moved:- "That no change be made in wages or hours of work and that the resolution of the Council as to hand-breaking in quarries where ever possible be enforced."

Mr. Hayes seconded.

Mr. Keegan proposed:- "That where possible material in all quarries in the four districts of the County be broken by hand at the present price and that each man get a share of the work."

Chairman - We have that resolution on the books already.

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Mr. Keegan - Then I propose it be carried out.

Mr. Culleton pointed out that the average wage for agricultural labourers was from £1 to £1: 1: 0d and they were living on it.- at least his own men told him they were able to live on it.

The Chairman said that the farmers generally were at present unable to meet the wages of labour.

Mr. Hayes said that a reduction in wages carried a reduction of estimates in the year following and it was the rates that got the benefit.

Chairman - Certainly, *but* for the balance allowed you will have more men employed.

Mr. Keegan proposed - "That this Sub Committee adjourn without coming to a decision as regards Workers half-holiday."

This proposal was not seconded.

Mr. Culleton then formally proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution:-

"That the half-holiday on Saturday to workers in employment of County Council be discontinued."

It was decided to take a poll on this proposal and this resulted as follows:-

For:- Messrs Culleton, Meyler and the Chairman.....3

Against:- Messrs Keegan, Shannon, Hayes, Colfer4

The Chairman declared the proposal lost and that of Mr. Shannon was adopted nem.con.

Mr. Colfer proposed:- "That where possible scabblings in quarries after a blast be broken by hand."

Mr. Hayes seconded.

County Surveyor - So long as it is not a special regulation to apply to every case I will not object.

Mr. Culleton held that in view of the number of roads taken by contract they should be able to reduce the number of gangers by at least one-third.

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The County Surveyor said it might be possible to reduce the number of gangers to a certain extent but not by one-third of the total.

Chairman - Would you go into this thoroughly and give us your opinion at the Roads Committee as to how many you can dispense with.

It was then decided that the County Surveyor report on this matter in detail to the Roads' Committee.

Mr. Culleton proposed:-

"That where an Assistant Surveyor has satisfied himself it is undesirable to keep a man in the employment of the Council (from inattention to work or because of matters of discipline) power be given to the Assistant Surveyor to dispense with the services of such employee."

The Chairman seconded and the proposal was passed, Mr. Hayes dissenting.

It was also decided that County Surveyor issue advertisement in connection with hand breaking of material in quarries.

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

"That the Minutes of Special Sub-Committee (Road Maintenance) in respect of meeting held on 22nd May, 1929, be received and considered."

After a long discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Colonel Quin:-

"That the Report of Special Sub-Committee in respect of Road Maintenance be printed and circulated to members of the County Council with a view to its consideration at next meeting."

SPEED OF VEHICLES OVER NEW ROSS BRIDGE.

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

"That the attention of the Superintendent, Garda Siochana, New Ross, be directed to the by-law of the County Council limiting the speed of ~~max~~ mechanically propelled vehicles over New Ross Bridge to three miles per hour, and that he be requested to take steps to have the by-law enforced as complaints of excessive speed which is injuring the bridge, have been received by the Council."

ROAD GRANTS.

Under date 29th May, 1929 (SGE/32), the Department wrote stating that the final payment of £985 of allocation of £6720 out of grant £200,000, in respect of Works Nos. E.851 and E.852 on roads T.7 and T.8 respectively was made to the Treasurer of the Council on 27th May, 1929.

Under date 15th June, 1929 (SGN/32), the Department of Local Government wrote, stating that a payment of £3616 in respect of the allocation of £69613 under National Road Scheme was made to the Treasurer of the Council for the undermentioned Works:-

Nos.N. 877, 878, 879,880 and 882 on Road No.T.7 and
Nos.N.883, 884,886, and 887 on Road No.T.8.

The payment included a sum of £157 which had been sanctioned for payment to the County Surveyor and Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, in the proportion of £78: 10: 0d each in respect of the additional work included in carrying out work No.N.883 (Concreting surface of Wexford Quays).

WEXFORD-ROSSLARE ROAD.

Under date 25th May,1929, letter was read from the Irish Tourist Association, Dublin, acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution in connection with the above road and stating they would get into touch with the Department concerned at once with a view to obtaining the fullest possible information as to the intention of that Department in the matter of the improvement of the Wexford-Rosslare road.

ROAD BETWEEN BARROW BOAT CLUB AND MR. HEARN'S GATE, NEW ROSS.

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

"That we request the Wexford County Council to make application^a to the Roads Board for a grant for the purpose of having that section of the road to Waterford in this Urban area, between the Barrow Boat Club, and Mr. Hearn's gete, steam-rolled, and also to urge upon the Board the absolute necessity of having this work carried out in view of the fact that it is portion of the main road from Dublin to Cork, that it is in a wretched condition of repair, and that the road for many miles at both ends of this particular section, has already been steam-rolled.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of

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Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That the Minister for Local Government be asked to give most careful consideration to the application from New Ross Urban District Council for a grant for the improvement of that section of the road to Waterford in New Ross Urban area between the Barrow Boat Club and Mr. Hearn's Gate."

PROPOSED CHANGE OF DAY FOR MEETINGS
OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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

"That ordinary meetings of the Finance Committee be held in future on Wednesdays instead of Thursdays."

Mr. Culleton seconded.

After discussion, Mr. Roche withdrew his motion as some of the members of the Finance Committee were not in favour of the change.

OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEE NO.1

Proposed by Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:-

"That the name of Rev. J. Cullen, C.C., Mulrankin, Bridgetown, be added to No.1 Sub Committee of Old Age Pension Committee vice Rev. G. M. Fry, who has left the district."

SALARY OF MR. J. J. ROCHE, CORONER FOR SOUTH
WEXFORD.

Under date 31st May, 1929 (G.36309/1929 Wexford County), the Department of Local Government wrote, stating that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had given full consideration to the appeal lodged by Mr. J. J. Roche, Coroner for South Wexford, under section 18 of the Coroner's (Amendment) Act, 1927, as well as to the representations made

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by the Council. The Minister felt that Mr. Roche's claim for additional remuneration was well founded and, having consulted the Minister for Justice as required by the terms of the section, he had decided that Mr. Roche's salary should be increased to £135 per annum as from 1st April last. The Minister also expressed the opinion that, with the modern facilities for travelling and communication the services for County Wexford as a whole might be conducted by one Coroner and, should a vacancy arise in the future, the amalgamation of the existing districts might be considered, in which event an economy in the total cost would probably be possible.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:-

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to re-consider his decision, determining the salary of Mr. J. J. Roche, Coroner for South Wexford, at £135 per annum and be requested to fix this salary at the amount paid to the Coroner for North Wexford, viz., £125 per annum."

COMPENSATION TO MR. A. A. CONNOLLY AS SUPERINTENDENT
REGISTRAR.

Under date 17th June, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote (P.36049/29, Loch Garman), forwarding copy of Order, dated 13th June, 1929, determining that Mr. Aidan A. Connolly was entitled to an annual allowance of £9: 5: 5d from 30th May, 1924, as compensation for loss of emoluments as Superintendent Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages for the Enniscorthy area.

Mr. D'Arcy proposed:-

"That the Council refuse to pay this amount."

Mr. Brennan seconded.

As an amendment, Mr. Shannon proposed and Mr. Cline seconded:-

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"That the amount be paid".

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

For:- Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, O'Byrne, Shannon and Walsh....12

Against:- Colonel Gibbon, Messrs Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Hall, Jordan, Mayler, Murphy, Roche, Smyth and the Chairman.....12

Colonel Quin, Miss O'Ryan and Mr. McCarthy did not vote.

The Chairman gave his casting vote against the amendment which he declared lost.

The original motion was then put and passed nem.con.

GREAT ISLAND PROPOSED DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Under date 24th May, 1929 (2669/29) letter was read from the Office of Public Works, stating that, having considered the Council's resolution, the petition transmitted to them in respect of the formation of the above-named drainage district under the Arterial Drainage Act, 1925, and the report of their appointee on the proposals, they were of opinion that the circumstances did not justify the preparation of a detailed drainage scheme or the constitution of a separate drainage district as the estimated cost was less than £1000 and the Scheme was therefore too small to be economically carried out under the Act. It was open to the petitioners to make a fresh petition under the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act, 1926, so that the works might be carried out by the Council.

FORD-OF-LYNG PROPOSED DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Under date 17th June, 1929 (1073/29) letter was read from the Office of Public Works stating that they had had a detailed engineering survey made in this district and, as

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a result, they were advised that it would be impracticable to prepare a suitable drainage scheme unless an improved outfall for the discharge of flood water was provided by enlarging or otherwise altering the slobland drain outside the proposed drainage district. They would be glad to learn, in due course, the result of the legal proceedings proposed to be taken by the Council to secure the cleaning of the Slobland Company's drains.

The Chairman mentioned that he would now be able to call a meeting of the landowners concerned with Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council.

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

"That we request the Office of Public Works to furnish this Council with a copy of the detailed engineering survey referred to in their communication of 17th June, 1929 (1073/29) relative to flooding at Ford-of-Lyng."

ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR.

Under date 5th June, 1929 (D/14/5) the Department of Lands and Fisheries wrote that the Minister feared, as the Council had no legal title to the pier, that state funds could not be contributed towards the cost of the proposed work of repairs to the structure. If, however, the copy of the plans and particulars of the estimate of £750 asked for by the Department on 9th October last, were forwarded, the matter would receive further consideration.

Mr. Roche proposed:-

"That Messrs Jordan and Corish, T.D's, be requested to interview the Minister for Lands and Fisheries to discuss with him the question of the County Council taking over St. Helen's Harbour. So far as the inquiries of the County Council have

gone, they have been unable to ascertain that this pier is claimed by any person."

Mr. Doran seconded.

Passed.

It was also decided that the County Surveyor furnish plans and particulars asked by the Minister.

COLAISDE CHARMAN.

Under date 18th June, 1929, the Committee of Colaisde Charman applied for the use of tables and forms in the old Jail - during the College session in July.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Doran, seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:-

"That the application of the Committee of Colaisde Charman for the use of tables and forms in Old Jail be agreed to on the understanding that the Committee are to be responsible for the safe custody and return of the articles and for any damage that may occur to same while in their custody."

CLAIM UNDER WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT.

Under date 28th May, 1929, Messrs Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey, Solicitors, Wexford, wrote, on behalf of Michael Murphy, Ballyboggan, Castlebridge, claiming payment at the rate of 35/- per week during the incapacity of their client who was injured while working as a quarryman under the County Council.

The County Surveyor said this matter was in the hands of the Insurance Co.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACTS.

Under date 30th May, 1929, letter was read from the Department of Industry & Commerce asking if the Council would agree to the ex-officio Inspectors under the Weights and

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Measures Acts, whose equipment provided by the Wexford County Council operating in the districts of Clonegal and Cranemore in Co. Carlow, and in the districts of Brownsford, Coolhill, Dysartmoon, Kilbride, Kilmacavogue, Listerlin, Rosbercon Rural, Shanbogh and The Rower in County Kilkenny. It was proposed that the Inspectors of Co. Wicklow should operate in the districts of Ballyellis and Ballybeg in Co. Wexford.

Proposed by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Colonel Gibbon and adopted:-

"That this County Council have no objection to the ex-officio Inspectors appointed by them under Weights and Measures Acts also acting in the Districts of Clonegal and Cranemore in Co. Carlow and in the districts of Brownsford, Coolhill, Dysartmoon, Kilbridge, Kilmacavogue, Listerlin, Rosbercon Rural, Shanbogh and The Rower in County Kilkenny. They also agree that the Ex-officio Inspectors working in Co. Wicklow should deal with the districts of Ballyellis and Ballybeg in the County Wexford."

SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY - ENNISCORTHY TOWN.

Under date 6th June, 1929 (A/78/53) letter was read from the Electricity Supply Board, stating that they proposed laying high tension and low tension cables in the town of Enniscorthy. The laying of these cables would necessitate the breaking up of roads and footpaths but care had been taken in the drawing up of the plans to cause the minimum amount of disturbance. The work would be done by contract and provisions 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 Wexford Co. Council and ~~the~~ /or the Enniscorthy Urban District Council.

Referred to the County Surveyor.

POISONS & PHARMACY ACT.

On the motion of Mr. Shannon, seconded by the Chairman,

renewals of licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act were granted to

M. Lacey, Monamolin, Gorey

James J. Codd, 26 & 27, Court Street, Enniscorthy.

N. Tackaberry, Bunclody.

Laurence Harpur, North Main Street, Wexford.

HOLIDAYS OF CO.COUNCIL STAFF.

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

"That the usual Summer holidays be granted to the Secretary, the County Surveyor and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, and that the Secretary and County Surveyor fix the holidays of their staffs as the conditions of the work of the Council allow."

REVISIONS OF VALUATIONS.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Cline:- "That the several applications for revision of valuation, as submitted to this meeting, be accepted and furnished the Commissioner of Valuation."

DEMONSTRATION IN NEW ROSS.

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

"That all members of County Council be requested to attend the demonstration in New Ross on 30th June, 1929, to honour the memory of the great "J.K.L" (Most Rev. Dr. Doyle) who accomplished so much for the cause of Catholic Emancipation."

Michael Doyle

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

M I N U T E S.

MEETING HELD on 29th JULY, 1929.

N. J. FRIZELLE,
SECRETARY.

FORTVIEW,
WEXFORD.

The monthly meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 29th July, 1929.

Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman, presided, and there were also present Messrs John Brennan, James Clince, Patrick Colfer, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, John Doran, James Gaul, Col. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, William P. Keegan, Thomas Mayler, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss O'Ryan, Col. Quin, James Shannon, Myles Smyth, and James E. Walsh.

Mr. A. P. Delany, Inspector, Local Government Department, 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.

VOTES OF CONDOLENCE.

On the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr. Shannon a vote of condolence with the widow and relatives of the late Mr. P. J. Hayes, V.S., Enniscorthy, was adopted.

Mr. Hayes proposed and Mr. Murphy seconded a vote of condolence to Mr. John J. Roche, Coroner for South Wexford, in the death of his daughter, Anastasia.

Mr. Keegan proposed a vote of condolence with Mrs Thomas Paddle on the death of her husband who was for many years Assistant Surveyor in the Gorey District. Mr. Gaul seconded.

Colonel Quin proposed, and Mr. Corish seconded, a vote of condolence with Senator Kathleen Browne on the death of her mother, widow of a former member of the County Council.

All these votes were adopted in silence.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

Finance

The following Minutes of Special Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 1st July, 1929, were submitted:-

A Special Meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 1st July, 1929, to consider report from Rate Inspector for Wexford District as to rate collection in the district of Mr. Thomas Sutton (No.2).

The following were in attendance:-

Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman Co. Council (Presiding); Also :—
Messrs John J. Culleton, James Hall, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, James Shannon and Colonel Gibbon.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, were also in attendance.

The following report was submitted from T. A. Frizelle, Rate Inspector for Wexford District:-

"I hereby report that it has come to my notice, after investigation, that in two instances unofficial receipts amounting to £17: 1: 11d and £16: 10: 7d for second moiety 1929 rate were issued on behalf of Collector Sutton and the amounts thereof were not lodged to the credit of the County Council. These receipts were not signed by Collector but by the person to whom the money was paid. On the Collector's attention being called to these items he immediately lodged the amounts thereof. I instructed him to attend meeting of Finance Committee on Monday, 1st July, to explain the matter."

The following letter, under date 28th June, was read from Mr. Paul, Roche, Barmoney, being the only reply received to a number of rate notices forwarded to ratepayers whose rates were shown as outstanding on the date of issuing the rate notices, viz., 27th June, 1929:-

"I received a letter from you on to-day and I am afraid there is a mistake as I only owe a half year's rates to last March. I paid Tom Sutton on the quay of Wexford about the first week in April but unfortunately he sent me no receipt for it yet. Hoping it will be all right. As soon as I make some money I will send on the other half year."

The Secretary stated that Mr. Roche's rates were lodged by

Collector Sutton on Friday, 28th June, 1929.

Mr. Roche's letter was received on the 1st July, 1929.

The following explanation, under date 30th June, 1929, was read from Collector Sutton:-

"When making a final call on ratepayers whose rates were outstanding before handing their names to my Solicitor for collection, I found in two cases that the money had been left for me in town in a place where I collect rates on Saturdays, and that they had cash receipts for the correct amount of their rates. As I had not been in this place for some time previous I did not know that their rates had been left for me, but on being showed the cash receipts I immediately gave them their official receipts. I never, since my appointment in 1921, have issued an unofficial receipt."

Collector Sutton appeared before the meeting and stated the irregularities referred to were caused through negligence and he had no intention to defraud. As soon as his attention was called to the unofficial receipt of Mr. Doyle he immediately lodged the amount. As regards Mr. Roche's rates Collector stated he received the rates from Mr. Roche at a time when he had not his Collecting Books with him. Owing to his omission to give Mr. Roche official receipt the amount was not lodged through an oversight as he overlooked this item when writing up his Abstract Books. He assured the Council that the whole thing was due to carelessness which he stated would not again occur.

After discussion, the following decision was arrived at by Committee on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That the sureties of Collector Sutton (personal and fidelity guarantee) be furnished with a copy of the Minutes of this meeting and that they be informed that the Finance Committee are not satisfied with the manner in which Mr. Sutton has been carrying out his duties. In the present instance,

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however, they accept his explanation with a serious warning of the consequences involved should any further complaint of his conduct be brought to their attention. The Committee also hereby direct Mr. Sutton to close his collection for 1928-29 by the next meeting of the County Council."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Minutes of Special meeting of Finance Committee in respect of 1st July, 1929, be received and considered"

The Chairman remarked that from information which had come to his knowledge Mr. Sutton was doing his best to comply with the instructions of the Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Minutes of Special Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 1st July, 1929, be and are hereby confirmed."

The following Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of the 4th July, 1929, were submitted:-

The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 4th July, 1929.

Present:- Mr. M. Doyle (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs James Hall, Sean O'Byrne, James Shannon and Colonel Gibbon.

The Secretary and County Surveyor were in attendance.

The Minutes of last ordinary meeting and of Special meeting held on 1st July were read and confirmed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3805: 2: 5d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

The following shows the amount of percentage of rate outstanding for 1928-29:-

	E. J. Murphy	.81
(No.14)	J. J.O'Reilly	.82
(No.14)	J.J.Sinnott	1.11
(No.13)	J. J.O'Reilly	1.46
	John Curtis	2.27
(No.16)	J.J.Sinnott	3.06
	A. Dunne	3.53
	T. Rowe	4.13
	John Doyle	4.29
	M. Deegan	4.53
	P. Doyle	4.70
(No.1)	James Quirke	4.75
	P. Donohoe	6.40
	S. Gannon	6.63
	J. Cummins	7.63
	W. Cummins	8.08
	P. O'Byrne	8.63
	T. Sutton	11.20
(No.5)	James Quirke	15.93
	M.M. Kelly	17.29
(No.4)	James Quirke	18.39
	P. Carty	23.44
	M.J.Culleton	36.18.

The following shows amount collected for Rate 1929-30:-

Wexford District:-

	James Quirke	:	£376	:	5	:	9
	Philip Doyle	:	42	:	12	:	6
(No.4)	James Quirke	:	172	:	15	:	3
	M. J. Culleton	:	26	:	1	:	0
	(Thomas Sutton has not yet received books).						

Enniscorthy District:-

Michael Deegan	:	£307	:	18	:	3
J. Cummins	:	148	:	3	:	7
P. O'Byrne	:	60	:	7	:	4
Sean Gannon	:	23	:	5	:	10
P. Donohoe	:	52	:	16	:	4

(Books had not been given
to M. M. Kelly and W. Cummins).

Gorey District:-

J. H. O'Reilly	:	£ 192	:	5	:	5
T. Bolger	:	177	:	17	:	0
Art Dunne	:	183	:	3	:	0
John J. Sinnott	:	215	:	14	:	7

New Ross District:-

E. J. Murphy	:	£95	:	0	:	11
Thomas Rose	:	£29	:	11	:	9
John Doyle	:		:	Nil	:	
John Curtis	:	£71	:	19	:	3
P. Carty (New Collector)	:		:	Nil.	:	

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That Rate Collectors be informed they must show greater activity in the collection of the new rate. The Council are obliged to hold up payments to Public Bodies etc., owing to the present state of their finances and unless Rate Collectors push forward their work more rapidly than they are doing at present the position will become serious."

Under date 3rd July, 1929, Collector Sutton wrote that he does ~~did~~ not take a note of the dates on which he calls to ratepayers and he did not know the exact dates upon which he called to Mr. Moses Doyle, Kilmacoe, Curraclloe. The rates in this case had since been paid.

It was reported that Mrs Tiernan, Kilcorral, Castlebridge, called to Co. Council Offices on the 4th July, 1929, and stated she had been served with a Solicitor's letter from Collector Sutton for payment of £4: 7: 10d rates. She stated that Collector Sutton had not called on her for the past three years. She had the money put aside for him several times but he never called and she had used it for other purposes. She now found it difficult to pay.

A resolution was adopted asking Collector Sutton to furnish his observations on the statement of Mrs Tiernan.

Colonel Gibbon suggested the Finance Committee should invite the observations of the Council to the necessity for Rate Collectors keeping diaries. At present the Council had really no check on the Collectors except as to the actual cash they collected. But they knew nothing of a Collector's day's work and he proposed that the Rate Collectors should keep a diary giving the names of the ratepayers called upon with the words "promised," "refused", "absent" after each name as the case required.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded the resolution which was adopted.

Colonel Gibbon also considered that in appointing Rate Collectors, in the future, the Council should look for men of not less than 30 years of age and who should have a certain interest or likely to have a certain interest in the country.

Messrs O'Byrne and McCarthy pointed out that the personal bond of Collectors was now in the substantial sum of £400 and that banker's reference had to be provided to prove that the sureties were really worth the amount. What was wrong with the collection was that a number of the Collectors were not going their duty.

Colonel Gibbon considered that, in addition to the ordinary cash check on rate collectors the Council required a travelling inspector - who would carry out his work in a corresponding manner to that of Mr. Shortall, Home Assistance Officer - and who would be always popping round examining the work of the Collectors and making detailed reports as to how this was going on. This man could use a bicycle or a motor cycle. By employing such an official he believed they would be able to get in double the amount of rate at the time when it was most wanted. The salary would probably be about £200 and they could try this

for a year as an experiment.

It was decided that the Secretary ask the Department of Local Government for their views on Colonel Gibbon's suggestion and that the matter be again brought forward at next meeting of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Shannon raised the question as to the power of a rate Collector to seize stock on Bantry Commons irrespective of ownership of animals.

It was decided that next time the Collectors are summoned to a meeting of Finance Committee they should be asked to have prepared, beforehand, any questions of law and which could be dealt with by Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, at the meeting.

ROSSLARE RACES.

Under date 3rd July, 1929, Mr. P. O'Brien, Hon., Secretary to Rosslare Race Committee, wrote, asking if the County Council had any objection to recognised officials of the Committee peacefully soliciting help towards the race funds from persons travelling by road to the races on 25th instant. The Committee would guarantee there would be no undue interference with the free use of the roads.

It was decided to inform Mr. O'Brien that the County Council had no power to grant his request.

INCOME TAX - COURTTOWN HARBOUR.

It was decided, on the advice of Mr. Elgee that ^s1/6d Income Tax (Schedule B) on Courtown Harbour should be paid.

KILMORE HARBOUR - DREDGING.

The County Surveyor reported that the Captain of the Dredger had informed him it was necessary to have a pilot on board the dredger while at work. He (County Surveyor) and Mr. Kehoe, (Assistant Surveyor), had done all they could to secure the services of a pilot at £2 per week - the amount allowed by the Council. James Hayes, Neemstown, Kilmore, would accept a wage of £3: 5: 0d per week, but

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would not take less. He was a suitable man and would have to be on board the dredger for 16 hours a day.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That we agree to the employment of James Hayes, Neemstown, Kilmore, as pilot on Board of Works' dredger while dredging operations will be carried on at Kilmore Harbour. The Committee agree to this amount in view of the fact that employment will entail a period of 16 hours per day on board the dredger."

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY (COMPENSATION) ACT.

Under date 29th June, 1929, the Local Government Department wrote (44301) as follows:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th instant, relative to the contributions due by the Wexford County Council under the Damage to Property (Compensation) Act, 1923, and to request that you will be good enough to state when it is expected the Council will be in a position to clear off their indebtedness. The Wexford County Council are the only Local Authority outstanding in this matter."

It was decided to inform the Department that the Council would make a substantial payment as soon as rates came in. The Finance Committee were doing what they could to induce the Collectors to exhibit more diligence in the discharge of their duties. They recognise the forbearance of the Local Government Department and the Department of Finance and would be only too willing to discharge their liability if they were in a position to do so."

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

"That the Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of the 4th July, 1929 be received and considered!"

Rate Collectors' Diaries.

Colonel Gibbon said the diaries should be kept in book form with carbon copies which would be sent in once a week to the Co. Council office and they could be handed over to the Rate Inspector when the books of the Collectors were being checked. This was agreed to.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on the 4th July, 1929, be and are hereby confirmed."

The following Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on the 18th July, 1929, were submitted:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 18th July, 1929.

Present:- Messrs M. Doyle, Chairman (presiding); John J. Culleton, James Hall, Sean O'Byrne, James Shannon and T. McCarthy.

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.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4114: 0 : 6d was examined and signed.

The following shows percentage of amount of Rate outstanding for financial year 1928-29:-

	E. J. Murphy	.81
	Thady Bolger	.95
	J. J. O'Reilly	1.37
	John Curtis	1.98
	J. J. Sinnott	2.78
	A. Dunne	3.35
	J. Doyle	3.45
	T. Rowe	4.13
(No.1)	James Quirke	4.30
	M. Deegan	4.37
	P. Doyle	4.40
	S. Gannon	6.15
	P. Donohoe	6.40
	J. Cummins	6.90
	P. O'Byrne	7.08
	W. Cummins	7.11
	T. Sutton	9.10
(No.4)	J. Quirke	11.
	M. Kelly	16.31
	P. Carty	17.15
(No.5)	James Quirke)	15.49)
(No.5)	M.J.Culleton)	27.84)

The following are the amounts collected to 18th July, 1929 for current rate:-

Wexford District

	James Quirke: 1st moiety	£530: 11: 7
	" " : 2nd moiety	13: 13: 8
	Philip Doyle: 1st moiety	68: 2: 2
	" " : 2nd moiety	8: 0
(No.4)	James Quirke: 1st moiety	£330: 17: 5
	M.J.Culleton: 1st moiety	64: 9: 4
	" " : 2nd moiety	7: 10: 8

Enniscorthy District

	M.M.Kelly (Books not yet taken up)	
	M. Deegan : 1st moiety	£762: 14: 3
	" " : 2nd moiety	3: 11: 6

Enniscorthy District Continued.

Joseph Cummins:	1st moiety	£359:	16:	3
"	2nd moiety		13:	6
Patrick O'Byrne	1st moiety	£178:	9:	8
"	2nd moiety		1:	0: 9
Sean Gannon	1st moiety	£199:	5:	8
"	2nd moiety		Nil	
W. Cummins (Books not yet taken up)				
Patrick Donohoe:	1st moiety	94:	6:	11
"	2nd moiety	15:	14:	10

Gorey District:-

J.J.O'Reilly	: 1st moiety	£406:	1:	2
"	: 2nd moiety		4:	13: 4
T. Bolger	: 1st moiety	£338:	5:	10
"	: 2nd moiety		2:	5: 11
Art Dunne	: 1st moiety	£492:	12:	8
"	: 2nd moiety	£ 57:	18:	0
J. J. Sinnott	: 1st moiety	£386:	3:	10
"	: 2nd moiety		3:	12: 11

New Ross District:-

E. J. Murphy	: 1st moiety	£394:	4:	4
"	: 2nd moiety		1:	2: 0
Thomas Rowe	: 1st moiety	£158:	10:	4
"	: 2nd moiety		6:	4
John Doyle	: 1st moiety	95:	0:	4
"	: 2nd moiety		1:	19: 9
John Curtis	: 1st moiety	£148:	4:	11
"	: 2nd moiety		1:	0: 2.

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

"That Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, communicate with the personal sureties of Collectors W. Cummins, P. O'Byrne, T. Sutton and M. M. Kelly and call their attention to the following resolution of this Committee which was sent them on 26th June, 1929, and to which they have not made reply!"

"That we recommend the County Council to call on the personal sureties of Collectors W. Cummins, P. O'Byrne, T. Sutton and M. M. Kelly to lodge up to the amount of their bond in respect of arrears outstanding in the Districts of these Collectors over and above the amounts under decree held by the Collectors or amounts for vacant premises."

"That Mr. Elgee be instructed to communicate with the sureties in question and inform them they must lodge the amount of their bond to the credit of the Wexford County Council on or before 27th instant."

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That Collector W. Cummins be furnished with Collecting Books in respect of Rate for financial year 1929-30."

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF RATE INSPECTOR.

The following under date 9th July, 1929 (G.48552/1929 Loch Garman Fa) 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 4th instant, and to state that Article 96 of the Public Bodies Order does not apply to the appointment of Rate Inspectors though many of the objections are of course equally applicable.

"No advertisement for the position should be issued without prior submission to this Department. Before deciding on this course the Minister would prefer that the Council would reconsider the arrangements for checking generally. As Mr. Whitty is now a Rate Collector in the Enniscorthy Urban District the Minister doubts the propriety of continuing his services as Deputy Rate Checker in the County."

Under date 15th July, 1929, the following letter (G.49971/1929 Loch Garman Fa) 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 inst, and to state that, as intimated in this Department's letter of the 9th instant, the Minister would welcome a revision of the arrangements for checking the Rate Collectors' Books. As ~~already~~ ~~regards~~ salary it would be desirable that the cost of travelling should be provided for either by way of a reasonable allowance for the purpose or by a satisfactory method of vouching. The Minister does not appreciate why the actual checking should not be carried out by the new official and could not agree that the present arrangements be continued in addition to a new appointment."

"In point of fact the Minister considers that an efficient Rate Inspector should, in addition to checking the Rate Collectors' Accounts, exercise general supervision over the methods adopted by the Collectors and the manner in which they perform their duties as well as keeping generally in touch with the progress of the Rate-payers towards meeting the demands made (note paragraph 3 of circular of 24th August, 1928)."

Circular Letter of Department of Local Government under date 24th August, 1928, was read for the meeting.

After considerable discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"That the County Council be recommended to agree to the appointment of Rate Inspector and Supervisor of Rate Collectors' Duties for the County in lieu of appointment of Clerical Assistant.

"That the present remuneration paid to Assistant Secretary for checking of Rate Collectors' Accounts for Gorey and Wexford districts, viz., £65, be added to his salary subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and provided that the duties hitherto performed by Mr. Fanning, Clerical Assistant be carried out in County Council Office without additional expense to the Council.

That the salary of Rate Inspector and Supervisor be at the rate of £156 per annum with travelling allowance of £100 per annum. That the appointment be on a probationary basis for a period of one year; the successful candidate to furnish appropriate security by guarantee society.

Besides the duties defined in circular letter of Local Government Department of 24th August, 1928, as to the checking of Rate Collectors' Accounts, the Rate Inspector and Supervisor will also be required to check lists of irrecoverable rates and prepare the usual poor rate returns.

Also to call personally to Ratepayers who (in his opinion) have paid rates without obtaining official receipts and to ascertain if Rate Collectors have called to Ratepayers to collect rates in any case

in which he considers such a course advisable.

He must forthwith call the attention of the County Secretary to any irregularity or neglect of duty on the part of any Collector and be prepared to perform any further duties which may, from time to time, be assigned to him by the County Secretary with the approval of the Finance Committee and the Local Government Department.

The appointment is subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

The Finance Committee further recommend that they should be empowered to interview the candidates applying for the position of Rate Inspector and Supervisor and to make recommendations to the Council as to their qualifications for the position."

EX-COLLECTOR FURLONG.

The Secretary reported that full enquiries as to defalcations by ex-Collector Furlong had not concluded; when they were, a full statement would be laid before the Committee.

Up to the present there was a sum of £267: 10: 4d which had not been accounted for.

SURETIES OF COLLECTORS.

Under date 4th July, 1929, Messrs Brennan & Co., Insurance Brokers, 43 Dame Street, Dublin, wrote forwarding Cover Note for Collector Quirke in respect of the work which he is carrying on in No.4 District vacant through the dismissal of Ex-Collector Furlong from office.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Shannon:-- "That the following be approved as personal ~~as personal~~ sureties for Rate Collectors in view of the fact that satisfactory Bankers' references have been received in each case:--

Thomas O'Hanlon and Martin W. Harrington (for Collector Carty).
James Cummins, Ballylucas, Ballymurrin, vice Laurence Cummins deceased (Collector Walter Cummins).

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PROPOSED PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE.

The following under date 5th July, 1929 (G.45879/1929 Loch Garman Fa) was read from the Department of Local Government & Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 25th ultimo, relative to the payment of poundage to certain Collectors, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to draw your attention to the terms of this Department's letter of the 21st ultimo, G.38204/1929 and G.40154/1929, in view of the terms of which the Minister is precluded from sanctioning the further payment of poundage to Collectors who at this date, three months after the close of the financial year have considerable sums of rates outstanding, both in respect of that and previous years warrants. The Minister requests that the County Council will now bring the matter of the rate collection to a conclusion by considering the payment of poundage only on the basis of the prior full closing of the Collectors warrants.

"I am to add that, more particularly in view of the large arrear of rates outstanding, the Minister cannot agree to the continuance of overdraft accommodation to the extent hitherto prevailing"

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That in view of the proposed appointment of Rate Inspector and Supervisor and to the fact that the Finance Committee are pressing the personal sureties of four of the Collectors to lodge up to the amount of their bond, we request the Local Government Department to reconsider the question of payment of poundage. The Collection of rates forms the only means of livelihood for several of the collectors and without some payment on account of poundage it will be impossible for them to carry on."

EX-COLLECTOR J.J.KELLY.

Under date 4th July, 1929, the following was read from the Local Government Department (G.47527/1929 Loch Garman Fa):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant, relative to the payment of poundage to ex-Collector J. J. Kelly, and to point out that Mr. Kelly is not entitled to any poundage in view of the circumstances in which his services were terminated. The Minister could not agree to an ex gratia payment calculated at a rate equivalent to that normally allowed to an efficient officer.

"The matter cannot be further considered unless and until the warrant is fully closed, and in this connection the suggestion made in the recent report of the Inspector that poundage otherwise payable might be applied to close outstanding warrants, the unused receipts being given to the Collectors concerned to enable them to recoup themselves might be considered."

It was stated that the amount outstanding was £18.

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

"That the necessary amount to close warrant in No.14 Collection District be withdrawn from poundage and that the balance of poundage be paid Mr. Kelly. This proposal to be subject to the consent of Mr. Kelly and to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health"

Under date 6th July, 1929, Mr. Martin O'Hanlon, late temporary Rate Collector, wrote asking for payment of poundage. He wondered at the delay as he had finished his duties almost two months ago and was not collecting any more.

It was decided to adjourn the application of Mr. O'Hanlon to next meeting, pointing out to him, in the meantime, that the Local Government Department will not sanction payment of poundage in any district in which the warrant has not been closed.

Several letters were read from Ratepayers asking for "time" in which to pay their rates.

The Committee decided they would not interfere with the discretion of the Rate Collector in these cases.

PROPOSED SUPERANNUATION OF MR. J. J. FANNING,
CLERICAL ASSISTANT.

Under date 5th July, 1929, the following letter (G.46912/1929 Loch Garman) 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 queries relative to the superannuation of Mr. J. J. Fanning, and I am to draw attention to this Department's circular letter of the 4th April, 1925, and to state that the appropriate superannuation allowance for an Officer with Mr. Fanning's service and emoluments would be 18/60ths of £322: 9: 0d (average emolument for the last three years' service) or £96: 14: 9d.

"On receipt of a resolution of the Council granting this sum as superannuation to Mr. Fanning the Minister will be prepared to consider the question of according his assent thereto under Part IV of the Local Government Act, 1925. The fees granted to Deputy Checkers of rate collection are not pensionable emoluments."

The Committee made the following recommendation:-

"In view of the decision of Local Government Department we recommend the County Council to adopt the following resolution at their next meeting:- "That the superannuation allowance to be paid Mr. John J. Fanning, late Clerical Assistant Co. Council Office, be fixed at £96: 14: 9d as from 13th May, 1929."

DEATH OF MR. P. J. HAYES, M.R.C.V.S.

In connection with the death of Mr. P. J. Hayes, V.S., Enniscorthy (Veterinary Inspector to Co. Council) which occurred on 6th July, 1929, a vote of condolence with his widow and relatives was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Culleton.

The vote was supported by Mr. Shannon and Mr. O'Byrne and by the Secretary on behalf of himself and staff.

Under date 13th July, 1929, the following (L.2066-29) was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant and to state that the Department have learned with regret of the death of Mr. P. J. Hayes, M.R.C.V.S.

"The Department offer no objection to the Veterinary Inspection duties of the Enniscorthy district being performed by Mr. Mernagh, the Veterinary Inspector for the Gorey District, at the same rate of remuneration, up to the date of the next meeting of your County Council. They must, however, request that at that meeting steps be taken to appoint temporarily a Veterinary Surgeon resident in the Enniscorthy area pending the appointment of a successor to Mr. Hayes in the regular course on a recommendation by the Local Appointments Commissioners."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. McCarthy:- "That we approve of the duties of Veterinary Inspector in Enniscorthy District being performed by Mr. Mernagh, V.S., Gorey, up to the meeting of County Council to be held on 29th July, 1929"

With reference to the appointment of a successor the Committee recommend that the annual salary for the ordinary work under the Diseases of Animals Acts - including inspection of fairs - should be fixed at £75 and that the annual salary for work under Bovine Tuberculosis Order at £25: Total £100 per annum.

OVERDRAFT OF COUNTY COUNCIL.

Under date 24th July, 1929, the Local Government Department wrote (G.46917-1929 Loch Garman) assenting to Overdraft not exceeding £30,000 up to 31st August: interest thereon to be paid at the agreed rate.

SALARY OF MR. J. J. ROCHE: CORONER FOR SOUTH WEXFORD.

Under date 4th July, 1929, the following (G.47526/1929 Loch Garman Sd) was read from the Department of Local Government & Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government & Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant

and accompanying copy of a resolution of the Council relative to the salary of Mr. J. J. Roche, Coroner for South Wexford, and to state that he has no power to re-open the matter. He exercised the functions vested in him under Section 18 of the Coroners (Amendment) Act, 1927, by his letter of the 31st May last fixing the salary of Coroner Roche at the rate of £135 per annum as from the 1st April last."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gulleton, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "We recommend the County Council to refuse to pay the increased salary of Mr. Roche, Coroner for South Wexford."

HOUSING ACT 1929.

Circular letter under date 5th July, 1929 (H.47022/1929 Po Ilgh) explaining the principal provisions of the above Act was read.

The Secretary explained the amount of grants, loans &c., which could be made available under the Acts.

The following resolution was adopted:- "Owing to their financial position we regret we cannot recommend the Council to take advantage of the provisions of the Housing Act 1929 and we are forced to inform the Council that they cannot afford to advance loans to any individual or public utility society towards the cost of erection of houses."

SUPERANNUATION OF MR. A. A. CONNOLLY, SUPERINTENDENT REGISTRAR.

Under date 3rd July, 1929, Mr. A. A. Connolly wrote that as regards the refusal of the County Council to pay amount of his superannuation as Superintendent Registrar for Enniscorthy area he intended to instruct his Solicitor to take the necessary proceedings for the recovery of the amount unless Pay Order was issued to him immediately after the meeting of the Council on 29th July.

Under date 12th July, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote (P.49397/29 Loch Garman) that the order of the Minister in this matter imposed on the Council the obligation to pay the amount

determined by the Order.

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Council for re-consideration.

TENDERS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF ROAD WEXFORD
TO FERRYCARRIG.

Seven Tenders were received as follows for improvement of road between Wexford and Ferrycarrig:-

Patrick Cunningham, Dunleer, County Louth.

Alex Hull & Co., Ringsend, Dublin

McCaffrey & O'Carroll, Cecil Street, Limerick.

P. McKenna & Sons, Armagh.

Patrick Molloy, Church Street, Limerick.

Pioneer Road Construction Co., Dublin and

South of Ireland Asphalt Co.

It was decided that the County Surveyor furnish tabulated statement of the figures in the various tenders to the Local Government Department with a request that the Department would notify the Council in time for the meeting on 29th July with the names of the Contractors they are prepared to approve. The Finance Committee consider that the lowest tender (provided it meets with the approval of Local Government Department) should be accepted.

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES.

Under date 17th July, 1929, letter was read from Mr. Donald McAuliffe, Johnstown, Clonegal, University ~~ext~~ student, that he had been successful in both B.A. and Higher Diploma Examinations. He thanked the Council for their kindness to him.

It was decided to congratulate Mr. McAuliffe on his success.

It was decided that a meeting of Scholarship Committee should be held on Saturday 27th, July, 1929, at 10.30 a.m., in County Council Chamber, Wexford.

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY (COMPENSATION) ACT 1923

Under date 17th July, 1929, the following letter (R/DB/32)

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, with thanks, the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant and to say that the Minister trusts the Wexford County Council will be in a position to make at an early date a substantial contribution in respect of the arrears outstanding under Section 14 of the Damage to Property (Compensation) Act, 1923"

SALARY OF CO.COURTHOUSE KEEPER.

It was decided that the quarter's salary to 30th June, 1929, with coal and gas allowances etc., amounting to £14: 10: 4 be paid to Mrs McNally, County Courthouse Keeper.

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

"That the minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 18th July, 1929, as submitted to this meeting, be received and considered".

Rate Inspector.

In connection with the proposed appointment of Rate Inspector, the following, under date, 25th July, 1929, (G. 52133/1929, 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 your letter of the 18th instant forwarding the recommendations of the Finance Committee relative to the proposed appointment of a Rate Inspector, and I am to state that the Minister will be prepared to consider these proposals if the County Council adopt them at their forthcoming meeting.

"A draft of the proposed advertisement should be submitted for consideration before issue. As regards the suggested allowance for travelling, the Minister would suggest that it be a condition of payment that vouchers or returns of mileage travelled be required before payment which would show that travelling to at least the value of the sum proposed had in fact been carried out. Such returns might be called for periodically and interim payments made on the basis thereof".

Under date 27th July, 1929, the Secretary, Local Government Officials' Union, wrote that it had been brought to the attention of his Council that, since the June meeting of the Wexford County Council, the Finance Committee had approved the appointment of a Rate Inspector instead of a clerical officer to fill the position vacated by Mr Fanning. The letter stated:-

"I am to request that whichever position you decide to fill should be filled by the promotion of one of your existing clerical

staff. The arguments set out in my letter of the 19th ultimo in support of this course apply even more strongly in the case of the appointment of a Rate Inspector. For that position a knowledge of the system of Rating and Rate Collections in County Wexford would be essential. On your present Clerical Staff you have experienced and capable officers fully conversant with the system and the conditions of Rate Collection obtaining in the County.

'My letter of the 19th ultimo stressed the inadequacy of the salary proposed for the intended clerical appointment. My Council notes with surprise that it is proposed to offer the same inadequate salary for the much more responsible position of Rate Inspector - a salary less than the remuneration paid to labourers and messengers in the Dublin Corporation Service. The salary for the position of Rate Inspector, should not be less than the remuneration of the Rate Collectors whose work he will be required to supervise. The remuneration of some of the Rate Collectors in Co. Wexford, who are only part-time officers, is equal to £200 per annum and the position of Rate Inspector is to be whole-time. I am to request you to give this important aspect of the appointment your serious consideration, and to fix the salary for the proposed position at a fair and reasonable figure commensurate with the responsibilities attaching to the position.

'I am to point out that my Union's representations in this matter are made on general principles and that the Union is not concerned in the merits of any particular member of your Staff.

'I am also to request you to give your early attention to my Union's request for a satisfactory revision of the remuneration of your clerical staff generally. This question was brought before the former County Council in April 1928, and the County Council had a deputation from the Union on the subject. The matter was considered at subsequent meetings of the County Council and its Finance Committee. On the 11th June, 1928, the County Council referred it to the new County Council and the matter has been in

abeyance since then. I am to submit that it is deserving of your early and serious consideration, and that the present occasion, when the remuneration of a new appointment is being determined, is opportune for the consideration of the remuneration of your Clerical Staff in general.'"

Miss O'Ryan said that on the question of appointment of a Rate Inspector she wished to know how much would the appointment add to the expenses of collecting the rates.

The Assistant Secretary stated that the Finance Committee considered there was £156 available for the filling of a clerical vacancy, and then with the abolition of the offices of checker in the different districts, in connection with the new appointment, there would be £57 odd available, which added to the £156 would make £213. Against that amount, for the Rate Inspector, there would be £256 - £156 for salary and £100 for travelling expenses - which would mean an increase of £43.

Miss O'Ryan referred to a paragraph which appeared in the newspapers with regard to the system of rate Collection carried on from Kerry Co. Council Offices.

The Chairman said they had that matter before them and the decision was that the Council could not collect the rates like they had been collected in Kerry. Of course in Kerry they had now stopped collecting through the Post Office, and the rates were now being collected through the County Council office.

Miss O'Ryan said she was of opinion that the Council should consider the question of adopting some other method of rate Collection in view of the failure of the present method. The appointment of an Inspector would add to the expense of collecting, which increase would go back on the few remaining people who were able to pay their rates, and she thought the Council would agree that the people were already taxed beyond their capacity to pay.

The Chairman said that he wanted economy as well as any one on the Council, but he thought that in view of the small additional cost of an Inspector it would be wise to appoint one.

Miss O'Ryan suggested that perhaps the Council could dispense with the whole system of rate Collection as at present. She certainly would not advocate anything that was going to add to the expenses of collecting the rates.

Col. Quin asked if the proposal to appoint an Inspector was not brought forward with the view of securing economy. He thought it was anticipated that the Inspector would bring in so much rates that he would more than pay for himself.

Mr. McCarthy said that in order that the matter might be properly discussed he would propose that the Rate Inspector should be appointed. It was he proposed the appointment at the meeting of the Finance Committee ~~where~~ where they went into the matter fully and were convinced that the appointment would pay for itself in a very short time. They understood that a similar appointment existed in most counties in the Saorstát, and had given good results. The Council had been paying £1,100 a year as interest on overdrafts, and if they could save £300 or £400 of that amount by making the proposed appointment he thought they would be getting good value for the money paid to the Inspector. Apart from that the appointment of an Inspector was a businesslike proposal. They had twenty-one Collectors who were more or less free lances, and there was no continual supervision of their work. They had checkers in the four towns who merely checked the Collectors' books once a fortnight, Beyond that there was no proper control of the rate collection in the county, and he thought that if any business man had twenty-one representatives in an area he would have some supervision over them. He was not casting any reflection on the rate collectors in general. They had some excellent men who would work whether supervised or not, but, on the other hand, they had some collectors who required looking after, and required a little push now and again. The present system of rate collection had broken down to a certain extent, and they would have to do something to retrieve their position. He believed the appointment of an Inspector

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would be well worth the money. The proposal was to try the effect of the appointment for a year, and if they did not find it a success it was open for the Council to change.

Colonel Gibbon seconded Mr. McCarthy's proposal. He was the originator of the idea that an Inspector should be appointed. If he had read the Local Government Department's instructions correctly they talked about the Inspector doing a checking of books. He suggested that if an Inspector were to check the books of twenty-one men his full time would be taken up. It took over a day to go through a man's collection in absolute detail.

Secretary - Oh, no.

Col. Gibbon said he thought it would take over a day. His idea of the Inspector was that he should be relieved of the routine work in an office, and that his business should be to go out and make surprise visits at irregular intervals. Wherever a rate was backward the Inspector should go and see what the Rate Collector was doing, inquire into complaints about Rate Collectors going wrong, find out if money was being collected in public houses, contrary to orders, and find out how people could say they had never been called on for the rates for years past. He held that an Inspector would never get to the bottom of these difficulties if tied up by the audit side of the work. What they really wanted was a man with two duties, one of which would be to take on the newly-appointed rate Collector, have certain rules that the Collector was to follow, give him certain advice, go around with him when he was calling on rate-payers, and get him into proper routine in doing the work. That would get over a lot of difficulties of subsequent inspection. The duty of inspection in his opinion was essential, and it should be separated from the audit side of the work.

Col. Quin - You want two men ?.

Col. Gibbon - I do. You have already got the Inspectors of the books. My suggestion is that you put on another man to supervise the rate, and pay this man out of the results you get.

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Mr. Corish remarked that Col. Gibbon had stood up to second Mr. McCarthy's proposition, and now he said he wanted two men.

The Chairman said they were discussing the Finance Committee's recommendation, and there was no question of two men. The Finance Committee recommended one man, and made that recommendation from an economic point of view. Although it was going to cost a little more to have that new official, and do away with the checkers, they thought it would be good value for the money. He would not agree to two appointments at all. It was stated by one checker that the checking could be done in three days per week. Therefore, there would be three other days for supervision and for going around the country. He did not think they would need a whole-time man to do the supervision.

Mr. Hall said he agreed with Mr. McCarthy's proposal. It was his opinion that it would increase the rates slightly, but would eventually reduce the rates, and he believed they would have a large saving in the overdraft. He also agreed with Miss O'Ryan's references to the inability of the ratepayers to pay.

Mr. D'Arcy asked if the Finance Committee had considered the question of the payment of rates through a bank.

The Chairman said that when the Committee were discussing the system in Kerry, the question of paying through a bank was considered but he thought the matter was out of order altogether. At the moment they were not discussing the mode of payment; they were discussing the question of appointing a Rate Inspector.

In reply to a query by Mr. Keegan as to whether the Finance Committee asked for permission to appoint the Inspector, Mr. O'Byrne said that the Finance Committee made no attempt to make an appointment. Their idea was to interview candidates and recommend to the County Council.

Miss O'Ryan asked whether it would be wiser to have an Inspector or to change the whole system. If they were going to

stick to the present system she thought it should be improved. She agreed with Mr. D'Arcy on the question as to change of system.

The Chairman said that if the question of changing the system were taken up at that stage he thought they would want the consent of the Council, and it would mean a very long discussion, but, he was quite prepared to have a discussion if the Council considered it necessary.

Mr. Hall - The appointment of an Inspector is only to be a temporary one - for twelve months.

Chairman - Yes, but if you can devise a better way so as not to have the Inspector at all, it is not too late and if you wish to go into that question I am quite prepared to have a discussion. I am in the hands of the Council.

Colonel Gibbon said they had a Local Government Inspector (Mr. Delany) at the meeting who had a knowledge of how other systems worked in other counties and he proposed that they should suspend their discussion of the problem, and ask Mr. Delany to tell them how the systems worked in other counties.

Mr. O'Byrne said that the Finance Committee insisted on having the appointment of an Inspector to hold only for a year, and he thought it would be wise to have it for a year, as it would take a long time to arrange a new system.

The Secretary said the point raised by Mr. D'Arcy was a much bigger one than the appointment of an Inspector, and he did not think the Council could consider it in a haphazard manner. He suggested that Mr. D'Arcy should give notice of motion. One of the matters for consideration was that if they were going to abolish Rate Collectors they would have to provide for compensation. The system of paying rates through a bank was tried in Sligo and Kerry and paying through the Post-Office was much more convenient for people than paying through a bank. His opinion was that if they had a system of payment through a bank about 75 per cent would pay

and they would have as much trouble collecting the balance as if they had Collectors doing the whole work.

Mr. Delaney said that on the question raised by Colonel Gibbon he could not give the Council any reliable information that he could possibly stand over.

The Chairman said that as far as collecting through a bank was concerned, he would say that they would not get 50 per cent, not to talk of 75 per cent. The small holders would not go to a bank with the rates at all. That was his opinion. The small rates would have to be collected by a Collector. The Post-Office system of collection seemed to be a failure in Kerry, and they were now collecting the rates in the Council Office, and he did not believe the people would come to the Council Office any more than to the bank.

Mr. Keegan suggested that if they were going to abolish Collectors the only thing to do was to make the Civic Guards responsible for the collection.

Mr. Corish said he certainly agreed with the recommendation of the Committee in so far as the Inspector was concerned, There might be a better system but that was not the time to discuss it. The Collectors already had their books in hands, and he did not see it was going to do them any good to have a discussion as to whether the system of collection should be altered. What he wanted to know was if the Council were going to do away with the position formerly occupied by Mr. Fanning, and he wanted to know how it would be arranged to do his work. He also agreed with the question of salary in the letter from the Local Government Officials' Union. He thought it peculiar that a man supervising Collectors should have a lesser salary than the Collectors. He thought the position of an Inspector was a very necessary one and that it would tend to better collection and prevent embezzlement. He was, however, afraid he would have to vote against it because of the doing away with Mr. Fanning's position. He would want more information on the matter.

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The Chairman said that it had been decided that the salary Mr. T. Frizelle, Assistant Secretary, received for checking in Wexford and Gorey should be retained by him for additional work he was going to do in view of the abolition of Mr. Fanning's position.

In reply to Mr. Gaul, the Assistant Secretary said that Mr. Gaul might be assured that none of the staff would be asked to work outside office hours in connection with the abolition of the position formerly held by Mr. Fanning.

Miss O'Ryan - Won't the work probably be divided over the other officials as well as the Assistant-Secretary ?.

Secretary - Oh, yes, some of it anyhow.

Miss O'Ryan - Then I think it would be a fair thing that the £65 should be divided over the staff.

Mr. Corish said he wanted to state on behalf of the labour party that they had no objection to the Assistant Secretary getting an increase of salary, but if they found that any of the work was being given to other people in the office, they reserved the right to raise the question.

The Assistant Secretary said he received £65 for checking in Wexford and Gorey, and in connection with the abolition of those positions he objected to losing the remuneration. Owing to changes of system in rate collection, and the new Inspector's duties at present being done in the office, the work of the staff would be reduced. He asked the Finance Committee if they could transfer some of the additional work that would come on him, and leave his remuneration the same. It was not an increase of remuneration, as instead of getting it for checking he would be getting £65 for extra work. Some of that work would be done by the office staff, whose work would be reduced. It was a transfer of duties.

Mr. Corish - Will you be able to do this work inside office hours ?.

The Assistant Secretary said that at present he was very

often late on account of the checking, and it might be the same with the other work, but he was prepared to do it. In every office there was a rush period. It was really a transfer of duties from outside to inside.

When a poll on Mr. McCarthy's proposition for the appointment of an Inspector was about to be taken, Mr. Keegan said he wanted Mr. Elgee's opinion with regard to his motion.

Chairman - My opinion will have to do now.

Mr. Keegan (to Mr. Elgee) Take a note of this.

A poll on Mr. McCarthy's proposition resulted as follows:-

For:- Miss O'Ryan, Mr. Corish, Col. Gibbon, Col. Quin, Messrs Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Colloton, Cummins, Doran, Gaul, Hall, Hayes, Jordan, Mayler, McCarthy, Murphy, Shannon, Smyth, Walsh, O'Byrne and the Chairman.....22

Against:- Messrs Brennan, D'Arcy, and Keegan.....3.

The proposition was declared carried.

Arising out of the above resolution the meeting decided to deal with the following notice of motion of Miss O'Ryan:-

"That the resolution of the Council, deciding to advertise the appointment of Clerical Assistant as successor to Mr. J.J. Fanning be rescinded, that the Council consider the advisability of promoting a member of their staff to the position and, if this be agreed to, that the Council advertise the position vacated through promotion."

Miss O'Ryan mentioned that in view of the decision of the Council to appoint a Rate Inspector she would allow her notice of motion to drop and moved instead the following:- "That the position of Rate Inspector to the County Council be filled by the promotion of a member of the Clerical Staff of the County Council who is in receipt of a salary less than that proposed to be given to the Rate Inspector, and that in the event of a member of the permanent staff being so promoted the Council fill the vacant position by advertisement."

Miss O'Ryan said it was a principle of all good employment

to recognize the system of promotion ^{and} the County Council should acknowledge the wisdom of promoting members of the staff who had given faithful and satisfactory service. She did not care who the member of the staff promoted was, but as they had permanent officials competent to fill the position one of them should be selected.

Mr. Gaul said that he believed that if they had an official who would be capable of carrying out the duties he should be promoted.

Mr. O'Byrne said it would be a very dangerous thing considering the appointment of Rate Inspector was only of a temporary character to promote a member of the staff who at the end of the year might find himself out of employment and his place filled.

Mr. McCarthy said he always favoured promotion, but as this was a special appointment of an external official he did not think the question of promotion entered into it. In this position they wanted a special type of man who possessed certain qualifications. They should aim at getting a man who possessed qualities that would ensure that the position would be a success.

Mr. Keegan expressed the opinion that the person to be appointed should have some knowledge of the work required to be done.

Mr. Murphy said they would require a practical man in the position. It did not follow that a man in the Council office, if appointed, would be a success. He did not care where the practical man came from.

Mr. Cooney said they should leave the filling of the position an open one. If they confined it to promotion they might appoint an official who would not be suitable.

Miss O'Ryan said she did not mean by her proposition the promotion of an official if he were not suitable.

Mr. Corish said he would have to support Miss O'Ryan's motion. As far as the temporary aspect of the situation was concerned he took it that if the position of temporary Rate

Inspector did not prove a success, and the Council reverted to the old Scheme, the official could be transferred back.

Chairman - You should have an agreement to that effect. It would depend on the Council who would follow.

Mr. Corish - I take it if the Council record it on the Minutes what they desire to be done that the Council that follow will honourably abide by it. Anyhow you have two years to go.

Col. Quin favoured advertising the position which would not be against the promotion of one of their officials.

The Chairman said he agreed with Mr. McCarthy that as the position was a special one ~~that~~ the person to be appointed should possess qualifications of grit, perseverance and tact: It was not altogether one of educational qualifications.

Mr. Gaul asked the Secretary to state whether there was an official on the staff who would be able to discharge the duties efficiently.

Secretary - I don't think it would be fair to answer that.

The Chairman further stated that he would be generally in favour of Miss O'Ryan's proposition, but they wanted a special type of man for the position. If the recommendation of the Finance Committee were carried out it was intended to interview all the candidates.

Replying to Mr. Hayes the Secretary stated that one of the officials had experience of checking work.

A poll was taken on Miss O'Ryan's motion which resulted as follows:- For :- Messrs Corish, Gaul, Hayes, O'Ryan.....4
Against:- Messrs Brennan, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Meyler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Quin, Shannon, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman...20

Mr. Keegan did not vote.

The Chairman declared the resolution lost.

Proposed Superannuation of Mr. J. J. Fanning.

In connection with the letter of the Department of Local Government fixing the Superannuation in this case at £96 : 14: 9d

the following resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan, seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That in view of the fact that Mr. Fanning, previous to his appointment as Assistant Clerk of Gorey Union, had given two or three years' unofficial service we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to reconsider his decision and sanction the superannuation at the amount already agreed to by the Council, viz., £113 per annum."

Veterinary Inspector Enniscorthy District.

Applications for the position of Temporary Veterinary Inspector for Enniscorthy District, vacant through the death of Mr. P. J. Hayes, were received from Mr. John Mullins, V.S., and Mr. F. S. Ringwood, V.S., Enniscorthy.

Mr. Keegan proposed the appointment of Mr. Mullins.

Mr. Culleton seconded.

Mr. Hall proposed Mr. Ringwood and Colonel Gibbon seconded.

Mr. Jordan proposed Mr. G. J. Deathe, V.S., Enniscorthy.

Mr. Mayler seconded.

Mr. Cooney raised the question that no application had been received from Mr. Deathe.

The Chairman held this was not necessary as the position was not advertised and ruled Mr. Jordan's motion in order.

A poll was then taken and which resulted as follows:-

For Mullins:- Messrs Brennan Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Culleton, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, Murphy, D'Byrne Shannon and the Chairman.....13

For Ringwood:- Col. Gibbon, ^{MR. Hall} Col. Quin and Mr. McCarthy.....4

For Deathe :- Cummins, D'Arcy, Doran, Jordan, Meyler, O'Ryan, Smyth and Walsh.....8

The Chairman declared Mr. Mullins elected as he had a clear majority of those present and voting.

The appointment is conditional on Mr. Mullins making declaration under Section 71 of the Local Government Act of 1925, that Mr. Mullins resides in Enniscorthy and that his appointment

be approved by the Department of Agriculture.

Salary of Mr. John J. Roche.

Mr. Culleton proposed and Mr. Mayler seconded confirmation of the Minute of Finance Committee.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, said that if the Council persisted in saying they would not pay Mr. Roche's salary and he took proceedings and wins his action, as he undoubtedly would, those members who voted against the payment of the salary will be held responsible for his costs.

Mr. Culleton said the Councillors appeared to be only so many pawns. They made recommendations to the Local Government Department but these were ignored and the Department did whatever they thought fit and ignored the Council. Here was the case of a very large farmer and if he was not satisfied with the salary he had as Coroner he should be asked to resign.

A vote was then taken with the following result:-

For Confirming recommendation of the Finance Committee. :- Messrs Brennan, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Hall, Jordan, Keegan, Meyler, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Shannon, Smyth and the Chairman.....13.

Against:- Messrs Clinee, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Gibbon, Hayes, Murphy and Quin.....9

Messrs Doran and Walsh (2) did not vote and Miss O'Ryan was not present when vote was taken.

The Chairman declared the recommendation of Finance Committee carried.

Housing Act

Mr. Corish said that in view of the housing scarcity all over the Country the County Board of Health should be asked to formulate a scheme. He proposed:- "That we respectfully request the County Board of Health to consider the advisability of formulating a Scheme under Housing Acts and thus taking advantage of the money now available from Government sources by way of long term loans, to enable them to put forward a housing scheme."

Mr. O'Byrne seconded the resolution which was adopted.

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Superannuation of Mr. A. A. Connolly

Mr. O'Byrne proposed:- "That the Co. Council agree to the payment of superannuation of Mr. A. A. Connolly as Superintendent Registrar for Enniscorthy area in accordance with the terms of the Sealed Order issued by the Minister for Local Government". Mr. O'Byrne pointed out that in this case the Council had asked the Minister to fix the appropriate amount of superannuation and he did not see how the Council could now go back on their own decision.

Mr. Shannon seconded the resolution which was adopted nem.con.
Rate Collection.

It was decided to consider the recommendation of the various meetings of Finance Committee since last meeting of County Council in conjunction with report of Mr. Delany, Local Government Inspector, which appeared in extenso on Minutes of meeting of County Council held on 24th June, 1929.

The state of the collection, including arrears up to 27th July, 1929, was submitted.

Collector W. Cummins wrote that practically all outstanding arrears in his district were under decree or listed for hearing at District Court in Enniscorthy on 25th July with the exception of vacant premises and the like. As he had carried out the instructions of the Council he trusted his sureties would not be compelled to make up the bond.

Collector P. O'Byrne wrote regretting he was not able to close his collection by 27th July as asked for by the Finance Committee. He was doing his best carrying out seizures on his own warrant all over the district. He had also obtained decrees in District Court. If County Council could possibly give him time until, say, to end of September he would continue to seize where he could get anything as this was the only way in which he could get in the amount outstanding.

Mr. Elgee submitted letter from John Caulfield, Grange, Rathnure,

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one of the personal securities of Mr. O'Byrne, stating that he had not a penny to lodge. He had some money at the time he signed the bond but he regretted to say it was all gone. Mr. O'Byrne was leaving no stone unturned in making seizures and in collecting.

Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Grange Lower, Killanne, the second personal security of Mr. O'Byrne, wrote that this Collector was working very hard. If he got a little time he would make the arrears very small as he would carry out seizures every place he could get anything.

Collector Kelly wrote that one of his sureties had shown him Mr. Elgee's letter. He pointed out that he had followed the instruction of the Council and obtained decrees in all cases with the exception of some in which he was advised by his Solicitor not to proceed. These are cases in which he had taken former proceedings without avail the expenses falling back on him. There were also arrears on vacant premises.

Collector Sutton wrote that the amount he had under decree was £361: 10/- and the amount due on derelict farms for which previous decrees had been obtained was £286, names and addresses enclosed.

Colonel Gibbon said he understood that the recommendations of the Department were that two of the Collectors be dismissed and that they not be replaced, but that the districts be amalgamated with others.

Secretary - They gave a severe warning, to four others.

Colonel Gibbon asked what was the position that day in regard to the two Collectors whose dismissal had been recommended. Had their position improved since that report was received.? As well as he remembered they were only getting in rates at the rate of £10 per week. The collectors were Messrs P. O'Byrne and Matthew Kelly.

The Assistant Secretary (Mr. T. A. Frizelle) stated that

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the report referred to was made on June 5th and a return made up to July 25th, showed that O'Byrne had lodged £245:17/- on the old rate and £408 on the current rate. Kelly had lodged £157: 10: 9d of the arrears on the old rate and £6: 6/- on the new rate.

Col. Gibbon stated the figures showed that O'Byrne had done something in the meantime having lodged at the rate of £33 a week on the old rate and £55 on the new rate, whilst Kelly had lodged at a rate of £23 a week on the old rate and practically nothing on the new rate.

Assistant Secretary - He hadn't the new books as long as the other man.

Col. Gibbon, continuing, said that if the districts were enlarged the work of covering would cost the collector more. He questioned whether the enlarging of the districts in the past produced good results.

The Secretary said there had not been any amalgamation of districts. Some of the existing Collectors, however, in addition to their own work, had carried out the collection in adjoining districts in which collectors had been dismissed or had levanted.

Col. Gibbon proposed:- "That Collector M. Kelly be dismissed from office for neglect of duty and that Collector O'Byrne be given (on the showing he has made) another month to see what he will do to close his collection". Col. Gibbon continuing said that with regard to the amalgamation of districts he proposed for the purposes of discussion that the Council agree to the amalgamation of districts as occasion arises and appoint no more Collectors until a satisfactory scheme of amalgamation had been arrived at.

~~Col. Quin seconded.~~

Mr. Hall said he understood that Kelly had called on all the defaulters and had placed the matter in the hands of a Solicitor.

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Mr. McCarthy said that the state of his Collection was not Kelly's own fault. Kelly had done his best to get the rates, but could not get the money as it was not there.

The Chairman said the reason the Finance Committee did not take immediate action on Mr. Delany's report was that they believed the two Collectors did not realise they were going to be dismissed, and in order to see if they would improve their position they decided to give them one more chance. The Council heard what they had done in the meantime.

Col. Quin seconded Col. Gibbon's proposition.

Miss O'Ryan said that owing to the dreadful amount of unemployment, and if a man could earn a living by one rate Collection they should not amalgamate the districts. They should try and give more jobs and less pay.

Mr. Murphy - Since I came on the Council we are all the time engaged on the rate collection. We have done everything possible and we cannot do any more. If the Local Government Department is not satisfied with what we are doing let them send down somebody to collect the rates.

Mr. Cummins said the Collectors were doing their best, Seventy per cent of the people had not the money to pay rates and in some cases in Kelly's district judgment had been marked against the people who had no means. He was aware that the ratepayers were compelled to sell the best of their stock at under value in order to try and meet their liabilities. He knew of one man in his district who had to sell a horse, for which he would have obtained double the money in a few months time.

Mr. D'Arcy said that in his opinion the seizures were the most serious matter and he would like Mr. Delany to notice it. There were a good many farms derelict already. If seizures were continued more farms would become derelict and more annuities, rents and rates would not be paid next year. He suggested that a report be submitted on the number of derelict farms in the County.

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Mr. Keegan said that the Government had made it impossible for some people to set their farms. In his district he knew that unless the owner of a farm could produce a clear receipt for his rates he could not set his farm. Some of the rates were undoubtedly irrecoverable. He suggested that the Collectors should submit reports on the actual position to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Corish said he considered the discussion was developing into a dangerous channel and that they were getting away from Mr. Delany's report. He certainly admitted that the farmers were not in the position that they would all like them to be in. They were entitled to assume from the report that the Collectors referred to were not satisfactory. He, however, would not support Col. Gibbon's proposition, and what he would prefer was that they adjourn the matter until they appointed the Rate Inspector who could go into the various districts and find if the Collectors were making a genuine attempt to discharge their duties. He did not believe it would serve any good purpose to have a general discussion but that they would hamper the Collection.

Col. Gibbon said he did not propose the dismissal of both collectors - it was only one his motion referred to.

Mr. Hayes concurred with Mr. Corish that no useful purpose could be served by a public discussion. Mr. McCarthy had told them that Kelly had done his best and it was, therefore, unreasonable to propose his dismissal.

Mr. Shannon - I think he is doing as much as any man could do to get the rates.

Mr. O'Byrne referring to the letter of the Local Government Department in which comment was made on the delay in taking action in the case of ex-collector Furlong, said that as soon as the irregularities were discovered immediate steps were taken by the Secretary.

Mr. Corish moved:- "That we defer consideration of the cases of Collectors Kelly and O'Byrne for a month, and that as soon as a Rate Inspector has been appointed that he be instructed to investigate their areas immediately and report to the Finance Committee if, in the meantime, they had done their best."

Mr. Hall seconded.

The Chairman said they were all aware that at the moment it took a very strong and energetic man to be able to pay rates, but if the Council were to carry on they must certainly try to obtain the funds necessary to keep the county services going. He agreed that to be continually discussing the collection was not tending to its success and he would be glad if they could do away with the rates for a year or two and have de-rating similar to that in England and Northern Ireland. As long as the existing law continued they had got to carry on the instructions. In regard to Collectors O'Byrne and Kelly, the Finance Committee, as he already stated, deferred action in order to give them a chance of improving their positions. On that day they had a report showing an improvement in the case of one of them. He did not like dispensing with them without giving all the consideration that was possible. Mr. McCarthy had told them the position in regard to the difficulty which Collector Kelly had in his district. There was a sum of between £300 and £400 in three or four cases alone, in his district which, if it could be got, would be a big consideration in the collection. He did not want to condone the non-collection of the rate, the exorbitant amount of which was one of the main causes of its non-collection. The rates were too high, much higher than the individual could bear.

Mr. Delany said the matter had been discussed in a temperate and reasonable manner, but that he did not agree with some of the views which had been expressed. He did not agree with the view that there had been an improvement since he made his report seven weeks ago. The position, if anything, was worse.

Proceeding, Mr. Delany, quoted the figures and percentages in regard to sums outstanding and collected at the time he made his report, and on that day and continuing, asked did they show an improvement in the interim. Candidly he did not think they did. As regards Rate Collection Wexford County was incomparably the worst of the Leinster Counties over which he discharged official duties. Wexford should discharge the duties in a better way. It was not such an impoverished county as some of the others. There had been evasion on the part of a certain number of rate-payers. He was quite satisfied that there were genuine cases in which the rates could not be paid, but all irrecoverable rates should be cleared off and not kept dangled year after year. The man he pitied/^{most} was the honest ratepayer. He first paid his own rates and he then had to pay for negligent and sometimes dishonest men, and there was no end to his trouble. It was very unfair that the honourable ratepayer should be so mulcted. Some members of the Council said that the number of ratepayers was going down, but all he could say was that the Council were going the best way of diminishing the number. The collectors had not improved their position. Some members said that they were doing the best possible, but a year or two years' work could not be accomplished within six or seven weeks. They might now be making an effort but they did not do so in the past. I think the County Council are largely responsible, and I say that with all due respect, continued Mr. Delany. You paid over £1,000 in interest last year and you are probably paying more this year. Mr. Delany went on to refer to the very bad health record of the Co. Wexford with regard to which he gave statistics and suggested that there could be a saving if there was a County Medical Officer of Health, whose salary would be about £800 annually and who would do most useful work for the County. Surely such an appointment was preferable to paying £1,000 for overdraft, interest and for which there was no return.

The Chairman, intervening, said he thought that Mr. Delany

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was now giving them a treatise on public health, and that he was getting away from the rates, which was the real question.

Mr Delany said that the Chairman might be quite right and that the Council might not desire the appointment of a County Medical Officer, but the statistics in regard to the county were available. The rate collection was not as satisfactory as it could be. During the preceding seven weeks there had been no serious improvement; a certain spurt had been made but the arrears could not be pulled up in a short period. It was for the Council to put their house in order or not. The man who paid his rates was the man for whom everyone should have great sympathy.

After further discussion, Mr Hall said that Mr Delany made his inspection at a very bad time of the year, when there was no money in the country.

The Chairman said they had heard Mr Delany's lecture but he wished to refer to a Government Department which had all the power of the law in the country behind them and had mulcted the rate-payers of the Co. Wexford in a shilling in the £. He referred to the Land Commission. Would Mr Delany tell them how backward this Department was in the collection of their annuities though they had all the power of the Government behind them? The last amendment of the Land Act had been a great source of the Council not getting rates out of derelict farms, as it left the occupier simply helpless. The withholding of the grants of the Council for defaulting annuitants was another source of the big indebtedness of the Council at the moment. The Council were making a great effort to deal with the rate collection and they were doing a lot better in this respect than the Land Commission. When Mr Delany went back to Dublin, would he use his influence with the Land Commission to try and get some of the load off the shoulders of the Council? What had Mr Delany to say to that?

Mr Delany.- I have nothing to say only to recommend to you the utilisation to the full of your existing machinery.

Colonel Gibbon said, as regards his proposal to dismiss Kelly,

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if the manager of a business was making a loss year after year the owner would say "If you can't make money for me, you will have to go: you are costing ~~far~~ too much to the people who have to pay". In addition to the loss on the overdraft, they had the loss on the contracts of the Board of Health and Mental Hospital. If a man failed to collect the rates, he should, as a matter of business, be replaced. It was a question between failure and success. The man who is a failure as a Rate Collector must make room for the man who will be a success.

A vote was then taken on Mr Corish's amendment with the following result:-

For:- Miss O'Ryan, Messrs Brennan, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Cullerton, Corish, Cummins, D'Arcy, Doran, Gaul, Hall, Hayes, Jordan, Keegan, Mayler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Shannon, Smyth, Walsh, and the Chairman. 23.

Against:- Colonel Gibbon and Colonel Quin. 2.

The amendment was accordingly declared carried.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 18th July, 1929, be and are hereby confirmed".

Roads Committee.

The minutes of Roads Committee in respect of meeting held on 1st July, 1929, were submitted as follows:-

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The monthly meeting of the Roads' Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 1st July, 1929.

Mr. M. Doyle (Chairman) presided and there were also present:- Messrs Sean O'Byrne, T. F. D'Arcy, John J. Culleton, James Hall, James Shannon, Myles Smyth, P. Hayes, Thomas McCarthy, W. P. Keegan, Patrick Colfer, R. Corish, Colonel Gibbon and Colonel Quin.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following report was read from the County Surveyor:-

"Recently the Boiler Inspector made his annual inspection of the County Machinery, and I submit copy of letter received from the Insurance Company which is entirely satisfactory.

'On the 25th instant Mr. McNeill, Board of Works Engineer, accompanied me to Kilmore Harbour. Colonel Gibbon and Mr. Corish were present, as also Mr. J. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, and a number of local people. We made an examination of the Harbour entrance and took soundings, and arranged for the work to be done by the dredger, which is to be there during the week. It has been arranged that there should be a depth of 6' immediately at the Harbour entrance. The area between end of the breakwater and about half way up the slip will be dredged out to a depth of about $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet at the slip. We decided that the dredging work should be carried out on both tides each day, and the only extra cost for this will be the over-time for the men so that it should prove economical and expeditious. We were unable to arrange at the time for a Pilot or man in charge to represent the County Council on the dredger, and the Committee should decide upon this.

'I have now completed Specification and Forms for the Local Government Department in connection with the Concrete Road

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between Ferrycarrig and Wexford. As already notified to the Council I have to report that the money allocated will not cover the full length between Ferrycarrig Bridge and Auburn Terrace. The amount allocated is only £8,206 and my estimate is £9,091, for the complete length. It would be a pity when the work is being taken up that it should not be completed, as there will be trouble and inconvenience in having to close the road a second time, and I think efforts should be made to get the Local Government Department to sanction the full work, if we obtain a tender at my Estimate.

'The spraying work under the Council's proposal on Main Roads is well advanced, and I hope to have it completed shortly. The Grout work under the National Road Scheme Grant on the road between Enniscorthy and New Ross is progressing well, and we are now working towards Enniscorthy.

'The work under Loan on the Camblin Road is progressing well, and I am satisfied that I shall be able to make a good job of it.

'I have draft Plans for the alterations required by the Finance Department in the Wexford Courthouse re-construction, and hope to have the completed Plans during the week. I shall then at once, have Quantities made out by a Quantity Surveyor, and submit same to the Finance Department for sanction.

'I submit particulars and Estimate for alterations of corners at Ballymoney, Borleagh and Ballybeg, as directed by the Committee.

'At the present time section of the Duncannon Line between Dirr and Forth Commons is in a very poor condition, and it is impossible to properly maintain it without further allocation to cover extra stones which should be tarred and spread to level up pot-holes and general unevenness. This section of the road is very difficult to keep. The quantity of material required would be from 150 - 200 cubic yards, and the cost would be £120.

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'There are also a number of Special Works and improvement jobs advisable to be undertaken, and I shall submit details at the meeting.

'I have application from the Town Clerk, New Ross, for the use of the County Roller on Saturdays. If the Urban Council make their arrangements with the engine men, and pay all expenses a small figure should cover the capital charge for the use of the roller, and I think their request should be granted on these conditions.

'I submit copy of report from Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, re dumping ground in connection with Rathduff Quarry. The price asked for the land appears to me to be very high!"

Proposed by Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Quin and adopted:-

"That the report of the County Surveyor presented to this meeting be received and considered"

Kilmore Harbour.

Colonel Gibbon said Mr. Roche, M.C.C., had informed him since the inspection that the men at Kilmore had formed a ring and were not going to put a pilot on board for £2 per week. There was one man who had offered to do the work but he had since got a job on a Wexford ship. The others said that if the County Council were spending £200 a week on the dredger they could afford to pay more than £2 a week for a pilot.

After discussion it was decided on the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That the question of the employment of a man as pilot on board the dredger at Kilmore be left in the hands of the County Surveyor and Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, to make the best arrangement they can."

Wexford-Ferrycarrig Road

The County Surveyor said he proposed to do the road in three sections - one from Auburn Terrace, Wexford, to Farnogue, on which there were footpaths on each side, the second section from Farnogue to Newtown Railway Bridge on which there was a footpath on one side and the third section from Newtown Railway Bridge to Ferrycarrig. The road on the last named section could not be

closed
/and would have to be done in half widths and in ferrocrete.

He expected the Council would be able to get tenders within the figure for the length between Wexford and the Newtown Railway Bridge. If any part was to be left undone it will be the piece between Newtown Railway Bridge and the Ferrycarrig Bridge and this would have to be tackled next year.

Mr. Corish suggested the Council should first advertise the work and see what tenders they would get.

Colonel Gibbon - Does the specification include the drainage work and the cost of repairing the damage done to by roads while the work is in progress. ?

The County Surveyor said that the specification covered the drainage work but not the repair to damaged by-roads.

Colonel Gibbon gave details of five sections in which the work should be done - (1) from Auburn Terrace to Wexford Bridge; (2) from Wexford Bridge to Farnogue (3) from Farnogue to Park lane (4) from Park lane to Newtown Railway Bridge and (5) from Newtown Railway Bridge to Ferrycarrig concrete road. By using Ferrocrete the sections would be closed only three weeks; while with ordinary concrete they would be closed for from seven to eight weeks. If they had heavy lorry traffic on by-roads for eight weeks their repair expenses would be very heavy. The difference in cost between the Ferrocrete and ordinary concrete would be 7/6d per ton or a total for the whole road of £70 or £80. It would be cheaper to use ferrocrete for the whole road and get the traffic on it immediately than it would be to use ordinary concrete and pay a fabulous sum for the repair of the bog road which would go to pieces under the extra heavy traffic.

The County Surveyor stated that according to the Local Government Department's Trade list the cost of Portland cement in store was ^s43/10d per ton and of Ferrocrete ^s51/4d, a difference of 7/6d per ton. This was not taking into account railway carriage and cartage. The work would take approximately 700 tons and the

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difference in cost would be £262: 10: 0d.

Mr. Corish asked if a contractor would be likely to charge a higher price if he had to use ferrocrete. His information was that the same amount of ferrocrete could not be mixed as ordinary concrete.

The County Surveyor said that ferrocrete did not set any quicker than ordinary concrete but it hardened or "cured" faster.

Colonel Gibbon thought it would pay the Co. Council to use ferrocrete for the section from Park to the Railway bridge.

The following letter from Captain Musgrave of the British Portland Cement Association Ltd., 14, Dawson Street, Dublin, under date 18th June, 1929, was then read:-

"While in Wexford when I was with you last, I called in on Colonel Gibbon on my way to Bannow and had a general chat with him. We were discussing cement bound macadam roads and he suggested we should make a present to you of sufficient cement to lay 50 lineal yards of road. I told him that we could approach the Cement Marketing Company on the matter but could only hope for a present of cement if Ferrocrete were used on the work you intend doing between Wexford and Ferrycarrig Bridge.

"I have since written to our head office and have been authorised to let you know that we have made arrangements with the Cement Marketing Company to provide sufficient Ferrocrete cement to lay a trial length of 150 lineal yards maximum by 6 yards wide of cement bound macadam (4" coat), provided Ferrocrete is used on the Ferrycarrig-Wexford Road.

"If you have not sufficient funds to carry out the whole length in ordinary concrete, would you consider laying portion of the work in cement bound where your foundation is reasonably good.?"

'On the other hand, if this does not appeal to you, perhaps you have plant working on a main road, such as that between Enniscorthy and New Ross where you could put this trial length

down. A good sand would be required and some 4" timber with spikes. It would be advisable to have a small mixer.'"

Colonel Gibbon asked what was the estimated cost of repairing the damage for carrying the traffic over the by-road for several months while the work on the direct road was in progress.

County Surveyor - I could not say. If you had excessive traffic and bad weather a couple of hundred pounds would go a very short way.

Colonel Gibbon - And you would save that if you used ferrocrete.

The County Surveyor said he thought they should be able to start the work in about a month's time. He had given up to 1st December in the specification for completion. This was taking the period in contrast with the time - 8 months - to do the eleven miles of concrete road between Ferrycarrig Bridge and Enniscorthy. The present work would cover a length of a shade over two miles.

Colonel Gibbon said there should be an expansion joint at any place where the laying of the cement ceased for half an hour during the progress of the work or for the stoppage at dinner hour.

The County Surveyor disagreed. There was only one crack in the work on Wexford Quay and they had not used expansion joints. The American practice was not to lay any expansion joints at all. If, as had been provided for in the specification, expansion joints were provided at every 50 feet they were not going to have much trouble.

The Chairman said the Council would not know exactly where they stood until they had obtained the estimates for concrete and for ferrocrete.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Quin and adopted:- "That we approve of the specification for concrete road between Auburn

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Terrace, Wexford and concrete ending at Ferrycarrig bridge as submitted to this meeting of the County Surveyor. That tenders be invited for the execution of the work in concrete and in ferrocrete and that application be made to the Minister for Local Government for closing of road during the progress of the work."

Dangerous Corners - Chapel, Clonroche.

In connection with this matter adjourned from a previous meeting, Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, said that Mr. John Crimeen would give the necessary land for the widening of dangerous corner at Chapel without charge.

It was decided that Mr. Cullen should obtain a statement in writing to this effect from Mr. Crimeen.

The County Surveyor said he was afraid if they tackled a few corners at every meeting they would deplete the Contingency Fund to an extent that would be inadvisable as they might want the money for more pressing work later. He thought these dangerous corners should be dealt with as special proposals in the Autumn.

Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, said corner at Chapel was very dangerous as there was no view at all there.

Mr. Shannon said he had been interviewed by the residents and they had pressed him in the interests of the public to try and have something done. The matter was hanging on for a long time and it was now proposed it should hang on longer. As the place was so dangerous he moved that the work be carried out.

Mr. Corish said they should take into consideration the state of the Contingency Fund and see what dangerous corners it was imperative to attend to at once. There was not sufficient money to deal with all dangerous corners this year and he thought they should have a proper report from the officials as to what corners were necessary to be seen to at once before voting on two or three. If they voted indiscriminately on each corner as it came up, others,

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far more dangerous and more pressing might not be considered. Before doing anything they should have a report from the County Surveyor as to the state of the Contingency Fund.

The County Surveyor said they had £1185 in the Main Roads Contingency Fund and £1244 in the County Roads Contingency Fund. The corners to be dealt with at that day's meeting would all come on the County Roads Contingency Fund. There was a number of Dangerous corners existing and as Mr. Corish had said it was not the most satisfactory way to have a corner mentioned at a meeting and a special allocation made for it from the Contingency Fund. He and the Assistant Surveyors would have to report that all these corners were bad. It would be better if all these were brought on by notice of motion at the November meeting of the Council. They could then make a selection from the dozen or two dozen corners brought on and allocate the funds to deal with them.

Mr. D'Arcy proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following resolution:- "That the allocation of amounts from Contingency Fund to deal with dangerous corners reported to this meeting be adjourned".

A vote was taken with the following result:-

For:- Colonel Quin, Messrs Hall, Culleton, D'Arcy, Smyth, McCarthy, Corish, Hayes, Colfer, Gibbon and the Chairman.....11
Against:- Messrs Keegan, Shannon and O'Byrne.....3.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Ballybeg Corner.

The County Surveyor said this was a terrible corner similar to what was called the Pig's Elbow near Kilmore. The banks are high and the fields on one side above the level of the road. It was certainly dangerous. When he inspected it he narrowly escaped a collision with another motor car altho' at the time he (County Surveyor) was about to stop. There was absolutely no view

and he proposed to cut down the bushes and put up a post and wire fence that would give a view. This could be done for about £15 if the owners would not raise any objection.

It was decided that, for the present, the County Surveyor should arrange, if possible, to have the hedges trimmed to provide a view for traffic.

Ballymoney Corner.

The County Surveyor said it would cost about £15 to deal with this corner.

Mr. Keegan said that the corner converged on two roads leading to the sea. Two or three large families lived beside it and the small children had very narrow escapes from being injured by passing motor cars. He proposed that the work should be carried out.

It was decided in accordance with resolution adopted in connection with corner at Chapel that further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

Dunannon Line.

Mr. Colfer asked if there was any possibility of securing a government grant for the improvement of this road.

The County Surveyor said he thought not. It was only a link road and the grants up to the present had been applied to trunk roads only.

Colonel Gibbon proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem.con.:—

"That a sum of £120 be allocated from Contingency Roads Fund for the repair of Dunannon Line between the Dirr and Forth Commons"

Mr. Culleton said it appeared to him to be very early in the year to be allocating money from the Contingency Fund to the extent the Roads' Committee were doing.

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Miscellaneous Works.

As recommended by the County Surveyor the following works were agreed to:-

1. Pipe gullet at Kiltennel to prevent flooding at Miss Gibbons. Estimated cost £7 to be allocated from Co. Contingency Fund.

2. Gullet at Curteencurragh amount £3 to be taken from Contingency Fund.

3. Gullet at Ballycomelone £6: 10: 0d; amount to be taken from Contingency Fund.

The County Surveyor said these works should be done immediately and it would mean a saving if they were carried out now.

The County Surveyor also mentioned that the road between Ballymackessy and Ballybrennan Quarry (No.51) had been greatly cut up. The amount of the proposal was £1500 but £1284 was all that was allowed. He wanted another couple of hundred pounds now. It was essential to do this. If they did not tar dress this piece of road ^{at} the present time the work already done would not last.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Shannon, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, that £200 be allocated from the Contingency Fund to provide for tar spraying road between Ballymackessy and Ballybrennan quarry; amount to be withdrawn from Contingency Fund.

Mr. Shannon called attention to a serious accident which had occurred at turn at D'Arcy's forge at Moneytucker. Nothing had to be done at the place but lower the fence.

It was decided that the County Surveyor should have fences trimmed at this point cost not to exceed £5.

New Ross Urban Council and hire of Roller.

The following under date 27th June, 1929, to the County Surveyor from Mr. M. J. Finn, Town Clerk, New Ross, was read:-

"I am directed by my Council to ask if you can hire the steam roller to them on a couple of Saturdays in the afternoon and, if so, kindly state rate per hour."

The County Surveyor suggested that the New Ross Urban Council should pay 10/- per half day to cover capital charge and that they make their own arrangements with the men in charge as to payment of wages.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded a resolution embodying the recommendation of the County Surveyor and this was adopted.

Rathduff Quarry.

The following report, under date 26th June, 1929, was read from Mr. T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor:-

"In connection with your instructions re breaking ground for above. I have been making inquiries and can secure only one suitable place where the amount claimed is anyway at all reasonable, and where there will be no objection by residents.

"Recently Mr. Shannon, M.C.C., and myself interviewed Mr. John Forrestal, Rathnure, the owner of field in question, and he is prepared to give half statute acre near Oldtown Cross at rate of £3: 10: 0d per annum. The place is very suitable, and unless arrangements for breaking can be completed shortly it will mean delay in getting tonnages to roads."

Mr. Shannon said there was no other place in the immediate district procurable.

Mr. Cullen agreed. He had been in negotiations with a man named Brennan who had complained of the action of the Council in breaking on the side of the road. He asked £3 per annum or £20 for one-fifth of an acre.

Colonel Gibbon proposed:- "That stone breaking on road at Rathduff be continued as in the past and the people of the district be notified that when the County Council can find a more suitable place at a reasonable price they would take it."

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Mr. Hall seconded.

The County Surveyor said that there was never less than 10 or 12 feet of a travelling surface left when breaking was being carried out. The period of breaking was only about a week.

Mr. Shannon said the trouble was that horses would not pass the place owing to the noise of engine and breaker.

The resolution was then put and adopted.

Colonel Quin proposed, and Mr. O'Byrne seconded, the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the report of County Surveyor as submitted to this meeting be adopted."

AGRICULTURAL LABOURER AND ROAD WORK.

Mr. Keegan complained that a man named Patrick Fortune who had not been previously employed by the Council had been taken out of a farmer's yard from his work.

The County Surveyor read report from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, that before Fortune was taken on for County Council work it was understood he had been in temporary employment only and that the work on which he was engaged was then finished. On further enquiries, since the last meeting of the Roads' Committee, it was found that the statement he made was not true and his employment with the Council had been terminated.

It was decided that the County Surveyor submit detailed report as regards this case.

PROPOSED NEW ROAD AT CORRAGH? BUNCLODY

Under date 28th June, 1929, the following report was read from Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor:-

"A certain difficulty has arisen in respect of this work. The County Council were to spend £250 which together with the free work of the local people was supposed to make this lane into

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a County Road. I have seen some of these people and attempted to explain what I wanted them to do. Apparently, however, our ideas of the amount of work they had promised to do are very different. They are apparently only willing to move in a short piece of ditch (already partly done) and to clean off the briars and bushes in places. The total value of this work would hardly be at the outside more than £10 or £15, as for a considerable distance the lane is 18 feet to 25 feet wide and little trimming would be required. My impression was that the County Council understood they were to do work of a value considerably in excess of this.

"What I was laying out for them to do was as follows:- To pick and lower the sides so as to give a more or less shaped foundation on the road. Width to be 13 ft. To place to one side any stones they got in doing this and to remove the clay. We, ourselves would do this shaping in the places where there was any considerable rock.

"This work that I wanted them to do would not entail moving the full width of the banks at the sides, as to do so would give a roadway 14 to 16 feet wide which is not required.

"I had intended to then spend the money in quarrying and breaking the very considerable quantity of stones required. To spread this to a width of, say, 12 feet and to sink water-tables using the stuff raised as blinding for the surface.

"It is rather difficult to say exactly what the money value of the work I wanted them to do would be. £50 or £60 should do most of it. I have a list of 17 people who expresses themselves as willing to do any work they were asked. This would be £3 or £3: 10: 0d each which seems reasonable enough if they really require the road.

"The road is about $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles long, and is almost all a hill. If it is not properly shaped at first it will be a continual source of expense.

"I may say I rather gather that these people would like the £250 spent as far as it goes, and, perhaps next year the County Council would give more to finish it."'

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Colonel Quin:- "That until the local people carry out the work outlined in Mr. Ennis's report of the 28th June, 1929, the proposal of the County Council as regards improvement of Corragh lane remain in abeyance."

NEW ROSS OLD WORKHOUSE BUILDINGS.

Under date 27th June, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote (P.44846/29 (Ad)Loch Garman) forwarding the following extract from report of Inspector, Mr. Delaney, consequent on his recent inspection of New Ross Workhouse:-

"In New Ross Workhouse, for which no Caretaker has been appointed, the Body of the House is falling into ruins."

The Chairman said he thought the ratepayers were over-taxed without tackling any new outlay.

The County Surveyor said he would bring forward a list of necessary repairs. If they did not do some work there the buildings would fall down.

Chairman - Let them fall down.

BUNCLODY FOOTPATHS.

The following memorial, signed by 60 Ratepayers, including Parish Priest, Curate, Rector and Medical Officer, was read:-

"We, the Undersigned ratepayers, district of Bunclody, ask you to consider the erection of footpaths at Irish Street, Bunclody as we consider same an absolute necessity for pedestrian traffic."

The County Surveyor said this application should be considered at the November meeting of the Council which would deal with all special works and a resolution to this effect was adopted on the motion of Colonel Quin seconded by Mr. Culleton.

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CAHORE DRAINAGE SCHEME.

Mr. O'Byrne mentioned that the lands of Cahore, on which there was a drainage scheme, were about to be handed over to the tenants who had been asked to send in any objections to the taking over ^{of} the estate by the 23rd June. The tenants asked the County Council to help them to have section 20 of the Land Act of 1927 put into operation. The County Council would be put to the expense of maintaining the drainage system if handed over to them and now was the only time at which they could get fair play. The tenants believed the landlords were responsible for the drainage area. They never had to pay a drainage rate only what was in the rent.

Mr. Corish said if the Minister put the section into operation the Land Commission would retain a certain amount of the purchase money to cover the drainage. If the land was purchased by the tenants the drainage system would be handed over to the Council. Now was the time to see that the system was put into a proper condition.

Colonel Gibbon said there was no method whereby a drainage area could come under the Council unless the drainage area was taken over and improved by the Department of Public Works. It was only when they found a drainage area in a derelict condition and carried out improved works that it was passed on to the Council. He did not think this applied to Cahore. The drainage works were supposed to have been kept up by the drainage trustees. The tenants and trustees comprising the drainage board tried to get the Board of Works to take it up for renovation purposes but the Department found it impossible to spend money ~~on it~~ economically on the system ~~or~~ without putting on a prohibitive drainage rate and consequently they refused to touch it. Consequently there could be no question that

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it could be brought under Section 20 of the Land Act of 1927 or passing it on to the County Council.

Mr. O'Byrne said that in this case the different landlords constituted the drainage trustees who would get relieved of their responsibility for the upkeep of the drainage area when the land passed to the tenants. They should not be allowed to get out of the responsibility which was theirs for years and in fixing the purchase money account should be taken of the liability of the landlords for the drainage.

Colonel Quin said that both sides were to blame. The Drainage Committee were supposed to do a certain amount of work and so were the tenants. There was a lot of talk about these poor landlords getting a great deal of money for their land but they did not want to sell; the land was taken from them by law. In his own case he had to pay £800 to get back a small bit of land. In this case both sides had not done their work and both sides should have cleared up their drains. He understood that the banks of the drains had been greatly cut up by cattle and the drainage Committee had never been able to prevent this trespass. So long as this took place drainage work could not be properly carried out.

Mr. Corish said that when the Land Act of 1927 was going through An Dail the Minister of Agriculture sent him a note across the House that section 20 was being put in to relieve places such as Cahore. The Land Commission held the view that because there was a drainage board in operation or should be in operation in Cahore the section in question could not apply. That was the difficulty and the crux at the moment. As to Colonel Quin's statement that both sides were to blame so far as (Mr. Corish could see the position, the unfortunate tenants were, in their rent obliged to pay a contribution to the drainage board which gave them no information at any time as to what was being done

with the money. It appeared that the money contributed for drainage was not spent. The County Council should make some move in the matter as the land was about being transferred to the tenants. There was no use in standing idly by as they might be involved in a very large expenditure for this system later on.

Mr. Elgee pointed out that Section 20 of the Land Act of 1927 referred only to drainage schemes maintainable by the landlord and did not deal with schemes administered by drainage trustees.

Colonel Gibbon said according to the Drainage Acts or Regulations the trustees had to give annually in the local papers notice two weeks prior to the meeting of the general drainage ratepayers for the appointment of trustees and other business. In this particular case the trustees never published that there was going to be a meeting and never summoned the smaller men to such a meeting. The whole matter was kept in the hands of two or three men, but the smaller men never insisted on their rights. Where they objected they did not pay but there were smaller men who had to pay in their rents. The drainage had got into a bad condition and the trustees refused to do anything. Colonel Gibbon then referred, in detail, to the manner in which the maintenance work had been neglected. The sluice which should be opened and closed twice in every 24 hours was only operated now and again in a very irregular way.

Mr. O'Byrne said there was no record of any tenant being rated especially for drainage or of any contribution by them except in their rent. The maintenance of the System was an obligation on the landlords in view of the rent they received for the land. He proposed the following:-

"That the Land Commission when transferring the lands of Cahore to the tenants should put into operation Section 20 of the Land Act of 1927, in view of the circumstances pertaining

in the drainage area in that district."

Mr. Smyth seconded.

Colonel Gibbon said that in fixing the price to be paid landlords regard would be had to the condition of the land and the landlords would not get as much as if the estate was properly drained.

Chairman - Won't the annuity be fixed on the amount of the rent paid at the moment.

Colonel Quin thought the matter should be fought out between the landlords and the tenants. The latter were supposed to clean up certain drains and the land would be in much better condition than at present if that had been done. He understood that no contributions were asked for by the drainage board and these men who were now howling did not pay a penny of drainage rate. It was very easy to say that it was paid in the rent but they had nothing to show they did this. It was very easy to make a mythical statement.

Mr. Smyth objected to Colonel Quin's remarks. The tenants were only fighting for their rights. It would be bad business for the tenants to spend money on side drains when there was no outlet and when the main drains were not looked after.

Mr. D'Arcy said he had an intimate knowledge of the place. What Mr. O'Byrne stated as to the landlords being obliged to keep the main drain open and having included a certain amount in the rent for drainage purposes was absolutely true. Since the Land Act of 1923 nothing had been done by the landlords. The Council should take very serious notice of the position as they may eventually be let in for serious expenditure owing to the neglect of the drainage and the flooding of other people's lands. There was also the question of the flooding of the roads, which had been several times under the notice of the Council. It was the duty of the Council to do what they could to help the tenants in the matter.

Mr. Keegan said it was the landlords who constituted the drainage board and they had let the system down to such an extent that the land at present was not worth the rates.

Mr. Elgee said that section 20 would not be applied when drainage trustees were in existence.

Mr. Smyth - The tenants had no representation on the drainage board.

Colonel Gibbon - They had the right but they never exercised it.

Mr. Smyth - They were never accepted or recognised in any shape or form.

Chairman - The position is that if you have a drainage board you cannot apply section 20; if you have no board the section applies. Would the non-existence of this board or their non-functioning for any certain term knock them out.

Mr. Corish then proposed the following resolution:-

"That as the neglect of drainage area at Cahore is responsible for the serious flooding of adjoining roads for a considerable period of the year and, as we understand the lands concerned are shortly about to change hands, we request information as to what the Office of Public Works intend doing to safeguard our interests and to prevent the roads being flooded which causes inconvenience to a large section of the public."

Colonel Quin seconded and the resolution was unanimously adopted.

The resolution of Mr. O'Byrne as to application of Section 20 of the Land Act of 1927 was then put and passed.

KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

The following under date 28th June (P(C) 10384/29) was read from the Land Commission:-

"With reference to your letter of the 4th March last forwarding copy of a resolution adopted by your Council at their

meeting on the 25th February relative to the Drainage System of the above District and your previous letter of the 18th February relative to a fund of £400 for the upkeep of an embankment at Kilmannock at present in the hands of the Public Trustees, I am directed by the Land Commissioners to state that the Estates referred to appear to be the following:-

(Kilmannock)	:	J.P. Cuffe E.C.10248
(Power)	:	Gallwey (otherwise Power) S.855
(Houghton)	:	Sir H.Houghton Stewart & Another E. 3956
(Ryland)	:	Richard H. Ryland, E.C.8483.

"It is understood that the above-named District comprises parts of the lands of Ballyedock, Greatisland and Kilmannock. These lands are situated respectively on the above mentioned Estates of Sir H. Houghton Stewart, Gallwey (otherwise Power) and J. P. Cuffe.

"The lands on the Stewart Estate were vested in the occupying tenants under the Irish Land Act 1903 in the year 1913. The question, therefore, of retaining any funds for the upkeep of protective works thereon does not now arise.

"The sale of the Gallwey Estate is now proceeding under the provisions of the Land Act 1923. The Commissioners, however, do not propose to apply for the retention of any funds out of the purchase money thereof for the upkeep of works situated in the Kilmannock Drainage District which are maintainable by your Council under the Drainage Acts.

"The lands on the Cuffe Estate have also been sold to purchasers under the Land Purchase Acts, and a fund of £400 was provided on the occasion of the sale to assist in the upkeep of the embankment bounding the lands of Kilmannock and, of the drain and sluice connected therewith. This fund is at present held by the Public Trustee and administered by local trustees, viz., John Barnwell, Jeremiah Clancy, James M. Atkinson, Thomas Ryan and Michael Henahan under the provisions of a Deed of Trust.

"The Land Commission would be prepared to take the necessary steps to have the administration of this fund transferred to your Council under the provisions of Section 21 of the Land Act 1927

on hearing from you that the Council would acquiesce in such transfer, in which case the interest of the fund would be paid to the Council to be expended on the upkeep of the works referred to.

"The lands on the Ryland Estate also mentioned in the resolution do not appear to be situated within this Drainage District. They have been vested for some year in the purchasing tenants under the Land Purchase Acts."

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. McCarthy seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem.con.:- "That the County Council be recommended to apply to the Land Commission for the transfer of the fund of £400 under the provisions of Section 21 of the Land Act of 1927; the interest of said fund to be applied to the maintenance of Kilmannock drainage Scheme."

ROSSLARE COAST ROAD.

Under date 21st June, 1929, the following was read from Mr. Philip Wickham, Villa Marina, Rosslare Strand:-

"As a last resource I again ask to draw your attention re the dangerous condition of the road in front of my house. Should we have a repetition of last winter's storms and tides I shall have no means of entrance to or exit from my house except through the fields.

"Also please note this fact the water pipes are laid in front of my house and garden and are within a margin of 18 feet from the last slip in the hill. If I might make a suggestion, say, if some small protection were placed at the bottom of the hill in front of the houses in danger, I am almost sure, with material on the spot, that it would cost no more than what it will eventually cost to take up the pipes and relay them at the back of the houses. Should that be impossible to do, at least, I am sure that you could stop the drawing of the gravel for three or four hundred yards for instance from the reservoir to Mr. Kehoe's house, at least give it

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a trial for a year or so. Practically all the gravel is drawn from under my own house in fact there is now an absolute hollow in the beach at that point, consequently the sea has far more force on the bank there.

"I do not think I have been at all unreasonable in what I have asked to be done considering the danger I am in."

The County Surveyor said that, personally, he did not think that the drawing of the gravel had very much influence on the erosion which in his opinion was caused by the change in the set of the tide. The gravel which used to come up at Rosslare was now held up at the back of Ballygeary Pier. The Council could try some small concrete repair work there and it might be serviceable or it might not.

Colonel Gibbon said there was a great deal more drawing of gravel there in the old days than now. The pier at Ballygeary had altered the set of the tides. Perhaps it might be possible to try the effect of groins at certain places.

The County Surveyor said he would object to groins; they would hold the shingle and sand as it travelled up the coast at one place. The shingle that formerly came to Rosslare was now held at Ballygeary and anything at Rosslare was going away and there was nothing to replace it.

The Chairman said it was a mistake to think that more gravel was drawn from the beach in former years than was taken away now. The new houses there were all built with gravel taken from the one place - the bottom opposite Wickham's house. There was more gravel taken from Rosslare at the present day in one Summer than there was in six Summers formerly. A very considerable portion of the gravel cast on the beach was taken for the building of houses by the people who were now complaining. He suggested that no gravel would be drawn from a certain portion of the beach and they could see if the strand would make up there again.

Mr. Culleton said the prohibition of removal of gravel from Ardavan strand had been attended ^{with} ~~in~~ good results.

Mr. Birthistle said that up at the Fort the strand was making up again and that was the general tendency. The County Council drew about 700 yards annually and if this could not be obtained at Rosslare it would have to be got at St. Helen's or at the new quay. This would mean an extra cost of about 5/- a yard. He thought it might be possible - for the purposes of experiment - to try a few yards of a cement wall as a retaining wall where the gaps were.

The County Surveyor thought if they put up groins it would only ~~mean~~ having a place where people could easily procure gravel.

Mr. Birthistle said that the Council did not take for their roads quarter of the amount of gravel which had been taken.

Colonel Quin thought it would be better not to take action until they had a considered report from the County Surveyor.

Mr. Hall was in favour of a small experiment with retaining walls. It would not cost very much.

Colonel Gibbon advocated obtaining a report from an Engineer who had specialised in this class of work.

The County Surveyor said he was afraid that a report of this nature would cost about 100 guineas.

The County Surveyor said that at Courtown the blocks had made up the shore because they had something to work on; the difficulty at Rosslare was that the shingle was being held at the pier.

The Chairman said there were hundreds of loads of gravel going off the strand every week and it was coming from somewhere. He asked the County Surveyor and Mr. Birthistle to take a very special look at the place and see if they could recommend something which they considered would be effective.

Mr. Birthistle said they could try one groin there and they could see in a couple of months what it would do.

County Surveyor - You will not do much that will be of service under £100.

The Chairman said that the battery wall at the old Coastguard station had protected the place.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Shannon, that the County Surveyor submit a special report to next meeting of the Roads' Committee with special reference to any places where they see the strand is making.

ERECTION OF WALL.

Under date 18th June, 1929, the following letter was read from Mr. Joseph Doyle, Cooney's Cross, Screen:-

"I wish to apply for permission to erect a wall in front of my house at Cooney's Cross, Screen. I have no protection to my house whatever. All wandering animals can come and stand and rub against my doors or break my windows. I would be very much obliged if I got permission to erect the said wall.

"Mr. Barry and Mr. Birthistle are aware of the full facts of the case."

The County Surveyor said he had no objection to the Roads Committee agreeing to the application.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "The Roads' Committee have no objection to erection of wall at Cooney's Cross, Screen, opposite premises of Mr. Joseph Doyle, provided height of wall does not exceed four feet, and that the work is carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

Colonel Quin dissented.

BROADWAY HALL FOR CINEMA HALL.

An application by Mr. Raymond Doyle, Broadway, on behalf of Hall Committee, for Cinema Licence for Broadway Hall, was adjourned for report of County Surveyor and the Garda Síochána as to the suitability of premises and supervision of entertainment.

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ENNISCORTHY URBAN COUNCIL AND MAIN ROAD IMPROVEMENT.

The following letter, under date 18th June, 1929 (Ref. RD/32) and addressed to the Town Clerk, Enniscorthy, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

"With further reference to your letter of the 16th ultimo relative to a grant to the Wexford County Council for certain works of road improvement in Enniscorthy, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that it is suggested that the County Surveyor, with the assistance of the Town Surveyor, examine the areas of the thoroughfares to be made good and submit proposals and estimates which should be considered by the County Council and this Department in connection with next year's distribution from the Road Fund. In the meantime the underground services should be overhauled. "

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

"That we approve of consultation between County Surveyor and Town Surveyor of Enniscorthy Urban District, as to report on main road improvement in Enniscorthy Urban District and the preparation of estimate of cost of said work."

ERECTION OF HOUSE AT CAMPILE.

Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, reported, under date 8th June, 1929, that Mr. James Forrestal, Campile, proposed to erect house beside the Ball-Alley at Campile. The width of the road is 15 feet and at no point would the side wall of the house be 30 feet from the centre of the road.

It was decided to inform Mr. Forrestal that the County Council cannot consent to the rection of any building which is to be erected being less than 30 feet from the centre of the public road. If Mr. Forrestal proceeds with the work he will do so at his own risk.

PROPOSED TRAINING OF ENGINEERING STUDENT.

The County Surveyor submitted letter from the Chief Mechanical Engineer, Office of High Commissioner for India, London, asking if County Surveyor would be prepared to afford the necessary facilities to L.R.Marwardi for a two years training in Highway Engineering.

It was decided to recommend the County Surveyor to take no action in the matter.

PROPOSED POUND AT SALTMILLS.

Mr. D. Corish, District Court Clerk, submitted the following requisition from Mr. J. V. Fahy, District Justice, under date 17th June, 1929:-

"Upon application made to me, the Justice assigned to above District and Court Area, by Superintendent Michael Walsh, Garda Siochana, New Ross, I hereby authorize the establishment of a Pound on the lands of William Costello at Saltmills in the above Court Area and I appoint the said William Costello to be the Keeper thereof."

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

"That requisition from District Justice as to proposed establishment of Pound for animals at Saltmills be referred to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, for his advice."

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

"That the Minutes of Roads Committee, in respect of Meeting held on 1st July, 1929, as submitted to this meeting, be received and considered".

Kilmore Harbour.

The following letter, under date 25th July, 1929, (8652/29), was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"We have to inform you that we have received a report from the Master of the Dredger 'Cara-na-gCuan' stating that while dredging at 4.30 a.m. and 6 p.m. on the 19th instant they were held up by obstruction. The Master hauled off and on examination discovered a large cable under four feet of cover leading across the harbour. The Master hooked the bight but failed to raise the cable. At time of reporting he was standing off for tide to make another attempt.

"The presence of this obstruction may hold up the dredging operations".

The County Surveyor said that the dredger had lost four days trying to lift the cable and they had also lost a good deal of time owing to big boulders catching in the doors of the hopper and having to be prised out with bars. The work was going on very slowly and he had written Mr McNeill, Engineer, for a complete log of the work.

Colonel Gibbon said the dredger had taken out only three loads in the past fortnight. The reasons given for the poor progress were first the removal of the boulders which jammed the whole machinery. That was an unforeseen matter and the Council would have to stand the extra expense. With regard to the cable, which was also greatly responsible for the delay, he suggested they should approach the Department responsible for Irish Lights and claim an additional grant for the extra expense. They could not put the loss of time due to this chain as less than a week. In order to put themselves in a position

to make a proper claim they ought to have on record the total amount of the sand, gravel and stones taken out of the harbour and the number of hours worked when the matter came to be further considered by the Council.

The County Surveyor said that, up to the 25th July, seven loads had been taken out and there was probably another one since. The dredger people claimed the load was 250 tons but he did not believe it would run to much over 200 tons.

Colonel Gibbon.- They said they would finish the job in three weeks. The regulation about dredging is that parties who have moorings had to lift them out of the way of the dredger but this cable was left sunk four feet and injured the buckets. It was unfair that the Council should bear the consequent expense.

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

"That the County Surveyor communicate with the Office of Public Works and with the Department responsible for Irish Lights and furnish details as regards the extra expense incurred by the Council owing to the fact that the old cable, which moored the lightship tender, was not removed before dredging operations were commenced in Kilmore Harbour. The Council are of opinion they should not be mulcted in the extra expense owing to the neglect to remove the cable."

Mr Elgee said that the lightship tender was privately owned and had been worked by the late Mr M A Ennis for Mr Robinson, contractor to the Irish Lights Department.

Dangerous Corners.

Mr Shannon proposed:-

"That the County Council proceed with the work of easement at the following dangerous corners, viz., Chapel, amount £12, Ballybeg, £15, and Ballymoney, £15; total, £42, amount to be taken from the Road Contingency Fund".

Mr Cooney seconded.

The County Surveyor said the Finance Committee was of opinion it would be advisable to consider all dangerous ^{corners} ~~ereers~~ together at the November meeting at which they would have a full list and could deal with the most important rather than deal with those which cropped up at intervals at meetings. By dealing with isolated corners at several meetings they would perhaps leave out others which were more dangerous.

Mr McCarthy said that in dealing with these proposals, which were no doubt necessary, they were losing sight of the real purpose of the Contingency Fund which had been set up to provide funds to meet emergency work that might arise from time to time, such, for instance, as repair of Haresmead Bridge which the County Surveyor was to put before the meeting. They did not know what other repairs (which it would be dangerous to the public to hold over) might arise between this and the end of the year. The easement of dangerous corners should be dealt with at the November meeting and, if then rejected, they should not be brought forward until the following November. Every member could find three or four dangerous corners in his district. He did not think it was good policy now to bring forward a proposal to have the corners under discussion removed while a large number of others, probably worse, remained, and regarding which Councillors refrained from bringing forward until the consideration of the estimates in November.

A poll was taken on the proposition of Mr Shannon with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Keegan, O'Byrne, and Shannon. 6.

A gainst:- Messrs Brennan, Corish, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gaul, Gibbon, Hall, Hayes, Jordan, Mayler, McCarthy, Murphy, Quin, Smyth, Walsh, and the Chairman. 17.

Mr Cummins and Miss O'Ryan were absent during the division. the Chairman declared the proposal lost.

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Stonebreaking at Rathduff Cross.

Mr Jordan said that this stonebreaking was being carried on at the back of a man's house and no Councillor would like to be smothered with stone dust. The man should not be persecuted in this manner.

Mr Shannon proposed and Mr Cline seconded the following resolution:-

"That the Council accept the offer of Mr John Forrestal, Rathnure, to rent half statute acre at Oldtown cross to provide a dump for stonebreaking".

The County Surveyor stated that the breaking was carried on for about a week or ten days and the machinery was 40 yards away from any dwelling-house.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Brennan, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Culleton, Doran, Jordan, McCarthy, Shannon, and Walsh. 10.

Against:- Messrs Corish, D'Arcy, Gaul, Gibbon, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, Mayler, O'Byrne, Quin, Smyth, Miss O'Ryan and the Chairman. 13.

Mr Murphy declined to vote and Mr Cummins was absent from the division.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

New Ross Urban Council and Hire of Roller.

Under date, 24th July, 1929, Mr M J Finn, Town Clerk, New Ross, wrote that the terms of the County Council had been accepted by New Ross Urban District Council.

Agricultural Labourer and Road Work.

Mr Keegan said that, since last meeting, he had been informed that a man, whose name he thought was Ward, had been taken out of the employment of Mr A Kinsella and employed on roads. He suggested that the matter should be gone into at next meeting of the Roads Committee when both cases - Fortune's and Ward's - could be considered. The ganger concerned and the Assistant Surveyor should

be in attendance.

This suggestion was agreed to.

Proposed New Road at Corragh.

The County Surveyor said that, when the local Committee visited this road, they were given to understand that the local people would do a considerable amount of work. If the Council spent the money which had been allocated it would be useless. The proposal should be held up until the local people had carried out the work specified at the Roads Committee.

New Ross Workhouse Buildings.

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

"That, as the State claims to be owners of all old Workhouse buildings, they should be maintained from State funds".

Cahore and Kilmannock Drainage Schemes.

Mr O'Byrne proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr Shannon and adopted:-

"That the Government Departments concerned be asked for a reply to the resolutions adopted by the County Council at their last meeting".

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

"That the Minutes of Roads Committee, in respect of meeting held on 1st July, 1929, be and are hereby approved".

HA RESMEAD BRIDGE.

The County Surveyor stated he had received a report from Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, that the side walls of Haresmead Bridge had collapsed and should be repaired at once. The work should be seen to at once.

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

"That the necessary repairs to side walls of Haresmead Bridge be carried out as soon as possible, cost not to exceed £45,

amount to be withdrawn from Contingency Fund (County Roads)."

ROAD MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE.

The following report of above Committee was submitted:-

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

SPECIAL SUB-COMMITTEE—ROAD MAINTENANCE.

It was decided at the meeting of Co. Council on 24th June, 1929, that the following Report of Sub-Committee appointed to consider recommendations as to improvement in methods of Road Maintenance be printed and circulated amongst Members for consideration at next meeting of the Council:

A meeting of Special Committee—Road Maintenance—was held in Co. Council Chamber, Wexford, on 22nd May, 1929.

Present—Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman, Co. Council (presiding). Also—Messrs. J. J. Colloton, T. Mayler, P. Colfer, P. Hayes, W. P. Keegan, and James Shannon.

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

Mr. Culleton said he had had a notice of motion for second last meeting of the County Council for a reduction of wages of road workers as he believed the time had come when this should be made. All classes of the community had been obliged to make sacrifices and the time had come when the road workers should be prepared to meet the present economic position. He did not want to be harsh in the matter, but wished to do what was fair to the ratepayers and also to the road workers, and accordingly he moved that the wages of road workers be reduced by 5s. per week, and that the half-holiday on Saturday be abolished.

Mr. Hayes said that the road workers had made sacrifices. A few years ago their wages were reduced from £2 10s. per week to £2 and broken weather and Church holidays had been allowed. Since then another reduction to 30s. had been made in the wages. These were certainly sacrifices on the part of the road workers.

The Chairman said at the time referred to by Mr. Hayes farm labourers were paid 35s. per week, but to-day they were not getting anything like that. He was more in favour of the abolition of the half-holiday than a reduction in wages. The half-holiday caused a good deal of jealousy between road workers and farm labourers, who really belonged to the one class. He did not begrudge the road workers their wages if the Council and the times could afford it. But the reduction in farm labourers' wages owing to economic necessity was out of proportion to the road workers' wages. He would be glad if the Sub-Committee could make some other recommendations to the Council for economy outside a cut in wages. There might be some reduction in the number of gangers. It was ridiculous to have a ganger standing over a man spreading a shovelful of stones. The times were much more prosperous when the big wages were given, but there was a great difference between the prices obtained for agricultural produce then and to-day.

Mr. Hayes said the cost of living should be taken into account. If the wages were fixed below the cost of living, how could men rear their families or live in anything approaching a decent condition?

Mr. Keegan argued that if the Council agreed to a change of system and have all possible work done by piece-work it would satisfy everybody. The only thing maintaining the county was the machinery purchased by the Council themselves. As regards reduction of wages, they should remember the farm labourer had a full year's work and road men hadn't.

Mr. Mayler said they were not getting value for their money by direct labour. The men should be prepared to work six days a week for the 30s. The fact that road men had a half-holiday had created a good deal of discontent among the farm labourers. Mr. Mayler also said that a lot of men will not work for farmers. They left the farmer to work on the roads.

Mr. Hayes pointed out that there was a resolution on the books of the Council against this, but if a man was only employed casually on a farm he should not be prevented taking work on the roads. The same thing would apply to a farm labourer who was out of employment.

The Chairman said he could not exactly fathom how piece-work could be employed all round as suggested by Mr. Keegan. He would be glad to see wages higher if the Council got value, but there were complaints they were not getting value.

The Co. Surveyor said he would like to know what was in Mr. Keegan's mind. They could not do piece-work with rollers except by sub-contract. A certain amount of quarry work could be done by piece-work. This would not be possible for work on rollers and spreading. With the present system piece-work could not be used to advantage for the spreading of material.

A long discussion took place on statements made by Mr. Keegan regarding work on Gorey-Courtown road.

The County Surveyor stated that what had caused extra expense on the Courtown road was the fact that owing to the bottom not being sound they had to take out the whole sides of the road, which were nothing but marl, and had to put in a lot of rubble stone. The £1,200 per mile which he specified was for water-bound macadam, but did not include strengthening, bottoming, widening or haunching. This had all been done by day's work, except the haulage.

The Chairman said all this discussion would be quite appropriate at the Roads Committee, but their business to-day was to try and devise ways and means by which they would get more value for what they were spending.

Mr. Keegan asked why Ballyclough quarry was closed up some months ago.

Mr. Treanor (Assistant Surveyor) stated that Ballyclough quarry had to be levelled down to save the cattle of Mr. Tomkins, the owner of the quarry; but it had not been closed. As regards Courtown road, as the County Surveyor had explained, they came upon a very marly subsoil and the road gave way under the roller. They had to take tons and tons of stuff out of the road and it was very costly work. It would cost about £2,000 a mile to do the work with tar as at present. The Co. Surveyor merely estimated to have road done in water-bound macadam.

Mr. Shannon said the County Surveyor had given a very fair explanation of how the cost had been increased.

The Chairman considered the meeting might discuss if there could be any reduction of gangers by more centralisation of men.

Mr. Treanor said all the gangers in his area, except one, were working gangers and there was no quarry in this man's area.

Mr. Keegan said they should have their material broken by hand wherever possible. The men were rushing to get the work and the system should get a trial. It would lead to economy and would increase employment.

Mr. Mayler—Mr. Treanor said all the gangers were working. Does that mean they are really working or only watching the men? In connection with the employment of men by piece-work for attending on the breaker, Mr. Mayler said that most of the men would have intelligence enough to know that if they jammed the breaker they would be standing in their own light.

The County Surveyor cited an instance in which, owing to the breaker being over-run, renewals of bearings had cost £12. Men were most anxious naturally to get the most they could out of the machine.

and from this alone they would be inclined to over-run it.

The Chairman said that if they saw the breaker over-run the men would know it would be to their own loss if they did not take proper precautions. But there was surely other work where injury, such as had been referred to, would not be caused.

The Assistant Surveyors then gave particulars of the various gangers which were employed in their districts.

Mr. Ennis (Assistant Surveyor) said that the only suggestion he could make was that as the Surveyors were responsible for the work they should get more power over the men. Very often a man was unsatisfactory and it was very difficult to make a case against him such as would satisfy a judge and jury, but the Council should trust the Surveyors to be really fair with the men. He was sure if this suggestion was adopted it would make for improvement.

Mr. Hayes said the Assistant Surveyor got his information from the ganger, and when any complaint regarding a particular man came before the Roads Committee they could ascertain if there was any spleen on the ganger's part against the man. The Roads' Committee in matters of this kind should have the power of considering everything.

The Chairman said he certainly thought they should give the power asked for to the Assistant Surveyors, but he did not want it deputed to the gangers. The latter should not be empowered to dismiss a man.

Mr. Colloton was of the opinion that there could be more concentration of men on the back roads than at present. He was sure the gangers would be able to supervise them.

Mr. Hayes contended there would be a saving in breaking "spawis" by hand.

The Chairman again referred to the abolition of the half-holiday for road workers. It was creating a lot of discontent, and he (Chairman) believed they should work the six days a week the same as the agricultural worker. They had no broken time and were paid for Church holidays, and many farmers were not allowing for these. So long as the cost of living was as high as at present, he did not see how a big cut could be made in wages. But it was only fair and just that the Sub-Committee should suggest to the Council that the men work the six days of the week.

Mr. Mayler strongly supported the Chairman's view. The Chairman said the farmer would not have many half-holidays if he minded his business properly.

Mr. Keegan said that the workers had enjoyed the half-holiday for a long time and if it was now abolished they would not have the same spirit to work. Tar work was very trying and arduous, and the men were put to a good deal of expense owing to the destruction of their clothes. Then the road worker had only five months' employment out of twelve.

The Chairman said this was not true. The road worker had more than five months' work on the road.

Mr. Keegan said no man in the Gorey district gets any more employment than what he had stated.

Mr. Treanor said that 70 per cent of the men in that district were employed for ten months of the year.

County Surveyor—The average would be 50 per cent for full time and the other 50 per cent for half time. The whole would average about three-quarters of the year, eight or nine months.

After further conversation, Mr. Shannon said he considered the discussion could be closed. The matter had been discussed upside down. They had heard the statements of the Assistant Surveyors and they had also a resolution on the books that hand-breaking should be tried where possible. The Assistant Surveyors were prepared to carry out that instruction in any place where feasible. He moved—"That no change be made in wages or hours of work, and that the resolution of the Council as to hand-breaking in quarries wherever possible be enforced."

Mr. Hayes seconded.

Mr. Keegan proposed—"That where possible material in all quarries in the four districts of the county be broken by hand at the present price and that each man get a share of the work."

Chairman—We have that resolution on the books already.

Mr. Keegan—Then I propose it be carried out.

Mr. Colloton pointed out that the average wage for agricultural labourers was from £1 to £1 1s., and they were living on it—at least, his own men told him they were able to live on it.

The Chairman said the farmers generally were at present unable to meet the wages of labour.

Mr. Hayes said that a reduction in wages carried a reduction of estimates in the year following, and it was the rates that got the benefit.

Chairman—Certainly, but for the balance allowed you will have more men employed.

Mr. Keegan proposed—"That this Sub-Committee adjourn without coming to a decision as regards workers' half-holiday."

This proposal was not seconded.

Mr. Culleton then formally proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution—"That the half-holiday on Saturday to workers in employment of County Council be discontinued."

It was decided to take a poll on this proposal and this resulted as follows:

For—Messrs. Colloton, Mayler and the Chairman —3.

Against—Messrs. Keegan, Shannon, Hayes, Colfer —4.

The Chairman declared the proposal lost and that of Mr. Shannon was adopted nem con.

Mr. Colfer proposed—"That where possible scabblings in quarries after a blast be broken by hand."

Mr. Hayes seconded.

County Surveyor—So long as it is not a special regulation to apply to every case I will not object.

Mr. Colloton held that in view of the number of roads taken by contract they should be able to reduce the number of gangers by at least one-third.

The County Surveyor said it might be possible to reduce the number of gangers to a certain extent, but not by one-third of the total.

Chairman—Would you go into this thoroughly and give us your opinion at the Roads Committee as to how many you can dispense with?

It was then decided that the County Surveyor report on this matter in detail to the Roads' Committee.

Mr. Colloton proposed—"That where an Assistant Surveyor has satisfied himself it is undesirable to keep a man in the employment of the Council (from inattention to work or because of matters of discipline) power be given to the Assistant Surveyor to dispense with the services of such employee."

The Chairman seconded the proposal, which was passed, Mr. Hayes dissenting.

It was also decided that County Surveyor issue advertisement in connection with hand-breaking of material in quarries.

On the motion of Ald. Corish, seconded by Col. Gibbon, the Council decided to have the report printed and circulated amongst the members and to consider it at the next meeting.

The County Surveyor has supplied the following particulars for the information of the Council:

GANGERS, AS TAKEN FROM PAY-SHEETS

DATED 20/6/'29.

Sect.	Name and Address.	Rate per day.
		s d
1	Peter Byrne, Coolgreany, Inch	6 8
2	Patk. Byrne, Tara Hill, Inch	6 3

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Sect.	Name and Address.	Rate per day. s d	Sect.	Name and Address.	Rate per day. s d
3	Michael Jordan, Ballyrory, Tinaheily	6 8	35	Patk. Walsh, Bealistown, Ballycullane	6 8
4	James Swords, North Parade, Gorey	6 8	36	Vacant	
5	Andrew Clear, Clohamon, Ferns	6 0	37	Patk. O'Rourke, Haggard, Ramsgrange	6 1
6	Vacant		38	Vacant	
7	John Byrne, Camolin	6 8	39	James Whitty, Harristown, Ballymitty	6 3
8	Arthur Nolan, Ballycanew, Gorey	6 8	40	Thos. Broaders, Kiltra, Bannow	5 6
9	Owen Doyle, Glasslacken, Bunclody	6 8	41	John Pender, Scar, Duncormack	6 1
10	John Doyle, 46 Irish St., Enniscorthy	6 8	42	Vacant	
11	James Doyle, Munfin, do.	6 8	43	William Boggan, Whiterock, Wexford	6 8
12	John Kennedy, Ballycarney, Ferns	6 8	44	Nicholas Parle, Moortown, Ballycogley	5 6
13	John Burke, Croneyhorn, Ferns	6 8	45	James Kelly, Ballycogley	6 0
14	Michael Leacy, Carrigeen, Ferns	6 0		Edenvale Quarry—John Murphy, Castlebridge	6 0
15	Patrick Ryan, Ballybracken, Courtown	6 8		Ballybrennan Quarry—John Murphy, Raheen, Clonroche	6 8
16	Thomas Murphy, Rathduff, Killanne	6 0		Gangers for Nos. 6, 23, 36, 38 and 42 are now working as ordinary roadmen.	
17	J. J. Morrissey, Milehouse, Enniscorthy	6 8			
18	Wm. Sunderland, Clonhaston, do.	6 8			
19	Laurence O'Connor, Inch, Blackwater	6 8			
20	Michael Doyle, Tomanine, Rathnure	6 8			
21	Martin Bowe, Forrestalstown, Clonroche	6 8			
22	James Broaders, Sparrowsland, Bree	6 8			
23	Vacant				
24	J. J. O'Gorman, Ballyrannell, Glenbrien	6 8			
25	Jas. Wilkinson, Ballywilliam, New Ross	6 8			
26	Walter Bradley, Carrigbyrne, Newbawn	6 8			
27	Jas. Barnes, Rathquile, Adamstown	6 8			
28	Jas. Fortune, Tubberfinnick, Crossabeg	5 6			
29	Patk. M'Gee, Ballinaboola, Wexford	6 8			
30	John Donohue, Dunmain, Gusserane	8 4			
31	Thos. Kelly, Longraigue, Foulksmills	6 8			
32	John Donovan, Ballyclemack, Foulks- mills	6 8			
33	Michael M'Evoy, Barntown	6 8			
34	Michael Kavanagh, Barntown	6 8			

MID-MONTHLY RETURN SHOWING NUMBER OF MEN EMPLOYED.					
1929—January	...	...	...	...	362
February	...	...	...	...	301
March	...	...	...	...	295
April	...	...	...	...	354
May	...	...	...	...	426
June	...	...	...	...	483

N. J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary, Co. Council.

2nd July. 1929.

MID-MONTHLY RETURN SHOWING NUMBER OF MEN EMPLOYED.

1929—January	...	362
February	...	301
March	...	295
April	...	354
May	...	426
June	...	483

N. J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary, Co. Council.

2nd July, 1929.

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

"That consideration of report of Special Roads Maintenance Committee be adjourned to next meeting of the Council".

ROAD BETWEEN TEMPLETOWN AND FETHARD.

Mr Walsh said that a fatal accident had occurred on this road recently, it was believed, through the bad condition of the surface. It was very rough and the County Surveyor might do something to put it into order. He proposed the following:-

"That the special attention of the County Surveyor be directed to the condition of the road between Templetown and Fethard with a view to its repair".

Mr Murphy seconded the resolution which was adopted.

CHERRYORCHARD QUARRY.

The following letter to Mr Jordan, M.C.C., under date 25th June, 1929, was read from Mr F H Hawkins, Cherryorchard Quarry:-

"On the 10th, 11th and 16th August, 1928, blasting operations were carried on in Cherryorchard Quarry with the result that considerable damage was done to roofs of my house. I wrote to Mr Barry (Co. Surveyor) on the 17th August and told him there was considerable damage done and that I would send on the estimate, and I did so. Mr Ennis (Assistant Surveyor), two weeks later, also took a note of the damage and told me to get it repaired. Mr Williamson repaired the damage last October at a cost of £17 which is not yet paid. They now tell me that my claim is statute barred. Is it honest that I should pay for damage that I had no hand, act or part in? Apart from that I had considerable trouble trying to get the damage repaired as I had to go after Williamson several times".

The County Surveyor said he understood that any claims made by Mr Hawkins had been dealt with. On one occasion

Mr Hawkins made two claims, one for actual damage which he (County Surveyor) thought had been agreed to and the second for contingent damage which had been refused as the Council had agreed to pay Mr Hawkins an extra rate for quarry damage to cover it.

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor for report.

REFERRED TO ROADS COMMITTEE.

Letter from John Walsh, Tara Hill, stating that the men at Tara Hill Quarry, were prepared to bore rock and put through breaker ready for carting for 3s 3d per ton, if Council would supply tools and powder, was referred to Roads Committee.

Memorial, signed by a number of local ratepayers, asking that the streets of the village of Blackwater should be steamrolled, was also referred to the Roads Committee.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE.

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

"That the following report of Scholarship Committee be received and considered:-

"A Meeting of the above Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 27th July, 1929.

'Very Rev W F Murphy, President, St Peter's College, Wexford, presided, and there were also in attendance:- Rev Brother E C Markey, Messrs Sean O'Byrne, James Hall, James Shannon, Hugh O'Byrne, N.T., and John Kelly, N.T.

Primary Scholarship Scheme.

Letter, under date 23rd July, 1929, giving the results of the examination under above Scheme, was read from the Office of National Education. Twenty-four candidates sat for examination. Those successful are:-

Mary A Ronan, Drinagh, Broadway, (577 marks), - 1 and

Mary E Doyle, Duncannon, (491)marks) - 2.

The remaining candidates failed.

The following is an analysis of the failures:-

Obligatory Subjects.

Irish	9
English	2
Arithmetic	16
History and Geography	11

Optional Subjects.

Algebra	6 out of 17.
Geometry	5 out of 12
Nature Study	4 out of 9
Needlework	1 out of 8.

Two candidates passed in all subjects but did not obtain the qualifying mark for the aggregate of obligatory subjects.

The Committee went closely into the marks of each candidate and also considered the various papers.

They are of opinion that the questions generally were too difficult, taking the age limit of candidates into consideration. Some of them appeared to be set in an unusual manner and in an indirect way. They believe that the time allotted is not sufficient.

In the circumstances, they recommend the Council - besides agreeing to the award of scholarships to the successful candidates - to ask the Department of Education to reconsider their decision as regards the following candidates with a view to allowing the County Council to award scholarships to them, viz.,

Patrick D O'Brien, Tagoat, (422 marks).

Richard Kearns, 1223 Goulding Street, Rosslare Harbour,
(409 marks).

Patrick J Kenny, Irish Street, Bunclody, (407 marks).

Matthew Berney, Foxcover, Monaseed, (393 marks).

and bursary to

Wm. P Redmond, 30 Esmonde Street, Gorey, (414 marks),

as he resides adjacent to a secondary school.

It was further decided that the following clause should be inserted in Scheme:-

"Scholarships under this Scheme are not to apply to candidates holding pupil teacherships or places in Preparatory Colleges".

University Scholarship Scheme.

The Committee recommend the adoption of last year's Scheme with the necessary amendments as to dates.

Miss Margaret Berney, Foxcover, Monaseed, applied for an extension of her Scholarship for a fourth year in order to obtain the Higher Diploma in Education.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to agree to an extension of University Scholarship of Miss Margaret Berney, in accordance with the following clause in Scheme":-

'Students for the Higher Diploma of Education will hold Scholarships for four instead of three years to enable them to secure this Diploma'.

Miss O'Ryan said the result showed the deplorable state of education in the County.

Colonel Quin.- It is the compulsory ~~English~~ Irish.

Miss O'Ryan disagreed with Colonel Quin's suggestion, and said that, if the ratepayers were going to be asked to subsidise education in the county, there should be a high standard placed on it. As she had said before, the National Teachers in this county did not seem to be doing their duty, and they were, perhaps, the best paid section of the community. The result of the examination showed the neglect of education of the children in the primary schools, and until the pupils were up to a certain standard they should not strike a rate to send them to secondary schools. If they kept up the standard it would be reached eventually.

It was a perfect disgrace to the county to say that only two children qualified.

Mr Corish said that while he agreed that they should not have a modified standard he held that there was no proof that the matter was due to the National Teachers. He believed that in a great many cases the parents were to blame owing to their keeping children from school now and again, and only sending them up to a certain age.

Chairman.- Now you have a law compelling it, you must have an average attendance.

Mr D'Arcy.- There is one school near my place, and I think for the last twelve or thirteen years it always had a pupil here, while other schools sent up nobody.

The Chairman remarked that the papers for the examination were set up by the Board of National Education for all counties, and he did not think they should facilitate pupils in Co. Wexford more than in other counties.

Mr Gaul asked if the children that had failed would be given a further chance later on.

The Secetary said that some of them would be over age, but others might not.

Mr O'Byrne proposed and Mr Corish seconded the following resolution:-

"That the report of Scholarship Committee be confirmed".

Colonel Gibbon opposed. It would be most unjust to put such a claim on the ratepayers. He proposed the following amendment:-

"That the report of Scholarship Committee - with the exception of recommendation to request the Department of Education to review their decision in the cases of pupils who have failed to pass the examination for Primary Scholarships - be approved".

Miss O'Ryan seconded.

A show of hands was taken on the amendment with the

result that 21 voted in favour and one against.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

NE XT MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCIL AND ROADS COMMITTEE.

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

"That next meeting of the County Council be held on 9th September, 1929".

Colonel Gibbon proposed and Mr McCarthy seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That next meeting of Roads Committee be held on 26th August, 1929."

PROPOSE D LOAN FOR REPAIR OF ROAD BETWEEN CLOHAMON AND BUNCLODY.

The following notice of motion in the name of Mr Armstrong was adjourned to next meeting owing to the illness of Mr Armstrong:-

"That the County Council negotiate a loan with their Treasurer for the necessary amount to put the road between Clohamon and Buncloody into proper repair".

ROAD GANGERS AND CANVASSING.

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

"That the following resolution of the County Council be rescinded:- 'That, in future, any road gangers found canvassing in the manner admitted to by Gangers Bennett and Sunderland be not retained in the service of the Council'".

Mr Shannon said he thought that that resolution was holding a threat over the men's heads or, in other words, it was binding them to the peace. He thought that, if any man did wrong, his case could be tried on the merits, but he did not think with any of his colleagues that the two men in question did anything

wrong. They only tried to safeguard the way of living of themselves and their families. He thought that no farmer present would like to see a land-grabber coming to take his place, and it was the same thing with regard to those gangers, as their living was threatened by road-grabbers. The men had every right to safeguard their interests.

Mr Hayes seconded Mr Shannon's motion. He should say candidly that he was surprised that the farmers had supported such a resolution as they had had, during the Land League period, to fight for freedom themselves. The men had beseeched the contractors to refrain from taking their livelihood and he was surprised that the farmer members of the County Council should pass a resolution taking away that much freedom from the men - looking for mere existence and the right to live in the land in which they were born.

Mr Keegan said he did not see why they should censure the two men or the gangers. They should censure their party and not themselves; as they were sent by their party, he did not see why they should be censured.

Mr Gaul.- Surely Mr Keegan does not suggest that Mr Shannon, Mr Hayes or myself told them to go out.

Mr Cooney suggested that even if the men were told to go out it was no cause for shame to any member of the Labour Party to tell them to do so. As had been said, they were fighting for their living and they should be glad to have men that would take orders of the kind.

The Chairman said it was all very well to talk about the matter from the opinion of one side, but the County Council passed a resolution asking for contracts for roads, and the majority of the Council passed the resolution.

Mr Shannon.- A very small majority.

The Chairman said it was a majority at all events. If the County Council were to put an order on the books and if their employees were to come along and dictate to them, he did not

think there was any use in the Council at all. He thought there was a mistake made by the gangers and, if they made it again, they should be subject to dismissal. That was only his individual opinion.

Mr O'Byrne said he did not think there was anything like compulsion in the matter. They requested that the roads be left to the workers.

A poll on Mr Shannon's motion resulted as follows:-

For:- Miss O'Ryan, Messrs Corish, Clince, Cooney, Colfer, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, and Shannon. 12.

Against:- Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Hall, Jordan, Mayler, Murphy, Smyth, Walsh, and the Chairman. 13.

Chairman.- I declare the motion lost.

Mr Shannon.- Well that upholds tyranny still.

TENDERS CONCRETING ROAD, WEXFORD - FERRYCARRIG.

The following tenders were received:-

Alexander Hull & Co., Pembroke Works, Ringsend, Dublin, £8,030:6:5
South of Ireland Asphalt Co., Lower Abbey Street, Dublin,

£9,891:13:11.

P McKenna & Sons, Armagh, £10,553:14:2.

P Cunningham, Dunleer, Co Louth, £10,776:5:6.

Pioneer Road Construction Co., £11,467:9:2.

Patrick Molloy, Church Street, Limerick, £15,057:5:5.

McCaffrey & O'Carroll, Cecil St., Limerick, £19,297: 5:7.

By directions of the Finance Committee, the tenders had been forwarded to the Local Government Department by the County Surveyor and the following letter to him, under date 27th July, 1929 (R/SGF/32) from that Department, was read:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant, enclosing particulars of seven tenders received

by the Wexford County Council for the concreting of the road between Ferrycarrig and Wexford, and to state that the Wexford County Council will no doubt be fully advised by you as to the tender which they can properly accept in this case."

With reference to the lowest tender, that of Messrs Hull and Co., the County Surveyor said he had received a communication from the contractorsⁱⁿ which they stated they had omitted transport charges in their estimate, and those charges would increase the tender by £748:18:4. At the Finance Committee meeting, he (County Surveyor) had stated that tender was abnormally low and, even with the addition, it was considerably below the next lowest tender. The gross total of Messrs Hull's tender was £8,779:4:9. The next lowest was that of the South of Ireland Asphalt Co., at £9,891:13:11. The money allowed under the grant was £8,206. He proposed to do the road in three sections. If the first two sections were done in ordinary concrete and the third section - from Newtown Railway Bridge to Ferrycarrig Bridge-in Ferrocrete,-it would mean a reduction of £422:17:6 in Messrs Hull's tender, and would bring it down to £8,356:7:3.

The County Surveyor further stated that, in the first instance, Messrs Hull and Co., had given the name of the National Bank as their sureties. He had pointed out that the tender required the names of two sureties and Mr Hull now submitted the following:- James Hootor, 17 & 18 Aston's Quay, Dublin and E F N Taylor, 26 Templepark Avenue, Blackrock.

Colonel Gibbon said he thought the Council should have a very pleasant surprise by that tender, because, according to Mr Barry's estimate, the grant would not be sufficient to cover all the work to be done. He now understood the grant would cover all the work.

County Surveyor.- All but £150.

Colonel Gibbon inquired how much extra would be required

for making good the sides of the road.

The County Surveyor said that nothing more would be required.

Colonel Gibbon asked if the County Surveyor had used the word "Ferrocrete" as representing a type of concrete, or if he was specifically binding a contractor to use cement ~~manufactured~~ by the Portland Cement Co., because there were quick setting cements of the same nature as "Ferrocrete" on the market.

The County Surveyor said he did not see that there would be any objection to laying any other quick hardening cement that would meet the test.

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

"That the tender of Messrs Alexander Hull & Co., Ringsend, Dublin, at £8,356:7:3 for the improvement of Wexford-Ferrycarrig road in accordance with specification, etc., prepared by County Surveyor, be accepted by this Council, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department and to satisfactory Banker's reference for the sureties submitted".

"That Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, be directed to prepare the necessary contracts when Local Government Department's approval and satisfactory Banker's references as to sureties have been received by the Council".

Mr Corish asked when did the County Surveyor think the work on the road would be started.

The County Surveyor said he thought they should tell the contractors to start at once.

Mr Corish.- Did the contractor discuss the matter with you as to where he was to get the macadam?

County Surveyor.- Kerlogue Quarry.

Mr Corish.- Can we hold him liable for any breaking up of streets or roads?

Secretary.- You can't, unless for extraordinary traffic.

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Mr Corish said he thought all the members would agree that if the contractor was going to use a large traction engine in the winter he would cut up the road in no time, and if the Council could make provision for the damage he thought they should do so.

Colonel Gibbon proposed:-

"That a small Sub-Committee be appointed to deal with the work on Ferrycarrig - Wexford road and take decisions on any points which may arise thereon as was done in the case of Wexford-Enniscorthy road".

Mr Hall seconded and the resolution was adopted.

The following members were then appointed:-

The Chairman, Colonel Gibbon, Messrs Gaul, McCarthy and Corish.

Colonel Gibbon read a letter from Major C.N. Musgrave of the British Portland Cement Association, 14 Dawson Street, Dublin, stating that, as regards the offer of Ferrocrete, it was not necessary that the whole road should be laid in Ferrocrete. Continuing, Colonel Gibbon said it was not now necessary to use the Ferrocrete on the Wexford-Ferrycarrig road as the work on the latter was covered by tender but it might be tried elsewhere.

Mr Corish proposed:-

"That the Sub-Committee appointed to deal with Wexford-Ferrycarrig road be empowered to discuss with Major Musgrave the position of experiment for Ferrocrete".

Mr Corish suggested this might be at William Street, Wexford. The Sub-Committee could, however, consider the matter and make recommendations to the Roads Committee.

Colonel Gibbon seconded the resolution which was adopted.

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DEFENCE, MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIMS.

Under date 28th June, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote (G 41711/1929) that the Minister did not consider there was sufficient reason why Boards of Health and Public Assistance should be represented in claims for compensation for criminal injuries. The defence of these claims was a matter for the County Council and the expense of the further legal representation of Boards of Health and Public Assistance should not be incurred.

It was decided to point out to the Department of Local Government that the employment of the Solicitor of the County Board of Health and Public Assistance had been productive of good and, as this official was paid a fixed salary, no extra expense was incurred by his appearing to defend claims for compensation for criminal injury. In the circumstances, the Board of Health decided to adhere to the practice of having their Solicitor representing them at the hearing of claims of this nature.

ROAD GRANTS.

Under date 16th July, 1929, the Local Government Department (Roads) wrote that Pay Order for £3446, grant for Road T.7, had been made to the Treasurer of the County Council.

FORD OF LYNCH SURVEY.

The Office of Public Works wrote, under date 18th July, 1929, (12099/29), that the cost of making a copy of the survey etc of the Ford of Lynch proposed drainage district would be £5:10:0, and copy would be sent on payment of this amount.

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

"That this County Council accepts the offer of the Office

of Public Works to supply copy of survey, etc., of Ford of Lyng drainage district at a cost of £5:10:0, and that this amount be passed for lodgment to credit of the Office of Public Works at next meeting of the Council".

ANNUAL REVISION OF VALUATION.

Notification was received from the Valuation Department that Mr W E Murphy of the Department would commence the annual revision of the valuation of the County about the 15th July.

LOAN OF £625 FOR BOARD OF HEALTH.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Gaul, seconded by Miss O'Ryan:-

"That the Wexford County Council do consent to the Wexford County Board of Health and Public Assistance borrowing from The National Bank Limited, Wexford, the sum of £625 for the purpose of converting a wing of the old Hospital into apartments for the Nursing Sisters of the Hospital to be repaid within a period of 10 years from this date and to bear interest at one-half per cent under Irish Banks' rate rising and falling therewith from time to time but at no time to be less than £4 per cent per annum and to be secured by a Mortgage from the said Board to the said Bank over such proportion of the rates of the County as may from time to time be payable to the said Board of Health by this Council".

CINEMATOGGRAPH ACT, 1909.

The Chairman proposed and Mr Murphy seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That renewal of licence under Cinematograph Act, 1909, be granted Patrick Walsh, Dunamaggin, (travelling exhibitor), and new licence to Mr Raymond Doyle, Broadway, for Broadway Hall on condition that application be received on prescribed form with
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fee/that, as suggested by Civic Guard, the projecting apparatus

be placed outside the building at one end of the Hall

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or as recommended by County Surveyor that the apparatus be on a concrete foundation at one end of the building and properly covered in with a door behind it".

POISONS & PHARMACY ACT.

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

"That new licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act be granted to Mr Daniel Keating, Quay Street, New Ross, and Mr Frank J Murphy, Kilrane, provided the Civic Guard have no objection. That renewals of licences be granted to Edward Redmond, The Harrow Ferns, and Robert Rackard, Killanne, Enniscorthy".

DISTRESS IN OYLEGATE DISTRICT.

Report of public meeting, held at Oylegate on 30th June, 1929, dealing with the acute distress in Oylegate district, was read. This arose owing to the complete failure of the salmon fishing on the Slaney and the practical closing down of John's Lane Distillery, Dublin, where in former years a very large number of workers from the district had been employed in the Winter months. The men were now idle with nothing but poverty and want facing them and their families. The meeting appealed to the T D's to obtain a Government Grant for some works such as the following:-

- 1.- Sanitary arrangements and water supply for the district.
- 2.- To complete the sides of Wexford-Enniscorthy concrete road.
- 3.- To construct a bridge over the Slaney from the Oylegate side to Macmine Junction railway station.

It was hoped that something would be done immediately to avert a disastrous state of affairs that was bound to exist if some relief work was not forthcoming for these unfortunate people, who through no fault of their own found themselves in such dire

circumstances.

Mr Corish said that he and Mr Esmonde, T.D., had attended at Oylegate. Dr Ryan and Mr Jordan had also been invited but the latter did not receive the letter of invitation until two days after the meeting. The position was serious as 150 men and their families were involved. He was wondering if the County Council would pass a resolution, asking the Minister for Local Government to place a certain amount of money at their disposal to have something done there, such as the completion of the sides of the concrete road. He undertook to communicate with the Fisheries Department but they had no funds and the letter was forwarded to the Local Government Department.

Colonel Gibbon.- Write to the contractor for Wexford-Ferrycarrig road and tell him he can obtain labour in Oylegate.

Mr Corish proposed:-

"That the attention of the Minister for Local Government be called to the acute distress which prevails in Oylegate district and that he be asked to provide a grant for some useful work in the district that might be carried out by the County Council so as to alleviate the deplorable condition of the local people".

Mr Hayes seconded. Passed.

PAYMENTS TO ROAD CONTRACTORS.

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

"That the several proposals, appearing on form 22, as certified by County Surveyor, and for general payments as presented by the County Secretary, be and are hereby approved, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman".

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IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES, LIMITED.

The Secretary of above forwarded copy of Report of the Directors with audited Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for year ended 31st December, 1928. Progress recorded in previous years had been ^{fully} maintained, the Fire Fund of the Company having been increased to 260 per cent of premium income as compared with a reserve for unexpired risks of 40 per cent usually provided by other Insurance Companies.

ANALYST'S REPORT.

County Analyst's report for quarter ended 30th June, 1929, showed that the number of samples analysed during the period was:-

Foods, 105; drugs, 65; waters, 1. Total, 171.

The number found to be adulterated was:-

New Milks, 3; Butters, 2; Vinegar, 1; Drugs, 2.

Michael Doyle

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES

MEETING HELD ON 9th SEPTEMBER, 1929.

N. J. FRIZELLE,
SECRETARY.

FORTVIEW,
WEXFORD.

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The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in Co. Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 9th September, 1929.

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 Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, William P. Keegan, Thomas Maylor, Thomas McCarthy; John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, James Shannon, Myles Smyth, James E. Walsh, Colonel C. M. Gibbon, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin and Miss Nellie O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

REPLIES VOTES OF CONDOLENCE.

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

"That replies to votes of condolence adopted by County Council and received from Senator Kathleen A. Browne and Mr. John J. Roche, Coroner for South Wexford, be inserted on the Minutes of this day's meeting."

Under date 19th August, 1929, Senator Kathleen A. Browne wrote:- "Please convey to Col. Quin, Mr. Corish and the other members of the County Council, my grateful thanks for their kind resolution of condolence on the death of my mother."

Under date 3rd September, 1929, the following was read from Mr. J. J. Roche, Coroner for South Wexford:-

"I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the vote of condolence your Council voted to me upon the death of my daughter. Will you be so good as to convey to your Council my most sincere and grateful thanks for their kind remembrance of me."

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Finance Committee

The following Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 31st July, 1929, were submitted:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held on 31st July, 1929, in County Council Chamber, Wexford.

Colonel C M Gibbon (Vice-Chairman) presided, and there were also present:- Messrs Sean O'Byrne, John Culleton, Thomas McCarthy, ~~and~~ James Shannon, and James Hall.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4,647:13:11 was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

The state of the Rate Collection to 30th July, 1929, was submitted by the Secretary.

The amount of arrears outstanding in respect of rates up to and including 31st March, 1929, was £10,555:5:3, and the amount collected on current rate was for first moiety £7,575:19:8; outstanding on same moiety, £51,518:10:7. The amount collected on second moiety was £258:12:9.

It was decided that Collector Thady Bolger for No. 14 District should furnish the name of second personal surety with Banker's reference by the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

In connection with Rates due on Blackstairs and Bantry Commons, Mr O'Byrne wrote that he had been in consultation with Mr J J Bolger, Solicitor, and he stated that Mr O'Byrne was entitled to take Carlow stock found on Commons, but that an action would follow by owners of stock and that it would cost him £50 at least to defend the case. Mr Bolger told him to point this out to the Council and ask them if they would be willing to indemnify him against costs.

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

"That the correspondence from Collector O'Byrne, relative to

Rates on Bantry and Blackstairs Commons be submitted to Mr Elgee, Solicitor, for advice and instructions to Mr O'Byrne. That, in the event of the latter acting on the advice of Mr Elgee as to seizure of stock on Blackstairs and Bantry Commons, the County Council be recommended to indemnify Mr O'Byrne as regards any proceedings which may be taken challenging his action in acting on the advice of Mr Elgee".

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

"That Collector O'Byrne be instructed to furnish the name of personal surety vice John Caulfield, Grange Rathnure, with Banker's reference".

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

"That Collecting Books, in respect of Rate for financial year, 1929-30, be furnished Collectors Sutton and M M Kelly".

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

The following report, under date 29th July, 1929, 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 this College in session 1928-29:-

McAuliffe, Donald	Passed the B.A. Degree Examination; also passed the Higher Diploma in Education Examination.
Berney, Margaret	Passed the Subsidiary subject for the B.Com. Degree Examination. Further report in the Autumn.
Quirke, Vincent	Passed the Second Year College Examination in Arts.
Hall, Kevin	Passed the Second Year College Examination in Commerce.

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Bolger, Honor	Passed the Higher Diploma in Education Examination with Second Class Honours.
Hickey, Patrick	Owing to insufficient attendance, this student was not permitted to enter for the First University Examination in Engineering.
Cullen, Joseph G.	Passed the First University Examination in Science.
O'Leary, Liam	Passed the First University Examination in Arts.
Stedmond, Michael G.	Report after Autumn Examinations".

AMOUNTS DUE BY URBAN DISTRICTS.

The following are the amounts due by the three Urban Districts of the County on foot of current demand, etc., Enniscorthy, £644:2:10; New Ross, £870:3:10; and Wexford, £8,263:19:3.

OFFICE OF COUNTY REGISTRAR.

The following, under date 31st July, 1929, was submitted by the County Surveyor:-

"In April last the County Registrar complained of the condition of his Offices, and, at the May meeting of the County Council, consideration of any repairs was adjourned. Recently, the Registrar has complained to me of the delay in attending to the matter, and I made a full inspection of the place with him. There is no doubt that his Office and surroundings are in a very dilapidated condition, and unfit for use as Public Offices in their present condition. I have obtained quotation for the necessary repairs, amounting to £37:10:0, and I shall be glad if you will bring up the matter at the Finance meeting on to-day".

Mr Hall proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr McCarthy, and adopted:-

"That a sum of £30 (to be taken from Public Works Account) be placed in charge of the County Surveyor to carry out the absolute necessary repairs at the Offices of County Registrar, as we learn from the County Surveyor that the work is of an urgent character".

PROPOSED CIRCUIT COURTS.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr McCarthy, seconded by Mr Culleton:-

"That the Department of Justice be asked to inform the Wexford County Council if they have yet arrived at a decision as to the request that Circuit Courts be held in the towns of Enniscorthy, Gorey and New Ross".

DREDGING AT KILMORE.

The Chairman said the County Council had every reason to feel dissatisfied at the amount of dredging work which had been carried out at Kilmore Harbour.

The County Surveyor said that he had written Mr McNeill, Engineer to the Office of Public Works, for copy of the work log but he had not yet received it. He (County Surveyor) went to Kilmore on the 29th and enquired how the work was going on. He (County Surveyor) was of opinion that the logs he saw were inefficient and unsatisfactory, but he could not say if they were not of the usual kind specified by the Office of Works in such jobs. They certainly did not satisfy him (County Surveyor). Of course, as the Master of the dredger was not a County Official, he could not order him to ^{do} this, that and the other. But he would ask Mr McNeill to meet him and go into the whole matter on the ground.

The Chairman said that the procedure appeared to be as follows:- The dredger worked the first tide and, if the second tide occurred after dark, no work was done. On the third tide she dumped her load and might return to harbour in time to do about half an hour's

dredging or no dredging at all might be carried out. She missed again on the fourth tide, so they could see that out of four tides there was only one in which any dredging was done. Of course, a certain amount of time was lost owing to the lifting of large stones and also on account of the huge cable which lay in the harbour and which had to be lifted. When Mr McNeill was with them, he said the dredger would work on each of the two tides and dump as well on each tide, and that the capacity of the dredger was 250 tons or 500 tons for two tides. The whole work was reckoned at 8,500 tons and it was to be carried out in three weeks. On actual results, the maximum load, from what the County Surveyor said, was 200 tons, and that was only reached once; ~~that~~ the majority of the loads was in the neighbourhood of from 100 to 200 tons. As well as he remembered, the dredger started on the 8th July so that up-to-date 21 days had elapsed to the present. From the 8th to the 13th, one load, he was informed, had been dumped. He went to Kilmore on the 20th and, so far as he could learn, two loads had been dumped that week. That made three loads only for the first fortnight instead of, according to Mr McNeill's reckoning, 24 loads. The amount lifted to date was 1,775 tons for the 21 days. No doubt the dredger had done more work than any other dredger which had been at Kilmore and what was done was a thoroughly good job. But the amount lifted per week was only 600 tons though Mr McNeill had estimated for 2,500 per week. He suggested that Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, should ~~visit Kilmore~~ while dredging operations were on, ~~visit~~ visit Kilmore once a day or at least every alternate day, and that the Harbour Master, who was under Mr Kehoe's control, should report to Mr Kehoe how the work was going on and the number of loads dumped.

This suggestion was agreed to.

Mr. Hall proposed, and Col. Quin seconded the following resolution:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 31st July, 1929, be received and considered."

Passed.

Dredging at Kilmore

In connection with this matter references in Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 14th August, 1929 and of 29th August, 1929, were also read.

Under date 2nd September, 1929, Mr. C. S. McNeill, Engineer, Office of Public Works, wrote that his Department would recommend the Department of Finance to expend a further sum of £100 for dredging work at Kilmore in view of the proposal of the County Council to provide a further similar sum. While awaiting Finance sanction he was keeping the dredger at Kilmore in the hope that the approval of Finance would be received as the former grant of £400 had been expended.

Under date 5th September, 1929, the following letter (D/73/1) was read from the Department of Lands and Fisheries:-

"With reference to your communication of 30th ultimo and previous correspondence on the subject of the dredging of Kilmore harbour; I am directed by the Minister for Lands and Fisheries to state that as the Wexford County Council is willing to pay a moiety (say £100) of the cost of the proposed continuance of the operations, a contribution of £100, or half the additional cost, whichever is the less, will be made available from State funds."

Colonel Gibbon said that since the meeting of the Finance Committee on the 29th August last lights had been placed on the pier of Kilmore so that every possible tide was used for dredging. The dredger was doing effective work - in fact no better job of dredging had ever been done there previously. The Finance Committee had to take on themselves the decision to

provide the extra £100 and the County Council would be fully justified in approving of the action of the Committee. .If the latter had referred the matter to the County Council meeting the dredger would have been taken away. The Finance Committee took the full responsibility for arranging that the dredger should remain for the few days necessary to complete the work.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That we approve of the action of the Finance Committee in allocating a further £100 from Public Works account to complete the work of dredging at Kilmore Harbour".

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 31st July, 1929, be and are hereby confirmed."

The following Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 14th August, 1929, were submitted:-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 14th August, 1929.

Present:- Colonel Gibbon (Vice-Chairman) presiding, and, subsequently, Mr M Doyle (Chairman); also:- Messrs James Hall, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4339:19:1 was examined and signed.

OVERDRAFT.

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

"That the Department of Local Government be requested to sanction continuance of overdraft accommodation with the Treasurer of the Council in the amount of £30,000 from 31st August to 31st December, 1929".

CIRCUIT COURT SITTINGS.

Under date, 12th August, 1929, the following letter (216/67) was read from the Private Secretary to the Minister for Justice:-

"With reference to your letter of the 9th instant upon the subject of the holding of Circuit Court sittings at Enniscorthy, Gorey and New Ross, I have to inform you that Mr Fitzgerald-Kenney is at present out of town and it is not expected that he will be back for four or five weeks.

"As soon as he returns, I will place your letter before him and you will be informed of the result".

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TOURIST GUIDES.

Under date 6th August, 1929, letter was read from the Irish Tourist Association as to the publication of Tourist Guides. They wished to know if the inclusion of the County in a provincial guide would be acceptable, or whether, on the other hand, a separate guide for the County would be preferred. In either case, the Association hoped to have the sole official approval of the guide as a Tourist Guide to the district. The Guides would be produced free of cost to the County Councils.

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

"The Finance Committee are of opinion that the inclusion of the County in a provincial tourist guide would afford the best kind of propaganda and recommend this proposal to the Council. They are further of opinion that the Tourist Association should have the sole right for the approval of official guide".

WEXFORD - FERRYCARRIG ROAD.

Mr Alexander Hull, accepted contractor for the work of concreting road between Wexford and Ferrycarrig, came before the meeting.

Mr Elgee said that, after last meeting of the Council, he had sent draft tender and bond to Mr Hull but he had not received these documents to the present.

Mr Hull said the only difficulty was to secure bank references for his sureties. The two men mentioned were solvent but, in the circumstances, he did not like to ask them to provide Banker's reference. The Council paid a percentage only of the total amount of work carried out. He had asked the Department of Local Government about the provision of Banker's reference and was informed that the Department would not insist on this. As a matter of fact, he (Mr Hull) had carried out very extensive work for the Government and had not been asked to provide sureties.

It was decided to ask the Department of Local Government (Roads) if they will be satisfied to waive the provision of the contract, requiring the production of Banker's references for the sureties mentioned in tender of Mr Hull.

Mr Hull said he would see to the execution of Contract and Bond immediately.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES) ACT, 1926.

Under date 8th August, 1929, the Local Government Department wrote, referring to letter addressed to the Council on the 3rd June in regard to the amount (£113:0:11) payable by them in pursuance of Section 12 of above Act, and requested that payment may be made as soon as possible.

The matter was before the Finance Committee at their meeting on 6th June when its consideration was adjourned.

It was decided to refer the communication from the Local Government Department to the County Council.

VETERINARY INSPECTOR FOR ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT.

Under date 12th August, 1929, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L 2334-29) that they had noted that Mr John Mullins, M.R.C.V.S., Enniscorthy, was performing the work of Veterinary Inspector of the district pending the making of a permanent appointment. The Department offered no objection to the salary in respect of permanent appointment at £75 per annum for ordinary duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts and at £25 per annum for work under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order. It should, however, be understood that the latter amount is subject to annual revision. It was presumed that the Council would communicate with the Local Appointments Commissioners at an early date with a view to filling the vacancy by a permanent appointment.

Under date 8th August, 1929, the Secretary, Local Appointments Commission, wrote, forwarding forms No. 111 to be filled

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in connection with the vacancy.

The queries in this form were then considered and, in regard to one of these, it was decided to inform the Commissioners that a competent knowledge of oral Irish was not considered essential.

KILMORE HARBOUR DREDGING.

Colonel Gibbon said that, since last meeting of the Finance Committee, the work of dredging at Kilmore had been progressing very slowly. So far as could be seen, there was no material increase in the rate of progress. The Harbour existed not only for the fishermen but there was a considerable import of coal and a very important and growing export of potatoes. Probably, with the increased facilities, which the Harbour would afford owing to the dredging work, it was possible that grain also would be exported.

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

"That we call the attention of the Office of Public Works to the statement, made on their behalf, that the work of dredging at Kilmore Harbour should not take longer than three weeks. Towards this work the County Council placed a sum of £200 in their estimates which they understood would be a sufficient contribution from them towards effecting a satisfactory job. Judging by the manner in which the work has progressed, there has been about 20 per cent carried out in five weeks. In the circumstances, the Finance Committee cannot recommend the County Council to be responsible for a larger contribution than the £200 already passed and consider that the Office of Public Works should be responsible for any balance necessary to complete the work".

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FIDELITY GUARANTEE BONDS OF RATE COLLECTORS AND POUNDAGE.

Correspondence between the Irish National Assurance Co. Ltd., College Green, Dublin, and the Secretary to the County Council, in respect of Fidelity Guarantee Bonds of Rate Collectors was submitted to the meeting.

Under date 2nd August, 1929, the Company wrote (RS/MM Fire & Accdt.) that, in accordance with the conditions of their fidelity guarantee bond, they gave 14 days' notice of the cancellation of bond and asked to have it noted that, as and from 14 days from 2nd August, the Company would not be liable for any Acts of Fraud or Embezzlement on the part of any of the following Collectors:-

Thomas Sutton; Patrick Carty; Sean Gannon; Walter Cummins; James Quirke, John J Sinnott; Art Dunne; John J O'Reilly; Thady Bolger; Patrick Donohoe, Patrick O'Byrne; M M Kelly; Michael Deegan; and John Doyle.

Under date 3rd August, 1929, the Secretary to the County Council/^{wrote}that, as the Rate Collectors resided in rural areas, the notice given by the Company for cancellation of the bonds was rather short, and they were asked to allow of a further month's extension so that arrangements could be made by the Collectors with another Company for the issue of new bonds: otherwise, the Collecting Books would have to be taken up if bonds were not forthcoming at the end of the 14 days, which would very much hamper the County Council as regards Rate Collection.

Under date 8th August, 1929, the Company wrote (RS/MM Accident) regretting they were unable to grant the request for an extension of time of cancellation and stating they must adhere to their previous notice cancelling their liability. They wished it to be understood that this cancellation applied to all the Rate Collectors of the Council who had taken out bonds or proposed taking out bonds with the Company. They were sorry for any inconvenience caused but

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could not depart from their original decision.

Under date 10th August, 1929, the Secretary to the County Council acknowledged the letter of the Company of the 8th instant and asked for information as to the date on which 14 days' notice had been given to each of the 14 Rate Collectors concerned. It was pointed out that, as the previous letter of the Company did not mention six Rate Collectors for whom they had issued bonds or renewal receipts, the Council had not received any note regarding the cancellation of these bonds beyond the general statement in the letter of the 8th August.

Under date 9th August, 1929, the Company wrote (RS/MM Accident) that the name of Collector Philip Doyle was inadvertently omitted from their letter of the 2nd August, and they now wished to advise the 14 days' notice of cancellation applied to him and to all the Rate Collectors of the Council.

Under date 10th August, 1929, the Secretary to the County Council wrote to the Company that, as the letter of the 9th August, 1929, was the first intimation of the cancellation of Philip Doyle's bond, he took it that the 14 days' notice in this case would run as from the 10th August. The Secretary also asked for the date when the Company informed Mr Doyle of the cancellation of the bond.

Under date 13th August, 1929; the Company wrote (CK/KC Accident) that the Rate Collectors were not individually notified of the termination of the bond as, in accordance with the conditions of the policy, the employer receives such notice. The fourteen days' notice would date as from day of reception.

Under date 9th August, 1929, Messrs McDonagh and Boland, 51 Dame Street, Dublin, Insurance Brokers, wrote (12207) that the Irish National Company had decided to discontinue insuring Rate Collectors and had instructed them to withdraw cover as issued to Messrs E J Murphy and Joseph Cummins, Rate Collectors. Copies of letters sent each of these Collectors on the 9th August were enclosed, and from which it could be seen that they were confident

of placing the business with another office. They asked that enclosed Employer's Forms should be completed and forwarded by return so that the rates of both the Ocean and Employers' Liability Corporations may be secured. They understood there had been ~~some~~ some losses in the last three years and, to enable them to present the risks in the best possible light, they asked particulars of the amounts paid and to be informed if any steps were considered advisable to prevent similar defaults by other Collectors.

Under date 13th August, 1929, Mr James Quirke, Hon. Secretary, Rate Collectors' Association, wrote, asking if the Finance Committee would consent to receive a deputation from Rate Collectors which had been appointed to wait on the Finance Committee re Poundage and Fidelity Guarantee Bonds.

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

"That the deputation from Rate Collectors be heard".

The following Collectors attended:- J Cummins, James Quirke, J J O'Reilly, and John J Curtis.

Mr Cummins, who acted as spokesman for the deputation, said the Collectors were in a quandary as regards fidelity guarantee bonds. They had paid the premiums the end of May under the impression that bonds would be effective for twelve months, and the Collectors considered, in the circumstances, they had been badly treated by the Irish National Co. In consequence of the cancellation of the bonds, the Collectors found it almost impossible to get a new Company. The only quotation they had received was from the New Ireland Co. at £13:10:0, although this Company, previous to the Irish National accepting the business, had offered to renew the guarantee bond for £9. He considered that £13:10:0 was an outrageous figure to expect on a bond of £900, while some of the Collectors had only £80 per annum. It was rather peculiar that the Company accepted their money and then, without a word to the Collectors, cancel the bonds on a

fourteen days' notice. Some of the Collectors had been insured for years with the Irish National and it looked a shabby thing for the Company to cancel the bonds of these Collectors. Generally the Collectors understood that, when they had paid their premium, the bond would remain effective certainly for a year.

Mr Elgee said, according to the terms of the bond, the notice of cancellation was quite in order. The policy was the usual one covering fidelity guarantee business.

Mr McCarthy asked what progress had been made by the Collectors as to procuring new bonds.

Mr Cummins said they had not heard from Messrs McDonagh and Boland as to what the terms of the Ocean Co. would be. But it was impossible for the Collectors to take out bonds at £13:10:0 as, in consequence of not receiving poundage, they were not in a position to pay the amount of the premium.

The Chairman pointed out that the Council had failed to secure the consent of the Department of Local Government to payment of poundage as the Collectors had not complied with the terms of their appointment by lodging the full amount of their warrants.

Mr Cummins said the Collectors were not to blame for the depressed condition of the country.

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

"That the Department of Local Government be asked to take into account, and give credit to the Collectors for, temporary irrecoverable items of rate so as not to hold up payment of poundage to the Collectors".

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

"That the Department of Local Government be requested to sanction payment of 75 per cent of poundage on amounts collected in the cases of Collectors who have less than 5 per cent of the 1928-29 rate outstanding after deduction of irrecoverable items,

and 50 per cent of poundage in the cases of Collectors who have more than 5 per cent of the 1928-29 rate uncollected after deduction of irrecoverable items."

In connection with the guarantee bonds, Colonel Gibbon thought they had not sufficient information before them as regards new bonds, but Rate Collectors have to obtain these from some Company.

Mr Cummins asked what position would the Rate Collectors be in if they could not get a bond for less than £13:10:0. It was such a long time since the Collectors received any poundage they would not be able to pay this amount.

After further discussion, the Committee came to the following decisions:-

1. To advance, by way of loan from Subsidiary Account, an amount, not exceeding £13:10:0, in the case of each Rate Collector, to cover cost of premium of fidelity guarantee bond, said amount to be deducted from poundage fees.

2. Rate Collectors must furnish to the County Secretary by Saturday, 17th August, 1929, cover note or fidelity guarantee bond, failing production of which, Collecting Books to be lodged by the Collectors with Rate Checkers of their districts by noon on Monday, 19th August, 1929.

Under date 13th August, 1929, John J Kelly, ex-Rate Collector for No 14 District, wrote, asking that, if at all possible, £10 or £15 should be sent to him by return and this could be stopped out of his poundage. He required the money urgently at the present time.

Under date 13th August, 1929, the Local Government Department wrote (G 53812-1929, Loch Garman Fa) that, as regards proposal to pay poundage to Mr Kelly, the Minister agreed to the payment of poundage provided the collectible rates outstanding are first paid up.

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

"That poundage be paid Ex-Collector J J Kelly (No 14 District) at next meeting of the County Council, on the terms of Local Government Department's letter of 13th August, 1929, No. G.53812-1929, Loch Garman, Fa."

Under date 13th August, 1929, Collector Thady Bolger wrote that, with reference to his second personal security, if the Finance Committee are satisfied to accept his mother, Mrs T Bolger, Milltown House, Ferns, she was willing to act. He had been promised by several people that they would act as second surety, but they had backed out when it came to sending the name to the County Council Office.

The Committee adopted a resolution to inform Mr Bolger that they would be prepared to accept his mother as his personal surety provided banker's reference be furnished.

The state of the Rate Collection up to 14th August, 1929, was submitted, showing that the gross amount outstanding on all rates up to and including period to 31st March, 1929, was £10,021:11:8. Included in this amount is a sum of £3,041:15:11, rates at present irrecoverable as per lists submitted by Rate Collectors.

The amount outstanding on first moiety of current year, viz., in respect of period, ending on 30th September, 1929, was £46.873:6:10.

RATE INSPECTOR.

The following advertisement in connection with appointment of Rate Inspector was approved on the motion of Mr Hall, seconded by Mr McCarthy, subject to sanction of Local Government Department, age limits to be 25 to 45 years:-

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

Appointment, County Rate Inspector.

The above Council will, at their meeting to be held on 9th September, 1929, at 10.30 a.m. in County Council Chamber, Wexford, proceed to appoint a County Rate Inspector for the checking of Rate Collectors' Books and the supervising of the work of the Collectors.

Remuneration,- £156 per annum, with travelling allowance of £100 per annum.

Age limits,- 25 to 45 years.

The person appointed must provide security in the sum of £500 from an approved Guarantee Society.

Applications must be lodged by 10 a.m. on 5th September, 1929, with the undersigned.

Candidates must pass qualifying examination to be held in Old Jail, Spawell Road, Wexford, on Thursday, 5th September, 1929, commencing at 10 o'clock, a.m. (official time). No further notice of date of this examination will be issued.

Terms and conditions of appointment, which should be obtained by all intending applicants, will be supplied by the undersigned.

The County Council do not bind themselves to make any appointment on above-mentioned date.

N J FRIZELLE,

Secretary, Wexford County Council.

Fortview, Wexford.

The following terms and conditions of appointment for Rate Inspector were approved on the motion of Mr Hall, seconded by Mr McCarthy, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department:-

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"Remuneration, £156 per annum, with travelling allowance of £100 per annum.

Duties:- To check each fortnight in each of the four County towns the accounts of the Rate Collectors; to supervise the general work of these officers as to their methods of collection, and to take all possible steps to ensure that the collection is dealt with efficiently and in a businesslike manner.

To forward immediately after examination of the Collectors' accounts each fortnight the results of said checking on the appropriate forms, and to enter date of payment of each item in Rate Books.

To call the immediate attention of the County Secretary to the failure of any Collector who fails to attend for checking, or who fails to produce his books or lodgment receipts for money which he has collected or whose accounts disclose any irregularities. Also to any other matter which, in his opinion, may adversely affect the Rate Collection in the area.

- At the examination of the Accounts the Inspector shall
- (a) ascertain the total amount of rates collected by the Collector since the last examination of accounts;
 - (b) examine the treasurer's receipts (Form 54) for all lodgments made by the Collector since such last examination;
 - (c) see that the entries in the blocks of the abstracts and report note (Form 55) include all sums in respect of which the corresponding receipt notes have been detached from the collecting book since such last examination;
 - (d) enter his initials in the prescribed space, in the used blocks of the collecting book (Form 52);
 - (e) fill in the particulars required to be filled in by him in the Collector's Report Note (Form 55), sign and detach such report note from the block;
 - (f) carry the totals into the Balance Sheet (Form 56), which he shall initial, having first filled in the several other columns and inserted the date of examination.

To prepare necessary Returns of Poor Rate as required.

To check Irrecoverable Rates Lists and Lists of Small Dwellings furnished by Collectors.

To keep diary with carbon copy, showing each day the work which has been carried out and the mileage covered.

To check Diaries of Rate Collectors.

To interview Ratepayers, in cases in which he considers this course advisable, as to the payment or non-payment of their Rates and to ascertain and record the dates on which they were called upon by the Collector of the District.

To carry out any further duties which may be assigned to him by the County Secretary, with the approval of the Finance Committee and Department of Local Government.

To attend meetings of Finance Committee or County Council when required.

The successful candidate must be between the ages of 25 and 45 years on the day of his appointment.

Birth Certificate must be lodged with application.

No person shall be deemed to be qualified for the position—
(a) who is engaged in retail trade, or (b) whose wife or husband or any member of whose family, with whom he resides, is engaged in such trade; (c) who has within twelve months before his appointment or since his appointment received Home Assistance Help; (d) who has been convicted of any crime or who within five years before appointment has been adjudged bankrupt; (e) who holds the office of Rate Collector to the Wexford County Council or any other public body.

General. The person appointed must enter into a fidelity guarantee bond in the sum of £500 with an approved Society for the due and faithful performance of his duties, and must satisfy the Minister for Local Government and the County Secretary that he is qualified to perform the duties of the office and must sign declaration under section 71 of the Local Government Act, 1925.

The appointment will be on probation of one year when it may be terminated by the Council.

Applications must be lodged by 10 o'clock, a.m. (official time) on Thursday, 5th September, 1929.

Applicants must attend the meeting of the Finance Committee in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 5th September, 1929, at 3.30 p.m. for interview.

A qualifying examination in Irish, English, Arithmetic and Simple Accountancy, will be held in Old Jail, Spawell Road, Wexford, on Thursday, 5th September, 1929, commencing at 10 o'clock, a.m. (official time). No further notice as to this examination will be furnished to Candidates".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee held on 14th August, 1929, be received and considered."

Overdraft of Council.

Under date 3rd September, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.62300/29 Loch Garman) stating that the Minister for Local Government sanctioned continuance of Overdraft not exceeding £30,000 to the 31st December next. Interest thereon to be paid at the agreed rate.

Veterinary Inspector Enniscorthy District.

Under date 2nd September, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote (P.H.62400/1929 Loch Garman Sd) approving of the temporary employment of Mr. John Mullins, V.S., as Veterinary Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts for Enniscorthy area with remuneration at the rate of £90 per annum, in addition to £25 per annum under Bovine Tuberculosis Order.

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 14th August, 1929, be and are hereby confirmed."

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 29th August, 1929, were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in Co. Council Chamber, Wexford, on 29th August, 1929.

Present:- Colonel Gibbon (Vice Chairman) presiding; Messrs James Hall, T. McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

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.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4085: 5: 11d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

Collector Dunne (No.15 District)

The Following report was submitted by T. A. Frizelle, Assistant Secretary:-

"I have to report that having called on Mr. Wordsworth rated in Ardamine Electoral Division, I ascertained he paid first moiety 1930 rate, amounting to £7: 15: 7d on 14th August and did not receive official receipt from Collector Dunne. The amount was not accounted for by Collector at subsequent checking. I asked Mr. Dunne (without mentioning this particular instance) if he had received any amounts from ratepayers without issuing official receipts therefor previous to checking. He admitted having received this amount and also a sum of £8: 9: 5d paid by Mr. Hill, Ballycanew, to whom he stated he did not forward official receipt until 24th instant although he had received payment previous to checking.

Mr. Dunne stated that owing to delay in payment of poundage he was "short" but had since obtained a loan from his uncle and had forwarded Official receipt to Mr. Wordsworth on the 24th August.

I received attached from Mr. Dunne to-day.

I notified him to attend to-day's meeting of Finance Committee

with Collecting Books and Abstracts".

The following, under date 29th August, 1929, was read from Collector Dunne:- "When writing up books to-night I found a couple of items where the receipts were in books and which I did not think of when talking to you. They were Ardamine Nos. 3. 25. 112. 131 amount £3: 16: 6d rated to Charles W. Doyne and Gorey Urban 47 (Town Commissioners Gorey) amount £2: 14: 10d. I found too that Mr. Wordsworth had sent me the cheques before last checking and these should have been entered on August 16th."

Collector Dunne came before the meeting and said the reason he had retained the amounts was because all the time he was thinking he would have got some poundage and be able to square up. Living away from home and having met a lot of trouble he was very low in funds. He had lodged the amounts referred to in the report and there were no others to be accounted for. He would give an undertaking that this would not happen again.

Mr. Dunne then withdrew from the meeting and after considerable discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"That Mr. Dunne be given another chance to retain his position as Rate Collector and he be informed that, in future the slightest complaint be sustained against him as to the manner in which he discharges his duties that he be removed from office."

The Chairman explained to Collector Dunne that the Finance Committee had gone thoroughly into the report and had considered his explanation. Some people might say that on the face of it there was nothing much wrong but that was a view which the Finance Committee could not take. Mr. Dunne was in a position of trust, and he knew the conditions of his appointment and what the orders of the Council were as

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regards the lodging of money collected for rates. What he had done practically amounted to embezzlement. Fortunately for himself discovery was made very soon because this question of taking money was very like falling down a hill. It was easy to stumble but hard to recover. Taking money for a short time with the intention of recouping it led a person on and on until they became involved beyond recovery. Mr. Dunne had a good record and in the special circumstances and in view of the fact that he had owned up at once when questioned, the Committee would recommend the County Council that for this time he should be let off with a very serious warning. If there was the slightest trouble with him in the future as to his work he could not be given the benefit of the doubt. According to the regulations the Council were obliged to report the matter to the Insurance Company but they would explain how frankly he had met the case. The personal sureties would have also to be informed. Mr. Dunne knew how difficult it had been for the Collectors and the Council to have them covered by fidelity guarantee insurance. The Finance Committee believed what had happened would be a warning to Mr. Dunne and they hoped that he would not let himself go over one penny even for one hour in the future.

Mr. Dunne said he hoped the Committee would not be sorry for giving him this chance. He would do his best to prove that no further complaint could ever be made against him.

It was decided that Collector Dunne's books be returned to him.

The Chairman (Colonel Gibbon) and Mr. Hall complimented the Assistant Secretary on his prompt discovery of Collector Dunne's irregular action in this case.

Poundage

Under date 19th August, 1929, the following letter

(G.53557/1929 Loch Garman Fa) was read from the Local Government

Department:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to advert to your letter of the 24th ultimo, relative to the payment of poundage to the Rate Collectors, and I am to state that the Minister sanctions the payment of full poundage due on all sums lodged by them to the credit of the Council to those Collectors who have less than 5% of the 1928/29 rate outstanding after the deduction of sums which are clearly irrecoverable on the condition that 25% be applied to the wiping off of the arrears for previous years which still remain outstanding on the Collectors' warrants. The unissued receipts should be left in the hands of the Rate Collectors to enable them to recoup themselves from the Ratepayers in default. In the case of Collectors who have outstanding more than 5% of the 1928/29 rates after the deduction of sums which are irrecoverable the Minister sanctions the payment of 75% of the poundage due on the sums collected by them on the condition that 50% be applied to the wiping out of the arrears from previous years".

It was decided that copy of this letter be furnished the Rate Collectors for their information.

Under date 24th August, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.59890/1929 Loch Garman Fa) that the placing of a portion of the poundage to the wiping off of the old arrears of rate was an essential condition of the Minister's sanction to the payment of poundage. If the arrears were recoverable the Collectors would be able to recoup themselves by exercising their legal rights. If the arrears or any of them were clearly irrecoverable it was not understood why arrear sheets have not been heretofore submitted to the Department or to the Auditor at his audit of the Council's Accounts with a view to their being struck out.

Under date 27th August, 1929, the Secretary to the Council wrote to the Department of Local Government that it was taken the

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Department in their previous letter of 19th August (G.53557-1929 Loch Garman Fa) held that in deciding which of the Collectors were entitled to the larger percentage of poundage only permanently irrecoverable rates could be taken into account. There were certain items at present clearly irrecoverable which could not be regarded as permanently irrecoverable and it was assumed that in such cases these could not be considered in calculating the percentage of poundage payable. Irrecoverable Rate Lists were dealt with by the Auditor and at the audit of his accounts in respect of each March half year and they would be submitted to him at the next audit in accordance with the usual custom.

The following letter under date 22nd August, 1929 (G.56027/1929 Loch Garman Fa) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to the Minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council at their meeting on the 29th ultimo, regarding the position of the Rate Collection in the County, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to advert to this Department's letter of the 6th May last (G.32,246/1929), and to state that the Council should show no further leniency to those Rate Collectors who are not carrying out their duties in a satisfactory manner.

'A report should be submitted to the Council as to the progress that has been made by Rate Collectors O'Byrne and Kelly whose dismissal was recommended by the Inspector and if it is unsatisfactory the Council should under Article 99 of the Public Bodies Order, 1928, suspend them and report the matter for the Minister's decision.

'The Minister takes a serious view of the conduct of Collector Sutton as disclosed in the Minutes of Proceedings of the Council and if he does not carry out the instruction of the Council to close his collection by the 26th instant he should be removed from Office under Article 98 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925.'"

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The Secretary stated that the amount outstanding in the case of Collector O'Byrne up to rate for March 1929 was £705: 0: 1d. The amount furnished by him as irrecoverable was £63: 12: 1d, leaving the net amount outstanding £641: 8/-. In the case of Collector Kelly the amount outstanding to rate of March 1929 was £817: 0: 8d. £647: 19; 2d of which Collector claimed was irrecoverable.

Under date 28th August, 1929, Collector Sutton wrote that he had done all in his power to collect the outstanding rates. He had decrees in the majority of cases and proceedings were pending in the remainder.

The Secretary stated that nothing had been lodged by Collector Sutton since last meeting of Finance Committee. The amount outstanding in the district was £684: 16: 0d of which Collector returned £311: 6: 7d as irrecoverable.

It was decided that Collectors O'Byrne, M. Kelly and Sutton be directed to attend Special meeting of Finance Committee at 2 o'clock p.m., on 5th September, 1929, with their collecting books when all outstanding and irrecoverable items will be examined by the Committee.

It was also decided that all amounts claimed as irrecoverable by the other Collectors be examined on same day.

Fidelity Guarantee Bonds

The Secretary reported that Mr. Brennan of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., had been able to secure fidelity guarantee insurance with the New Ireland Assurance Co., for their various collectors at £9 each, viz., £1 per cent.

The form of cover note had been submitted to the Local Government Department who wrote under date 23rd August, 1929 (G.58785/1929 Loch Garman) that the Minister saw no objection to it. The bonds should, however, be perfected as soon as possible.

Under date 27th August, 1929, the following was read from Collector Quirke, Hon. Sec. Co. Rate Collectors' Association:-

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"I am instructed by the Co. Rate Collectors, at a meeting held on Monday last to make an application on their behalf, to the members of your Finance Committee to pay part of their premium for Fidelity Guarantee Bond. The premium has been increased by 100% and it is a hardship on Collectors with small salaries to pay £9 per year.

'I would ask the members of the Committee to favourably consider the payment of half the premium. Kindly place this application before the members of your Committee at their next meeting.'"

Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. McCarthy seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the Co. Council be recommended to make a contribution of £3 to each Rate Collector in respect of premium on his fidelity guarantee bond!"

Rate Inspector

Under date 14th August, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.56304/1929 Loch Garman) approving of the proposal of the Co. Council in regard to the appointment of Rate Inspector.

Under date 21st August, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.59115/1929 Loch Garman Fa) that the Minister had approved of the advertisement which it was proposed to issue in connection with this appointment.

Personal Surety Collector Bolger

Under date 29th August, 1929, Collector Bolger wrote giving the National Bank, Ferns, as reference for his mother, whom he proposed as his second personal security.

The Secretary stated that the Bank had been communicated with in the matter but no reply had been received to the present.

Missing Receipts.

Under date 27th August, 1929, Collector Deegan wrote

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calling attention to the loss by him of seven rate receipts at Enniscorthy while transacting business there and asked that duplicates should be issued. He had found practically all but they were so much torn and defaced as to be useless.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That duplicate receipts for seven rate items be issued to Collector Deegan provided the deputy checker for the district (Mr. Jasper Whitty) is satisfied, and that the Collector ~~in~~ return any damaged originals he may have to Offices of the County Council."

State of Collection.

The state of the Collection to 28th August, 1929, was submitted and from which it appeared that 27.9 per cent of first moiety had been collected and 2 per cent of second moiety.

It was decided to communicate with Collectors W. Cummins Gannon and Rowe and call their attention to the small amounts which they had collected since last meeting.

KILMORE HARBOUR DREDGING

The County Surveyor reported that he and Colonel Gibbon met the Board of Works Engineer (Mr. McNeill) on 27th August, 1929, and examined the dredging work. As the Council was aware there was considerable delay in clearing out the mouth of the harbour on account of large boulders and stones. The work was now progressing more easily owing to it being sand which was being dealt with but the funds allocated are all but exhausted. Mr. McNeill stated that it would take another couple of hundred pounds to complete the job and that up to date there had been 6000 yards of material lifted whereas in the original scheme it was contemplated that only 4000 yards should be removed. As the dredger would be taken away shortly if funds were not available he (County Surveyor) recommended that the County Council would put up another £100 as Mr. McNeill

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stated he would recommend to his department that they would contribute half the cost of any further work.

The Chairman said the dredger had made more progress during the last week than had been made in the whole of the previous time. They had now one very good berth alongside the pier and it would be a very good thing to have another further up. In Mr. McNeill's opinion it would not be wise to put up a large sum of money for substantial work now owing to the exposed nature of the harbour but it would be advisable to keep the dredger for another ten days or a fortnight. But no matter what was needed he did not think the dredger should remain longer in Kilmore than the 15th September as it would be dangerous from a weather point of view.

The County Surveyor said that the County Council were not charged for the delay in dredging caused by bad weather or for the removal of the chain. To accommodate schooners it was necessary that a second berth should be provided at the ship on the shore end and portion of this had been dredged. It would be a mistake not to have this work completed.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That as an emergency work and in order to avoid losing the services of the dredger the Finance Committee hereby agree to the expenditure out of Public Works a/c of a further £100 to finish the work of dredging at Kilmore Harbbur and we ask the County Council to sanction this expenditure".

SALARY OF MR. JOHN J. ROCHE: CORONER FOR SOUTH WEXFORD

The following, under date 16th August, 1929, was read from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford:-

"Our client, Mr. John J. Roche of Cleariestown, has consulted us with reference to his salary as Coroner for South Co. Wexford. As you are of course aware Mr. Roche applied to the Council for an increase of salary and his application was refused. Mr. Roche thereupon applied to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to

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Government and Public Health to have his salary revised in accordance with Section 16 of the Coroners Act, 1925, and as a result of such application, the Minister fixed the salary at £135 per annum as from the 1st April last.

'Mr. Roche's attention has been called to a newspaper report of a meeting of the County Council held on the 29th July last when the Council adopted a recommendation of the Finance Committee refusing to pay the increased salary. Having regard to the powers conferred upon the Minister by the Act it is quite clear that the Council have acted ultra vires and have no power whatever to refuse to pay the increased salary.

'Mr. Roche being a large ratepayer himself and a respectable citizen, has no desire to bring proceedings against the County or any individual members, or have the Council mulcted in law costs, but he must, however, insist on being paid the salary which has been fixed by the Minister pursuant to the Statute and consequently he has instructed us before further costs are incurred to give the Council a final opportunity of realizing their position and responsibility in the matter. Failing, however, a favourable reply Mr. Roche will be reluctantly compelled to take such proceedings as he may be advised.'

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

"That letter from Messrs O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, on behalf of Mr. J. J. Roche as to payment of his increased salary as Coroner be referred to the Co. Council and that Messrs O'Connor & Co., be informed accordingly."

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

Under date 27th August, 1929, the Department of Education wrote (F.20890) approving of award of secondary scholarships to Mary A. Ronan, Drinagh, Broadway and Mary E. Doyle, Duncannon.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. McCarthy:- "That continuing Secondary

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Scholarships be awarded the following:-

Eileen Cadogan, Aclamon, Campile.

Patrick Doyle, Duncannon.

Thomas Cogley, Bulgan, Glynn.

John F. O'Brien, Allenstown Big, Broadway.

Joseph Flynn, Ballyvoclare, Campile.

Thomas Higgins, Monamolin, Rathnure.

Laurence J. Butler, Lambstown, Killurin.

R. F. Doyle, Sycamore House, Killurin.

Mary Kavanagh, Hollyfort, Gorey.

James Donnelly, Hilltown, Ballymitt.

Katie Doyle, Stokestown, New Ross.

Johanna Cooney, Ballykelly, New Ross

and Continuing Bursaries to James Hargadon, 5, Main Street, Gorey and Patrick Sheehan, Clonattin, Road, Gorey.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. McCarthy and adopted:- "That continuing University Scholarships be awarded the following:-

Vincent C. Quirke, Ballinamona, Campile.

Kevan Hall, Cornmarket, Wexford.

Joseph Cullen, Monck Street, Wexford

Liam O'Leary, St. John's Villas, Wexford.

Under date 16th August, 1929, the following was read from Mr. P. G. Hickey, 7 O'Neill Terrace, Enniscorthy:-

"Last Autumn your Council favoured me with a University Scholarship in Engineering. I regret most deeply that I have been unable to derive benefit from it during the year. I have failed to secure the examinations (in Science and Engineering) for which I had entered owing to ill-attendance caused by depression and lack of vitality following on the poor state of my health at the time.

'I realize what an opportunity I have lost and that I have no claim or title to consideration at the hands of your

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Council. Yet I venture to ask them to continue my Scholarship and allow me a chance to make good.'"

Medical Certificate was read from Dr. H. Hunt, Eglinton, 19, Rathgar Road, Dublin, that Mr. Hickey was suffering from nervous depression due to the fact that he is growing rapidly and is over developed for his age. He had ordered the boy's father to take him to the Country for a few months as an open air life and a moderate amount of study would be best for him.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall, that Mr. Hickey be asked to supply a further Medical Certificate as to his capacity to study at the University and that he attend the special meeting of the Finance Committee on 5th September for interview.

Mr. T. J. Malone, 3, Francis Street, Wexford, wrote, under date 7th August, 1929, applying for an extension of his University Scholarship in order that he might attend the lectures for the higher diploma in Education and also if possible, the first year of the course for the degree of M.Sc.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to extend for one year University Scholarship of Mr. T. J. Malone, 3, Francis Street, Wexford, in accordance with the terms of his application."

URBAN COUNCIL DEMANDS

The following statement as to indebtedness of the Urban Councils of the County was submitted:-

Enniscorthy: Due at 1st June, 1929 £644 and at 1st September 1929 £645.: £1289 Total.

New Ross: Due at 1st June, 1929, £570 and at 1st September, 1929, £570.: £1140. Total.

Wexford:- Due to 1st March, 1929 £5661, at 1st June £1411 and to 1st September £1411.: Total £8483

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Total for all Urban Districts £10912.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES) ACT 1926.

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

"That the Co. Council be recommended to pay £113: 0:11d amount assessed on them in accordance with section 12 of Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act 1926."

ISSUE OF DUPLICATE PAY ORDER

Michael Cooney, Corrigeen, Grange, Rathnure, wrote under under 6th August, 1929, that he had not received £1 payment for Road Contract.

The Secretary stated that Pay Order No.736 General a/c) had been issued to Mr. ^{Cooney}~~Cullen~~ on the 11th February, 1929, It had not yet passed through Bank so that it had been probably lost in course of post.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That duplicate Pay Order for No.736 (General Account) be issued to Michael Cooney to replace original which failed to reach him. That directions to estop payment of original order be forwarded to Council's Treasurer!"

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Colonel Quin:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 29th August, 1929, be received and considered."

Collector Dunne.

Mr. Murphy proposed:- "That the recommendation of the Finance Committee as regards the position of Collector Dunne be considered in Committee."

Colonel Gibbon in seconding said he was Chairman of the Finance Committee meeting which dealt with this matter and every possible enquiry had been made as to the manner in which he was discharging his duties. He believed Mr. Dunne to be honest and trustworthy and as a Rate Collector he had done very well so far. They had placed their Rate Collectors in a very difficult position, first in withholding poundage and secondly in compelling them to live away from their parents in another district. He thought that was a very grave error. In view of the whole circumstances and that Mr. Dunne made no attempt to mitigate the offence the Finance Committee believed that in this case justice would be met by a very severe warning. It was a question for the Council to decide whether they would agree with the recommendation of the Committee or not. If they agreed with the recommendation it was fairly obvious the matter would have to be considered in Committee. There was no use in following up the matter by publishing the circumstances of the case far and wide. He did not think it necessary they should take a serious view of the case but if they did it did not make any difference whether the matter was dealt with in Committee or in the ordinary way. There was as they knew in law a First Offenders Act and in the extenuating circumstances of this case he suggested they should deal with Mr. Dunne as a first offender.

Mr. Hayes said the system of paying the Collectors was not right and the collection of rates never would be right so long as it existed and there would be more errors on the part

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of Collectors.

The resolution as to discuss the matter in Committee was then put and passed unanimously.

Mr. Colloton proposed:- "That the Council agree to the recommendation of Finance Committee in the case of Collector Dunne."

Miss O'Ryan seconded.

Mr. Corish said he was always against embezzlement. It was in the interests of the Council and of the public at large that strong action should be taken in connection with embezzlement, and he was rather surprised at the action of Colonel Gibbon in suggesting extenuating circumstances and excuses for the Collector. The outstanding feature of this case was that the Collector was very recently appointed and it was rather a bad thing to see him going wrong so soon after his appointment. He (Mr. Corish) certainly objected to the Finance Committee having handed back his books to this man.

The resolution to confirm the recommendation of the Finance Committee was then put and passed, Col. Quin dissenting.

Payment of Poundage.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. McCarthy seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That poundage be paid Rate Collectors on the terms of letters from Local Government Department (19th August - G.53557/1929 Loch Garman and 24th August - G.59890/1929 Loch Garman Fa)".

Rate Collectors Kelly, O'Byrne and Sutton.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Keegan, that the cases of these three Collectors be further referred to the Finance Committee for recommendation as to submission of amounts of irrecoverable and collectible rate.

Salary of Mr. John J. Roche, Coroner for South Wexford.

Mr. Hayes proposed and Colonel Quin seconded the following resolution:- "That this County Council agrees to pay the salary of

Mr. J. J. Roche, Coroner for South Wexford, as fixed by the Minister for Local Government.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Armstrong, Brennan, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Gibbon, Hayes, Jordan, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Ryan, Quin, Shannon and Walsh.....16.

Against:- Messrs Colloton, D'Arcy, Doran, Keegan, Meyler, O'Byrne, Smyth and the Chairman.....8.

Mr. Hall did not vote.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act 1926.

Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following resolution:- "That consideration of payment of £113: 0: 11d assessed on this Council under Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act 1926 be adjourned for a further three months."

Mr. Elgee, in reply to queries, said that the Council had no alternative but to pay the amount. In his opinion the members who voted against payment would run the risk of surcharge.

Col. Quin proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following amendment:- "That the Co. Council pay the amount assessed under Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act 1926, viz., £113:0;11d."

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the amendment:- Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Hayes, McCarthy, O'Byrne and Quin.....9.

Against:- Messrs Brennan, Colloton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Keegan, Meyler, Murphy, Miss O'Ryan, Smyth and the Chairman 13.

The ~~mother~~ other members were not in attendance when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The resolution of Mr. Hall was then put and passed nem.con.
Urban Council Demands.

It was reported that since date of meeting of Finance Committee Wexford Corporation had lodged £1000 on foot of their demand.

The Chairman said that the Urban areas were not suffering so much from poverty as the county² districts. The amount due by Urban Districts was £9900 and they should issue instructions to have this money paid considering that the Council were paying £500 a year as Interest owing to the default of Urban Councils and that they had an Overdraft of £30,000.

Mr. McCarthy pointed out that so far as Enniscorthy Urban District was concerned the amount due was in respect of current year's demand and there were no outstanding arrears. The Poor Rate Collection for the current year was not started until July in the Urban District.

Mr. Walsh said that New Ross was in the same position.

Fidelity Guarantee Bonds of Rate Collectors.

Mr. Hall proposed the confirmation of the recommendation of the Finance Committee to contribute £3 towards the cost of premium for fidelity guarantee bond for each Rate Collector.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded.

As an amendment Mr. D'Arcy proposed, and Col. Quin seconded, the following:- "That the County Council make a contribution of £3 towards the cost of premium for fidelity guarantee bonds only to Rate Collectors receiving a poundage rate of 5d in the £."

A vote was taken on the amendment with the following result:-
For:- Messrs Brennan, Colloton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Mordan, Meyler, Murphy, Quin, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman.....12.
Against:- Messrs Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne and O'Ryan....12.

Mr. Shannon was not present when vote was taken.

The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the amendment which was declared carried.

On being put as the substantive motion it passed without dissent.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That the Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee for ^{August} 29th, 1929, be and are hereby confirmed, except in so far as same have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

The following Minutes of Special meeting of Finance Committee held on 5th September, 1929, were submitted:-

A special meeting of the Finance Committee was held on 5th September, 1929, for the purpose of considering the position of Rate Collectors M. Kelly, P. O'Byrne and T. Sutton, interviewing candidates for the position of Rate Inspector and of dealing with questions relative to University Scholarship Scheme.

Present:- Messrs James Hall, Sean O'Byrne, T. McCarthy and James Shannon.

The Secretary and Assistant Secretary were also in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, the chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy.

The Chairman of the Council (Mr. M. Doyle) attended subsequently and presided for the interview of candidates for Rate Inspectorship.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

Mr. P. G. Hickey, University Scholarship Holder, 7 6'Neill Terrace, Enniscorthy, attended and explained that the reason he had not attended the necessary University lectures last year was owing to nervous depression from which he had suffered for a considerable period. He was, however, now all right and in perfect health. He produced the following certificate from Dr. Robert W. Harte, Mill Park House, Enniscorthy: "This is to certify that I have this day (4th September, 1929) examined Mr. Patrick G. Hickey and that, in my opinion, he is now quite healthy and fit to resume his full studies".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "We recommend the County Council to agree to award of University Scholarship to Mr. Patrick G. Hickey, 7 6'Neill Terrace, Enniscorthy, subject to satisfactory reports being received from the University Authorities at the end of each quarter as to the attendance of Mr. Hickey at lectures."

RATE COLLECTORS M. KELLY, P. O'BYRNE AND T. SUTTON

Collector Kelly came before the meeting. His lists of outstanding items with permanently irrecoverable and temporarily irrecoverable rates were examined by the members.

The Chairman said that Mr. Kelly should have made a more serious effort to have closed his collection. He believed a number of items could have been collected if Mr. Kelly had exercised the powers under his own warrant and there were other cases in which an instalment order might have been the means of securing payment. He suggested to Mr. Kelly that more use of the powers under his own warrant should be made. If not, one of these days the matter would be taken out of the hands of the Council and Mr. Kelly would find himself removed from office by Sealed Order. For his own sake Mr. Kelly should put more energy into his work.

Mr. Hall said he had been satisfied that Mr. Kelly had done his best but after the result of the present interview with Collector he had changed his opinion.

Collector P. O'Byrne also came before the meeting and produced his books which were examined by the members with lists of permanent irrecoverable items amounting to £63: 12: 1d. In reply to Mr. O'Byrne he said that only about £200 of amount outstanding on his old warrants was recoverable. Since last he July/had been making seizures every week.

It was decided that Collector O'Byrne should supply in time for meeting of Co. Council a list of temporary irrecoverable rates with explanations for each item, pointing out those in which he had obtained decrees and those relating to derelict farms.

Collector Sutton also came before the meeting.

The Chairman said there was a large amount of arrears in Mr. Sutton's district and the Department of Local Government had taken very serious notice of this as the Council had a letter directing them to remove Mr. Sutton from office. Before

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acting on this the Finance Committee thought it well to bring Mr. Sutton to the meeting and see what explanation he had to give. The Committee would be glad to have a statement from Mr. Sutton.

Mr. Sutton said he had Court decrees for a large number of cases for past years and there was a return of "no goods".

Chairman - Have you ever tried the powers under your own warrant ?.

Collector Sutton said he had done so in two cases but the results were not very successful as he did not get enough money by the seizure to clear off the amount of rates. He seized 41 sheep from Kavanagh, Corlican. They were worth about £80, but all that was realised at auction was £15, and nearly all that went in expenses. The sheep had been bought in for Kavanagh. He also seized seven cattle from Michael Moran also of Corlican. They were worth about £60 but realised £15 only at the auction. These were not bought in for Moran.

It was pointed out that the amount outstanding in Mr. Sutton's district up to rate 1928-29 was £684: 16: 0d. The total claimed by Collector as both permanently and temporary irrecoverable amounted to £311: 6: 7d, the net amount of recoverable rate outstanding being £373: 9 : 5d even if all items claimed by Collector as temporary irrecoverable were admitted as such. Collector Sutton said that possibly he would get £200 of the amount outstanding when people got money for hay.

It was decided that Mr. Sutton would submit by 9th instant more detailed list showing the items which he claimed as temporarily irrecoverable.

RATE INSPECTORSHIP

The Secretary reported that the following candidates sat for examination for Rate Inspector:-

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1. Crean Matthew M., Grange, Rathnure.
2. Stafford William J., Upper House, Bridgetown.
3. Moulds R., Camolin.
4. Mooney John, Bessmount Mills, Enniscorthy.
5. O'Kennedy John, 58 William Street, Wexford.
6. Roche L.A., Ballycurran, New Ross.
7. Dunne Thomas J., Borrmount, Enniscorthy.
8. Larkin John J., 10, Church Street, Enniscorthy.
9. Somers Stephen, Ballydaw, Marshalstown.
10. Ross Willoughby R., Killinick.
11. Rowe Peter W., Duncormack.
12. O'Kelly Michael, Ballinaboola, New Ross.

The following is a brief statement of interview with candidates.

Mr. Crean, 22 years old: He had been seven years in St. Peter's College, Wexford, but was at present at home on the farm.

W. J. Stafford: 21 years old last July, said he had been four years in St. Peter's College. He had not been able to secure a nomination for Provincial Bank owing to large waiting list. He had also studied for a year in Skerry's College Dublin for a position in the Civil Service.

R. Moulds produced no birth certificate but said he would supply same by Monday 9th instant in time for Co. Council Meeting. He was 22 years old and had been six years in St. Peter's College. He was now working at home.

John Mooney said he was 48 years old. He would forward his birth certificate by Monday next. He had been in the grocery business in Enniscorthy for 15 years but retired in 1912 as his business went down owing to competition. He then went to manage a house for his brother-in-law but left after four years in 1924. He had been doing very little since but had been carrying on a farm for another man for some time. When this man returned to the farm he (Mooney) was not wanted.

John O'Kennedy was twelve months in Co. Council Office as temporary Clerk. He had been formerly employed in Cherry's

brewery, New Ross for 22 years but lost the position thro' illness. He was 44 years old.

The Secretary, in reply to the Chairman, said that Mr. O'Kennedy had discharged his duties in an entirely satisfactory manner.

L. A. Roche, 21 years old in August, did not produce birth certificate but said he would forward it in time for Co. Council meeting on Monday. He had been three years in Good Counsel College, New Ross and one year in the Augustinian College in Orlagh. He never did any practical work.

Thomas J. Dunne, 22 years old, stated he had passed Junior Grade Examination for Intermediate. He worked with Col. Bryan and in St. John's Mills, Enniscorthy, as a labourer and was working on a farm at present.

John J. Larkin, 25 years old, said he had had ten years legal experience in the Office of Mr. Dunbar, Solicitor, Enniscorthy. He left in January last and had not been employed since. He had no business experience beyond that gained in a Solicitor's office.

Stephen Somers: 21 years old in July 1929 said he could not obtain his birth certificate at Registry and he had been informed that his birth had probably not been registered. He was educated at Christian Brothers, Enniscorthy, until he was 17 and had attended Commercial courses in Enniscorthy Technical Institute for $2\frac{1}{2}$ years. He was at present working on home farm.

Willoughby R. Ross, 30 years old, said he was managing his mother's farm and was local agent for Sugar Beet Co., He had held other agencies but had none at present. He had been educated in a National School and had been at the Christian Brothers Schools, Wexford, for a short time.

Peter W. Rowe said he was 21 years old. He would produce his birth certificate by Monday 9th September. He was educated in a National School and had secured Scholarship for two terms at Camolin Irish College. He was not working

regularly at present but was engaged occasionally by Mr. Sinnott, publican, Duncormack.

Michael O'Kelly, 44 years old, said he had been engaged as quarry and road overseer by County Council for six years but his position terminated automatically in 1922 or 1923 when gangers were appointed. His wife was sub-postmistress in Ballinaboola post office. In 1918 he sat for Assistant Surveyor's Examination under British Local Government and failed by 10 marks. He had not done any work since his employment with the Co. Council terminated.

After discussion it was decided that the result of interview with the candidates should be discussed at Co. Council meeting on 9th instant at 12 NOON.

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

"That the Minutes of Special Meeting of Finance Committee held on 5th September, 1929, as submitted to this meeting be and are hereby confirmed. "

Roads' Committee.

The following Minutes of Roads' Committee meeting held on 26th August, 1929, were submitted:-

The monthly meeting of the Roads Committee was held in Co. Council Chamber, Wexford, on 26th August, 1929.

Present:- Mr. M. Doyle (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs P. Colfer, J. J. Culleton, Colonel Gibbon, James Hall, P. Hayes, W. P. Keegan, T. McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Colonel Quin, James Shannon and M. Smyth.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, Mr. J. Elgee, Solr., and the following Assistant Surveyors were also in attendance:- Messrs T. Cullen, R. J. Ennis, John J. Kehoe, P. O'Neill and T. Treanor.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

REPORT OF CO. SURVEYOR.

The following report was read from the County Surveyor:-

"I have heard from Mr. McNeill, Board of Works Engineer, that he proposed inspecting Kilmore on the 27th instant, and I have notified the Committee.

'The Contractor for the Concrete Road between Ferrycarrig and Wexford has now commenced work. He has started quarrying in Kerlogue, and is also putting in any extra drainage necessary before laying concrete slab. I expect to have the concrete kerbing started almost at once.

'Though the Wexford Quays are not scheduled as Main Roads, and consequently not directly under the County Council still as the work was originally carried out under my supervision I thought it advisable to notify the Harbour Board that the Bitumen joints and some other small matters required attention. I have had an interview with a Committee of the Harbour Board on the matter, and have been requested to undertake the necessary repairs. This work, of course, will be paid for by the Harbour Board as the Co. Council are in no way liable, but before undertaking the work I ask for your authority to do so.

'On the 23rd ultimo I was at Ryland Quarry carrying out blasting work, and had an interview with the Rev. Canon Fry.

Canon Fry pointed out that he was very seriously inconvenienced by the blasting work, and that he was seriously thinking of taking steps to have the blasting stopped. I pointed out to him that such stoppage would very seriously interfere with the maintenance of the roads in the locality, as we could not carry on without this quarry. Eventually Canon Fry agreed with me, subject to the County Council being satisfied with the arrangement, that the blasting work in this quarry should be carried out only on a limited number of days in the year, say four days, and that specific agreement should be drawn up between him and the County Council. To cover inconvenience and loss of wages for idle time of his man, and so forth, he asks to be allowed a payment covering same, and of course, also must be compensated for any material damage done by blasting. I suggest that you authorise the County Council Solicitor and myself to draft an agreement with Canon Fry.

'During the week I had an interview in Dublin with the Quantity Surveyor who is working on the Plans for the reconstruction of the Courthouse and County Offices at the Old Jail. He has the matter now in hands, and I went thro' the Plans with him, but before completing his Bill of Quantities he will require to visit the site, and will arrange with me for a day. We should be in a position inside of a month to advertise for Contractors.

'As directed by the Finance Committee I have had the essential repairs carried out in the County Registrar's Office at the old Courthouse site, and these have now been satisfactorily completed.

'Recently I took further levels at the Sow Drainage Area, and I am satisfied that the longitudinal section as supplied by the Board of Works is correct. The complaint of flooding must arise, therefore, in my opinion, from the smallness of the sectional area of the channel which possibly is now somewhat less than the original channel made many years ago. I understand that the local people recently had the weeds cut in the channel, and at present it is as effective as could be expected for its sectional area.

'I advertised for Contractors to carry out the cleaning of the drains in the Kilmannock Drainage Area and I have received one offer which is altogether beyond any contemplated work. Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, has been endeavouring to get some local person to undertake the work, but without success up to the present.

'I submit correspondence from the British Portland Cement Association, and from another firm with reference to carrying out some work in the Wexford Urban Area with "rapid hardening" cement.

'Recently I made a special inspection of St. Helen's Harbour, and forwarded specification and estimate for the proposed work to the Minister of Lands and Fisheries and have an acknowledgment of same.

'I have made a thorough inspection of the work carried out last year at Carne Pier. The work has well withstood the Winter's storms and has proved an entirely satisfactory job. Owing to the bad weather when we were finishing off the work we were not able to do a thoroughly satisfactory job at the very end, and I consider that this should now be done so as to ensure the work from damage. I estimate that up to £20 expenditure - from Public Works Fund - would completely finish off the work.

'I submit report from the Insurance Company with reference to recent inspection of the Boilers on the County Machinery. The Insurance Company state that the boilers were found "in their usual high state of efficiency".'

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the report of County Surveyor be received and considered"

Kilmore Harbour Dredging

It was decided that the County Surveyor and the local Committee should meet Mr. McNeill at Kilmore at 11.30 a.m., on the 27th August and at St. Helen's Harbour at 4 p.m.

Under date 31st July, 1929, Mr. McNeill, wrote the County Surveyor that the work of dredging at Kilmore was proceeding very

slowly on account of the number of large boulders encountered at the entrance some of which filled the buckets and had to be man handled. The foul bottom, shoal ground and strong currents etc., had also assisted in delaying progress which should improve as the dredger advanced into the harbour. Full particulars of the dredging, quantities dredged etc., would be found in the ships' logs which could be inspected at any time. At the commencement of the work it was found that work was impracticable between 10 p.m., and 4 a.m., consequently two tides could not be worked each day as had been hoped. It would take some time to obtain and check the cost of the work done but he thought it could be taken that the Co. Council contribution to date did not exceed £100.

Wexford-Ferryarrig Road

The County Surveyor said it had been arranged to close the section of the road between the turn at Park and Farnogue on the 28th August.

In reference to the meeting of Sub-Committee of Inspection it was decided that the County Surveyor would arrange a date when the Contractor had carried out an appreciable amount of work.

Under date 22nd August, 1929, the Department of Local Government (Roads), wrote the County Surveyor (SGF/32) that the Minister would raise no objection to the proposal of the County Council to accept the tender of Messrs Hull & Co., for the carrying out the work of concreting the road from Wexford to Ferryarrig at £8356: 7: 3 which sum included the extra charges in respect of transport omitted from the tender and provided for the modification (£422: 17: 6d) proposed by the County Surveyor. It was, of course, presumed that the Council would, out of their own funds, meet the difference between the grant and the amount payable to the Contractors. As regards the

question of obtaining bankers' references this was entirely a matter for the County Council who would naturally take all reasonable steps to satisfy themselves of the solvency of the persons proposed as sureties.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, said he was satisfied with the solvency of the sureties after making the necessary enquiries.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed, and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted, Colonel Quin dissenting:-

"That we recommend the County Council to allow the question of Bankers' references for sureties for Messrs Hull & Co., Contractors for concreting road between Wexford and Ferrycarrig being waived, and confirm the acceptance of the tender as submitted."

Wexford Quays

The County Surveyor stated he had received a letter from the Local Government Department(Roads) forwarding copy of letter from the Secretary to the Wexford Harbour Commissioners pointing out that the bitumen joints of the concrete surface over the roadway along the quays required renewal and some patches were where the cement was damaged required repair. With reference to the side streets leading to the Quays these were not maintained by the Corporation. It was felt at last meeting of the Harbour Board that it would be advisable for two of its members to discuss the matter of the roads personally with the Department as there were many matters upon which they required information. The Harbour Board asked for a day and hour for interview.

The County Surveyor said the point behind this letter seemed to be that the Harbour Board seemed to be of the opinion that as the Local Government Department gave money by grant and did the work on the quays that they took responsibility for them and handed them over to the County Council. He (County Surveyor) had pointed out to the Harbour Board that the Quays been excluded from the Main Road Scheme and as regards the work which had been

done if the Government had not stepped in the Harbour Board were responsible themselves for the upkeep and maintenance. The Harbour Board were admittedly moving to have the Quays scheduled as main roads, while under existing Acts of Parliament the Board were responsible for them.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Hayes:- "This Committee recommends the Council to offer no objection to the work of repair at Wexford Quays being supervised by the County Surveyor, provided all expenses in connection with the work be borne by Wexford Harbour Commissioners. The Committee are further of opinion that the Council should take all possible steps to prevent Wexford Quays being included in their schedule of main roads."

Ryland Quarry

The County Surveyor stated that recently under somewhat similar circumstances as obtained in Ryland Quarry a mandamus had been given against a County Council in two instances, and there was no doubt if Canon Fry went into court he would obtain a mandamus and blasting would have to cease at Ryland.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That we recommend the Council to enter into an agreement with Canon Fry, Bunclody, in regard to blasting operations at Ryland Quarry on the lines recommended in County Surveyor's report to this meeting!"

Sow Drainage

The County Surveyor said the system was not now as effective as formerly and this, in his opinion, was because the width of the channel was less than what it originally was.

Colonel Gibbon proposed and Mr. Hayes seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the County Surveyor be directed to apply to the Office of Public Works for copy of the original cross sections for Sow Drainage Scheme."

Kilmannock Drainage Scheme.

The County Surveyor stated he had written Mr. J. Murphy, County Councillor and Mr. N. J. Murphy, Kilmokea, who was formerly a member of the Council and who was interested in the drainage system and had asked Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, to see Mr. N. J. Murphy who was to interview a man who might be likely to take up the work.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of the matter pending further report from the County Surveyor.

Colonel Gibbon said that for future guidance he pointed out that it was a grave mistake to be arranging for cutting weeds on drainage channels at this season of the year. They should be cut earlier in the year and before they had time to go to seed because if the work was not then done it would cost double the amount in the following year.

Experiment with Rapid Hardening Cement

The County Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs Benon & Co., Cardiff, under date 16th August, that they would be pleased to supply Abercrete Rapid Hardening Portland Cement upon the same terms and conditions as the British Portland Cement Co., or the Cement Marketing Company, for the purposes of an experiment in road making.

Under date 16th August, 1929, Major Musgrave of the British Portland Cement Association Ltd., 14, Dawson Street, Dublin, wrote that the offer of cement which he made at Colonel Gibbon's suggestion was in order that the County Surveyor might appreciate and have experience of a cheap form of road surfacing which had given good results in other counties of the Free State. They proposed sending down one of their men to supervise the work in William Street, Wexford, and the County Council decide to re-surface in cement bound. They were agreeable that the offer of the other firm should be accepted provided the cement was British but his Company would not supervise the work for this other Company.

In reply to Col. Gibbon the County Surveyor said he did not see why the road from Wexford to Enniscorthy with small repairs should not be good in 20 years' time.

Colonel Gibbon suggested that the County Surveyor should furnish a report as to the comparative costs of cement and bitumen roads for laying and maintenance. He could deal with this in relation to the proposed experiment of rapid hardening cement at William Street, Wexford, irrespective of the fact that the cement would be a free gift.

Mr. Keegan said they should use their influence with the Government to induce them to open the Drinagh Cement Works.

The Chairman said every avenue had been explored to secure the re-opening of the Drinagh Works but all failed. No Company would accept it because it was too isolated and not in a position to carry on against competition of the present day. Whether it would be possible to have a factory established in some other place or in some other County he did not know but Drinagh was out of the question. The Machinery and plant were out of date and it had not the conveniences of other factories.

On the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr. Hall it was decided to accept the offers of Messrs Benyon and Co., and of the British Portland Cement Association Ltd.

Carne Pier.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hayes:- "That, as the local people furnished the full amount of the contribution agreed on, a sum of £20 be withdrawn from Public Works Fund to complete the work at Carne Pier.

The County Surveyor said that the takings of the boats this year was more than double the amount expended on the pier.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hayes:- "That the report of County Surveyor as submitted to this meeting be and is hereby adopted."

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COURTOWN HARBOUR.

Mr. Keegan proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution:- "That the Department of Fisheries be requested to furnish the Co. Council with the report of their Engineer in connection with his inspection of Courtown Harbour. No reason has been advanced for the great delay which had occurred in furnishing this report.

MOYNE ROAD

Colonel Gibbon said that in the conversation he had had with President Cosgrave who complained of the condition of their main roads particular stress had been laid by the President on the shocking state of the road from the Cemetery Hill on the Scarawalsh Road into Enniscorthy.

The County Surveyor said this was portion of a trunk road. When Mr. Quigley of Local Government Department was down in Wexford it was decided to leave over the work at this road for this year and do the road from Ferrycarrig to Wexford in preference. The length was about 400 yards and the grant given for this to the Urban Council had been taken away and applied to the cost of side filling of the Ferrycarrig Enniscorthy road. It was scheduled to be done next year.

Mr. Shannon said he had been approached over and over again by people within the last six months as to horses falling on the Scarawalsh road. He referred in detail to three accidents which had happened there and said he thought the County Surveyor should be empowered to use his discretion to treat this road with some material which would prevent accidents. He considered when they were tarring any road in future only about 12 feet in the centre should be treated. If roads were to be tarred into the fences it would prevent all horse traffic.

Mr. Ennis said the only bit of the road which had not been dealt with was that referred to by Mr. Shannon and it would be attended to as soon as convenient (He (Mr. Ennis) had been

over a great many roads in other Counties recently and found they were much slipperier than the Wexford roads.

INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT COSGRAVE

Colonel Gibbon mentioned that Mr. Doyle (Chairman) and himself with the Secretary had an interview on 21st August with ~~the~~ President Cosgrave at Rosslare in connection with Rosslare Road. They pointed out to the President that they did not want a grant from the ordinary Road Fund but that if any money had been set aside for the development of tourist roads Rosslare wanted some of it badly; that this road had up to the present, been maintained by sea gravel which had been unable to bond owing to the constant fast motor traffic and that in the future it would have to be kept by first class quarry material which would have unfortunately to be drawn a long distance. The grant given last year for Rosslare had to be applied to the widening and improvement of the short stretch of road from the Railway Station to Mr. J. Murphy's grocery establishment.

The President listened very sympathetically to the views of the deputation.

TARA HILL QUARRY.

Under date 23rd July, 1929, a letter was read from John Walsh, Tara Hill, that the men usually employed at the quarry were prepared to bore rock and put it through breaker ready for carting for 3/3d per ton if the Council would supply the tools and gelignite.

The County Surveyor said he was not prepared to say if the proposal was a good one. They had a lot of prepared stone at the quarry.

On the suggestion of Mr. Keegan it was decided that the County Surveyor interview the men and furnish the result to next meeting of the Roads' Committee.

BLACKWATER STREETS

A memorial signed by 33 Ratepayers (including the Parish priest and curate) calling attention to the condition of the streets of Blackwater village was read. These had worn down so much that the paved water-tables were now higher than the centre of the roadway and at the bridge the key stones were practically stripped. The memorialists asked the County Council to give serious attention to the proposal to steam-roll about 600 yards as they believed it was waste of money to keep on patching work as at present. Steam rolling was now most essential owing to increased traffic.

The County Surveyor said that the streets of Blackwater were particularly bad and the request of the memorial should be entertained. They were part of a main road and he suggested the matter should be brought forward in November when next Road Estimate was under consideration.

This was agreed to.

AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS AND WORK ON ROADS

Mr. Keegan mentioned that as reported to last meeting of the Roads Committee, two men named Fortune and Mooney had been taken out of the employment of farmers and given work on the roads. Fortune was working with Mr. Warren while both men had never worked for the Council previously.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, said he took full responsibility for the employment of Fortune. This man had been with him twice a week for two or three months complaining of the plight of himself and his family and from enquiries he had ascertained they were certainly in a bad way. He told the ganger to give the man employment when available, and when work started, the ganger sent a messenger to Fortune's house to come on to the job. But neither he nor the ganger knew at the time that Fortune was in Mr. Warren's employment. He, (Mr. Treanor) interviewed Mr. Warren subsequently and

was informed that the man had been given a week's work which was practically finished at the time he went to work on the road. Mr. Warren said he had no objection to the man being employed by the County Council.

Mr. O'Byrne, who also had an interview with Mr. Warren, bore out Mr. Treanor's statement.

Mr. Treanor said that as soon as he knew that Fortune had been actually in Mr. Warren's employment at the time he went to work on the roads he was discharged.

Mr. McCarthy proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Colfer and adopted (Mr. Keegan dissenting):-

"That the explanation given by Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, as to the employment of the man Fortune on road work be accepted as satisfactory."

As regards employment of the man Mooney, the ganger of Road Section (P. Byrne) was in attendance but Mr. Keegan said that in view of the decision of the meeting in Fortune's case he would not go into the circumstances of Mooney's case. He called attention to the resolution adopted at a recent meeting of the Council, on the motion of Mr. Armstrong that all workmen should get a fair division of the work and that carters should be employed in turn. The County Surveyor should see that the decision of the Council was put into operation.

COAST ROAD ROSSLARE STRAND

The following letter, under date 12th August, 1929 (R/IR/107/1) was read from the Department of Local Government (Roads):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has had before him a report of the evidence given at the Inquiry concerning the application of the Wexford County Council for an Order to close to vehicular traffic a 302 lineal ^{yards} of the Coast Road between Rosslare Strand and Tagoat.

'It appears from the evidence that there is a considerable

quantity of shingle or gravel removed annually from the shore, the County Council themselves removing it for the repair of roads. Whether the condition of the road to be closed is due to the removal of such material is open to doubt but there is scarcely any doubt that the erosion of the coast in the locality is being hastened by the removal of gravel from the shore.

'The Department of Industry and Commerce have within the last two years drawn the attention of the County Council to this matter and invited them to apply for an Order under Section 14 of the Harbours Act, 1814, to prohibit the removal of beach material. Nothing effective appears to have been done by the County Council and evidence was given at the recent Inquiry by one witness to the effect that no later than the previous day he counted eleven carts drawing gravel from the shore.

'The Minister will defer further consideration of the Council's proposal to close the road referred to until they have an opportunity of applying to the Department of Industry and Commerce for an Order under the Harbours Act and give an undertaking that they, themselves, will discontinue the removal of material and will enforce the Order against all other persons found removing material.'"

The County Surveyor said that personally he was inclined to think that the removal of the gravel had very little effect as to erosion and at the present time the bank was making up on the south side. Of course it was not possible to prove that the removal of the gravel was not the ^{cause} ~~cause~~ of the erosion and if an action was taken against the Council the benefit of the doubt would go against them. In the circumstances it might be possible for the Council to apply for an Order to prohibit the removal of the gravel for twelve months, but the effect of such an order will be to increase the present expenditure of the Council by about £250, and, if they put on increased tonnage as required by present day traffic, the additional expense would run up to £500 as they would have to draw material from Neemstown

or Kerlogue.

The Chairman said the proposal of the Ministry raised a very serious question. Forty or fifty people were making a livelihood by drawing gravel from the Strand and the cement which had been used to build all the houses recently erected in Rosslare had been made from the Strand gravel. If they obtained an Order to close the whole strand it would be very difficult to enforce and there was no quarry in the whole district. A number of people obtained the gravel for their private use and if the Council were going to put a stop to the practice it would mean a tremendous hardship to the whole district.

The County Surveyor said he thought in the event of an Order being obtained it would be necessary to employ a watchman to enforce it.

Mr. O'Byrne said that if any houses on this particular road were injured by erosion the County Council would be held responsible.

After further discussion it was decided that the County Surveyor submit a further report to next meeting of the Committee.

COMPLAINT BY ROAD CONTRACTOR.

Patrick Wafer, Kilmuckridge, Contractor for Roads 434 and 535 came before the meeting and complained that he had been deferred £7 on one road and £2: 5: 0d on the other.

The County Surveyor stated that when contractors had not provided any road material they were only paid for surface work.

Wafer said he thought according to his contract it was not necessary to have the material in the depots before the first of August.

The County Surveyor said when the Council paid half-yearly it was easy to deal with the payments for the June quarter as they came in with September, but now, with quarterly

payments he had to defer sufficient money to ensure that the material was provided and the procedure which he adopted was to pay only for surface work in the June quarter when he found no material in the depots.

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor for further consideration.

POUND AT SALTMILLS

Under date 16th July, 1929, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, wrote relative to the proposed establishment of Pound at Saltmills. Under section 19(1) of the Summary Jurisdiction Act 1851 the District Justice was empowered to make a requisition ^{to} ~~of~~ the Co. Council to present for a sum not exceeding £10 for the erection or repair of any Pound upon such conditions as they should fix as to the keeper of the Pound paying to the Treasurer of the Council any sum not exceeding forty shillings as annual rent. The keeper of the Pound would be appointed by the District Justice.

Mr. Colfer said there was a Pound in Saltmills already and he could not see why it should not be re-opened

Adjourned to next meeting.

REPAIRING OF BOAT WAGON AT COURTTOWN HARBOUR

Under date 25th August, 1929, Mrs K. Callaghan, Courtown Harbour, wrote asking that the wagon used for hauling boats to be placed on slip should be put in order. She wished to have her fishing boat repaired in Courtown and the carriage way and wagon should be repaired to prevent an accident while the boat was undergoing repair.

The County Surveyor said he would arrange to have the repairs carried out as the wagon and slipway were necessary for the convenience of the fishermen.

PROPOSED ERECTION OF WALL AT KILMORE QUAY.

The County Surveyor submitted letter from P. Hayes, Kilmore

Quay under date 23rd August, 1929, asking permission to erect a small wall for protection alongside the main road at her residence. The wall would complete a gap as there was a wall at present on either side of her house and as there was grave danger to her children from motor traffic the wall would be a protection for them.

The County Surveyor said at present pedestrians had no footpath in Kilmore Quay to escape motor traffic which was of some magnitude in the place, and it was necessary to leave those gaps for the public.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed:- "That the application of P. Hayes, Kilmore, for erection of wall in front of her house be refused."

Mr. Hall seconded the resolution which was adopted.

HAULIERS AND GAP AT TINNEBERNA

Messrs Patrick Wafer, Kilmuckridge; Nicholas Redmond, Ballinlow; William Lett, Tomgarrow; Wm. Murphy, Ruanmore and John Murphy, Ballygarron, haulage and road contractors, wrote under date 8th July, 1929, pointing out the necessity of repairing the hill leading to the gap at Tinneberna Strand. The length of the hill is about one furlong and its downward incline is about one and a quarter in ten. It took a good horse to bring a quarter of a yard up the hill at one time and even with such a small load they could use a horse only half a day. They suggested that a supply of marl - which could be obtained cheaply - and broken stones or gravel would make the hill good for a long time. They had to provide about 500 cubic yards of material and the present condition of the hill was lessening their earnings by one half. If the hill was repaired the County Council would obtain material at a cheaper rate than at present.

The County Surveyor said he could not do anything at the present time to improve the hill but he would bring the matter on with next Road Estimate.

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ERECTION OF HUT ON ROAD 519

The County Surveyor submitted report from Mr. T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, under date 19th August, 1929, that a man named John Corrigan, Drumgoold, Enniscorthy, had built a temporary wooden and tin structure on the margin of road 519. The road surface is fifteen feet and grass margin eighteen feet; dimensions of house 12 feet by 9 feet, and distance from travelling surface six feet. The owner was noticed on 30th July that the County Council would probably compel him to remove the structure.

Mr. Shannon said that, of course, Corrigan had no right to put up the structure but he had been evicted and had no place for himself and his family but this hut, and, if compelled to leave it, they should go to the County Home. As it did not cause any obstruction he proposed that no action be taken against Corrigan as regards removal of hut on Road 519 for twelve months.

Mr. Keegan seconded.

Colonel Quin proposed:- "That Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, be instructed to proceed against John Corrigan in order to secure removal of hut from Road 519.

Mr. Culleton seconded.

A poll was taken on the amendment which resulted as follows:-

For:- Messrs Culleton, Hall, Gibbon and Quin,4

Against:- Messrs Keegan, Shannon, Smyth, Colfer, Hayes

O'Byrne and the Chairman.....7.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The resolution was then put and adopted nem.con.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

GARAGE AT COURTOWN HARBOUR

Under date 3rd August, 1929, Mrs Sarah F. Williams, Harbour House, Courtown, wrote that she was erecting a garage on her premises adjoining the public road at Courtown and had work almost finished when the District Surveyor informed her/she should

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have obtained the consent of the County Council before starting work. If she had known this was necessary she certainly would have done so. The garage was a wooden structure with iron roof built in line with fence and wall of adjoining house and did not encroach on public highway or interfere with view.

Colonel Gibbon said that as Mrs Williams had not submitted plan /her application could not be considered.

The County Surveyor said that he would oppose this application as the gates of garage opened out on the road. The Roads Inspection Committee had recommended and the Council confirmed that permission should not be given in cases of this kind.

Colonel Quin proposed:- "That Mrs Williams, Courtown Harbour, be called on to remove garage which she has erected at her premises and adjoining the public road."

Mr. Hall seconded the resolution which was adopted.

HOUSING (LOCAL ASSISTANCE) ORDER, 1929.

Letter from Department of Local Government, under date 24th July, 1929 (H.53096/1929 Pc Ilgh) re above, with copy of the Order, were submitted to the meeting and referred to Co. County Council meeting.

WILD BIRDS PROTECTION ACT

Under date 27th July, 1929, Senator Kathleen A. Browne, Rathronan Castle, Bridgetown, wrote that people had been going to her recently complaining about the scandalous treatment of the birds on the Great Saltee Island by picnic parties. On Sunday 14th July she was informed there were seven parties on the Island and birds were left dying with broken wings and legs all over the place having been injured by stone throwing. The County Council should put the Wild Birds Protection Act into force.

It was decided that the Secretary ascertain if Wild Birds Protection Act is still operative and if so that the County

Council be asked to consider its re-adoption as regards the Saltee and Keeragh Islands.

PETROL PUMP FOR FERNS

Under date 21st August, 1929, Messrs John Bolger & Co., Ferns applied for permission to erect a shell kerb petrol pump on footpath outside their garage at Ferns. The tank would be inside their premises.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, said that the Company have a couple of petrol pumps already, the one proposed would not cause obstruction.

It was decided to adjourn the application for production of plan.

SURVEYORS AND GRANT WORK

Under date 14th August, 1929, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote that the approval of the Minister for Finance had been received to the payment of £100 to the County Surveyor and £40 each to whole-time Assistant Surveyors for the year ending March, 1930, for work carried out by them under grants from Public Funds in connection with Road Schemes. The payment was contingent on general satisfactory service.

WEXFORD CORPORATION AND MAINTENANCE OF MAIN ROADS

Under date 2nd July, 1929, letter was received from the Wexford Corporation accepting the figure proposed by the County Council for the maintenance of main roads in Wexford Urban district for current financial year at £552.

SEA WALL BETWEEN ARTHURSTOWN AND BALLYHACK

Mr. Colfer pointed out that the money allocated for repair of above wall which was undermined by the action of the sea had not been sufficient and it was necessary that repairs should be carried out at once.

The County Surveyor said it was absolutely necessary that the work should be finished at once by the extension of the

concrete wall.

Mr. Colfer proposed that a sum of £30 should be withdrawn from County Contingency Fund to effect the essential repairs and that the County Council be asked to sanction this proposal.

Mr. Keegan seconded the proposal which was adopted.

GENERAL MATTERS.

Several members called attention to matters in connection with individual roads.

These were noted by the County Surveyor including bump near Mr. M. Williams' house on the Gorey-Arklow road; the erection of danger signs on Road from Duncannon to Taghmon and from Duncannon to Wexford at the Dirr, a motor collision having taken place there recently; the state of portion of the road from Duncannon to Wexford; back street in Gorey leading from Gorey Avenue to the Market Square and Wexford and New Ross Road.

Colonel Quin proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the Minutes of Roads' Committee in respect of meeting held on 26th August, 1929, be received and considered!"
Sow Drainage Scheme.

Under date 5th September, 1929, the Office of Public Works wrote (16548-29) that as stated in their letter of the 8th February, 1929, they regretted they had no copy of the original cross sections in connection with this drainage district.
Kilmannock Drainage System.

The County Surveyor said he had not been able to get anyone to undertake the work at this drainage system; the growth of weeds within the past couple of months had frightened off everyone. He thought it would be necessary ~~to~~ dig out the roots but all that could be done this year was to cut them.

Colonel Gibbon said this bore out the view he had expressed at the Roads Committee that this work should be done at the proper season of the year.

Mr. Murphy suggested that a channel should be cut in the middle of the drains with a drag so as to allow the water to flow. This would get over the difficulty for the present year.
Rapid Hardening Cement.

The County Surveyor said that some of the Councillors seemed to be under a misapprehension as to the nature of the experiment with cement bound macadam; it was not a regular slab of concrete but the laying down of about four inches of road metalling and binding it with cement. The life of that class of road would not equal that of the slabbed concrete road. There might be difficulty with the repairs of the cement bound road but if it ravelled a bit on the surface he thought the repairs could be carried out with tar or bitumen chippings. The cost of this road and of the bitumen road would be about 3/- a yard if the Council had the cement free but there certainly

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should not be any repairs necessary for four or five years. The bitumen road would have to be resurfaced after the first year at a cost of £180 a mile and then subsequently, if it was a good job and was not cut to pieces by excessive traffic, it would cost every second or third year from £150 to £180 per mile. The cement bound road was more economical particularly where the Council got the cement gratis.

Courtown Harbour.

Mr. Keegan said it was very unfair for a Government Official to tell the people of Courtown that the delay in carrying out the work there was due to the action of the County Council. He proposed the following resolution:- "That the Department of Fisheries be informed that the County Council cannot understand the delay of the Department of Fisheries in furnishing report of their Engineer as to improvements at Courtown Harbour. The Council has arranged to purchase the necessary timber for the making of the sluice gates and have done everything possible to meet the views of the Department. Col. Quin seconded the resolution which was adopted nem.con. Agricultural Labourers on Roads

Mr. Keegan proposed:- "That each man get a week's work in turn and that the same rule applies to carters!"

Mr. Hall seconded and said there were men looking for work on the roads who were as good as those in the employment of the Council.

The County Surveyor said it was not possible to do satisfactory work if men were changed in the manner suggested, and there would be no certainty that the men employed under this system would attend work regularly.

Mr. Armstrong said that he had proposed a resolution some time ago and which had been adopted by the Council that carting work should be distributed amongst available carters. He was sorry to say that the resolution was not in force and the carting was monopolised by the one group of men. He had proposed that the work be given in strict rotation to the Carters.

The County Surveyor said he had notified the Assistant Surveyors of the terms of this resolution since last Committee meeting. If the Council was going to give their ordinary work in rotation they would at certain seasons have applications from more men than they had work for and at other periods they would get no men at all. Good men unless they were certain of fairly regular employment would go elsewhere and the Council would be left with the balance. This "in and out" work with the ordinary labourer was a mistake.

With regard to carting it was quite possible to have the proposal carried out except in jobs where men were tied down from day to day.

Mr. Armstrong said that his resolution had nothing to say to the ordinary labourer while it was not carried out in his district.

Mr. Cooney said that he had the same complaint in his district; in fact he thought the same thing was applicable all over the County.

Chairman - We will reiterate our former resolution and ask the County Surveyor and his Assistants to have it carried out.

Colonel Quin considered the proposal of Mr. Keegan, in so far as ordinary labour was concerned, most unbusiness like.

Mr. Cummins said when their present staff was satisfactory why disemploy them. He did not know of any farmers who would do it.

Colonel Gibbon said that as regards their normal work it was best for everyone concerned to have men on permanent employment and not go chopping and changing. But it was entirely different with emergency work.

Mr. Hayes considered the proposal would be unworkable.

Mr. Corish believed the Council could not embark on a more dangerous procedure than to adopt the proposal as regards their

ordinary work; it would certainly not make for efficiency in road work. But an instruction should be given the County Surveyor to distribute what might be called casual work as much as possible.

The Chairman said he had had a letter from Mr. James Sinnott, Oylegate, who said that there were 40 or 50 men there who could not get an hour's work, that the present workers on the roads in his district should be put on the dole and other people given a chance.

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Cooney seconded the following amendment:- "That it be an instruction to the County Surveyor to share amongst workers all casual employment."

A poll was taken on the amendment with the following result:- For:- Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Doran, Gibbon, Hayes, Jordan, Meyler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin, Shannon, Walsh and the Chairman (19).

Against:- Messrs Brennan, Colloton, D'Arcy, Hall, Keegan and Smyth (6).

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

It was then put as the substantive motion and adopted nem. con.

Coast Road Rosslare

Colonel Gibbon said if there was to be an absolute prohibition against taking any gravel from the foreshore it would not only hit the County Council so far as road maintenance was concerned but would very seriously interfere with the development of Rosslare in the future. Buildings there must be erected in concrete and if they were going to put a stop to taking gravel from the shore he did not see how the place could progress as a tourist centre. This was a question which should be gone into by an Engineer who was acquainted with such problems and he thought what they should do-rather than hastily or without due consideration issuing an order which would put a stop to all progress in the district. ^{was to} try

and induce the Government to employ an Engineer to investigate and advise, the County Council to make a contribution to the cost of his services. The Government might be able to get a first-class man accustomed to similar problems to come to Ireland on this Rosslare Road and other places of a like character. It would be prohibitive for the Council to employ a man for this one special enquiry.

The Council decided to have the suggestion of Colonel Gibbon put before the Department for Local Government.

Proposed Pound at Saltmills.

It was decided to adjourn further consideration of this matter pending enquiries to be made by Mr. Colfer as to the possibility of re-opening the old Pound.

Courtown Slipway Wagon.

The County Surveyor stated that this work was now in progress.

Erection of hut on Road 519

Mr. Shannon said that in a recent interview Corrigan said he would apply to the Board of Health for a vacant plot.

Colonel Quin proposed:- "That Mr. Elgee take the necessary steps to secure removal of hut erected by John Corrigan on road 519."

Mr. Hall seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:- For: Messrs Brennan, Gibbon, Hall, Murphy and Quin (5).

Against:- Messrs Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Colloton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Hayes, Jordan, Keegan, Meyler, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Shannon, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman (19).

Mr. Doran was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of

Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Minutes of Roads' Committee in respect of meeting held on 26th August, 1929, be approved except in so far as same have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

FERRYCARRIG-WEXFORD ROAD

The County Surveyor reported that the Contractor was concreting the kerb and improving the bridge at Park Nursery. The concreting of the roadway would start in a few days as one of the mixers was ready. He would summon Sub-Committee meeting as soon as any appreciable amount of work had been carried out.

WEXFORD COURTHOUSE.

The County Surveyor said he expected the quantity Surveyor would examine the Old Jail with a view to its renovation for Courthouse and Offices in about a week's time.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That in the event of the completion of Bills of Quantities at an early date the County Surveyor be empowered to advertise the work of renovating Old Jail Premises as Courthouse and that tenders for same be considered by the Co. Council as soon as possible."

FLOODING AT RAHEENGURRIN.

Mr. Joseph Webb, Weygood, Gorey, forwarded under date 7th September, 1929, a memorial from himself and 27 other ratepayers calling attention to the disabilities they were under by reason of the present state of the river locally known as the "Pass-if-You-Can" which crossed the road at Raheengurrin and was spanned at one side by a narrow bridge carrying the footpath. All vehicular traffic had to go through the river and during the wet season this was rendered almost impossible by floods, The need for a suitable bridge was obvious but if the undertaking of completely bridging the river did not commend itself to the Council at the moment the memorial suggested that the pressing necessity

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could be met by widening existing bridge to double its width which would enable cars to cross. There was a considerable element of danger attached to the present situation as the river had to be crossed notwithstanding any *flood* as there was no alternative route.

It was decided that the County Surveyor should arrange with the County Councillors for the Gorey Electoral Area to inspect the place and submit report to next meeting of Roads Committee.

STONEBREAKING AT RATHDUFF, KILLANNE.

Under date 5th September, 1929 letter was read from Messrs Charles and Thomas Redmond, Rathduff, Killanne, protesting against the obstruction and danger to public traffic and to life and property which might be caused by stonebreaker on the public road at Rathduff Cross roads and they would hold the County Council responsible for any loss or damage that might occur there. Such work would cause hardship and inconvenience to people living in the area when doing harvest work. They asked that a Committee should be appointed to examine the place. Their own haggard where nine acres of hay were in rick and fifteen acres of grain crop was to be stored was separated only by a low hedge from the place at which the stonebreaking was carried out. Hay and fodder were in danger of being rendered unfit for feeding purposes by the smoke, steam and stone dust. It would be almost impossible to save milk and butter while the work was going on so close to dairy. If work ~~is~~ carried on while farmers were drawing in their corn horses would become unmanageable with the noise, dust and smoke. They asked that the work should be held over until May or June so that they would have a chance of getting in their corn and saving their hay and fodder from saturation with poisonous stone. If the Committee called while stonebreaking was in progress they would see the danger to which they were exposed.

For their safety and that of the public they trusted some place which was at a reasonable distance from their premises would be selected for stonebreaking.

Mr. Jordan said the Redmonds had to remove their milk and butter from their dairy while hay, straw and cattle and even the bed clothes in the house were covered with stone dust. The Council had been offered a plot of ground by Mr. John Forrestal but it was not taken as the Council considered the price was too high. But the people up there should not be asked to put up with this nuisance for the sake of a few shillings.

Mr. Shannon said the stones for breaking were on the ground at the moment. Mr. Forrestal had offered the Council half an acre of land for a rent of £3: 10: 0d but the Council would not take it. The Redmonds certainly had a grievance.

No order.

THE MOYNE ROAD 8M

Mr. R. J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, wrote under date 30th August, 1929, that the short piece of road down by the new cemetery, Enniscorthy, was now in a very bad state. It was rolled 14 or 15 years ago on a bad foundation and was now completely worn out. It required a complete sheet of tarred stones to make it passable, the cost of which would be £180. This was now almost the only bad piece on a main line through the County and required special repairs urgently. The sooner the money could be expended the better as fairly good weather would be required to do the work properly.

It was decided to refer this letter to Roads' Committee.

CAHORE DRAINAGE SYSTEM

The Council at their meeting on 29th July, 1929, adopted the following resolution:-

"That, as neglect of drainage area at Cahore is responsible

for the serious flooding of adjoining roads for a considerable period of the year, and as we understand the lands concerned are shortly about to change hands we request information as to what the Office of Public Works intend doing to safeguard our interests and to prevent the roads being flooded which causes inconvenience to a large section of the public."

Under date 26th August, 1929, the following letter (14836-29) was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"In reply to the resolution adopted by the Roads' Committee of your Council relative to the above-named Drainage District we have to refer you to our letters of the 7th December, 1925, and the 2nd May, 1928, and to state that unless and until we receive a petition under the Arterial Drainage Act, 1925, we cannot carry out drainage works in the District."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Smyth:- "That letter from Office of Public Works, under date 26th August, 1929 (14836-29) be referred to Drainage Committee for consideration."

SUB COMMITTEE ROAD MAINTENANCE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That consideration of report of Sub-Committee Road Maintenance be adjourned to next County Council meeting."

CORRAGH LANE.

Mr. Jordan said when this lane was considered by the County Council a certain sum was voted to put it in repair on condition that the local people did a certain type of work. He wished the Council to hear Mr. Kehoe who was the spokesman of the deputation as to how the matter now stood.

Mr. Martin Kehoe, Corragh, said that from a report which Mr. Ennis had recently made to the Council one would be led to

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believe that the local people had refused to do any work. That was entirely wrong. What he had proposed was that the local people would carry out all labour with horses and they never went back of that. One of the Councillors had stated that if the local people levelled the water tables the Council would take it over but he (Mr. Kehoe) absolutely refused on behalf of the local people to have anything to do with this class of work.

The County Surveyor maintained that there was nothing like a sufficient amount of work carried out by the local people. They did a little widening at a couple of places and practically nothing else. If the County Council spent their allocation on the balance of the work it would go nowhere. If the local people made what he might call a foundation to the road - not bottoming but the alignment - fairly well, the Council would put a surface on it.

Colonel Quin said the resolution of the Council agreeing to repair the lane provided that the local people should carry out their portion to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor.

The Chairman said the Roads Committee had been led to believe that the undertaking given by the local people had not been carried out. Mr. Armstrong said the local people could not carry out their undertaking to cart the stones until these had been provided by the Council.

After further discussion it was decided that the Councillors for Gorey Electoral area, with County and Assistant Surveyor for the district, should meet the local people concerned and report to next meeting as to the most suitable arrangement that can be made to have Coragh Lane put into repair.

BENTRY COMMONS RATES

Mr. Jordan referring to the question of the payment of rates by holders on Bantry Commons, said that no rates were being paid by those people, and the Council had been trying to make some arrangement in the matter, but so far had not succeeded.

For some considerable time back the people had given up the payment of rates, with the result that the amounts had accumulated to such an extent that the people were unable to meet them. He was approached recently by people living in the district, and they gave him an undertaking that if the arrears were wiped out, they were prepared to pay rates henceforth. If the rates were allowed to continue accumulating there would be no possibility of getting them collected.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Finance Committee.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Clohamon-Bunclody Road.

The following motion stood in the name of Mr. Armstrong:-

"That the County Council negotiate a loan with their Treasurer for the necessary amount to put the road between Clohamon and Bunclody into proper repair."

The County Surveyor said that the cost of the work would be in Ferrocete £3450, in bitumen grouting £1670 and in ordinary water bound macadam bitumen sprayed £1390. The length of the road was 1260 lineal yards.

Mr. Armstrong said the road was rolled 15 or 16 years ago and was covered with water in the winter.

The County Surveyor said he had brought Mr. Quigley, Chief Roads' Engineer, over this road as he (County Surveyor) thought they might be able to obtain a grant for it. There was no doubt it was particularly bad and it should be done. They could not get the money this year but there was a possibility of receiving it next year. They could not do anything with Bitumen grouting this year. He suggested that the matter should be brought forward in November when they would get either a grant to do the whole of the road or in the alternative a certainty of half cost of maintenance.

Mr. Hall proposed and Colonel Gibbon seconded the following resolution:- "That notice of motion by Mr. Armstrong re loan for improvement of road from Clohamon to Bunclody be adjourned to November meeting."

Passed.

The County Surveyor said the job would have to be done next year either by loan or grant.

Proposed Appointment of Commissioner.

The following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr. Colloton:-

"That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 73(1) of Local Government Act 1925, application be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for the appointment of a Commissioner to whom shall be delegated all the powers, duties and functions of the Council until the holding of the next triennial election of County Councillors."

In moving his motion Mr. Colloton said he wished to make it clear that he did not wish to cast any reflection whatever on the Council. It was his opinion that they were more or less wasting their time coming there. They attended various Committee meetings and Council meetings, discussed the matters on the agenda and made recommendations in the interest of the ratepayers, and invariably those recommendations were turned down by the Local Government Department. The Council had the onus of collecting money that had been squandered. For instance, thousands of pounds had been spent on the Sow drainage area, and the Council had to collect that from people who reaped no benefit whatever, and grants to the Council were withheld owing to the neglect of the authorities in collecting annuities though they had highly trained staffs.

Mr. Murphy seconded.

Mr. Keegan - Is it Mr. Colloton's opinion that if they appoint a Commissioner they will get better work done ?.

Mr. Colloton - Anyone listening to the discussion here to-day would know that we would be better with a Commissioner.

Mr. D'Arcy - I would agree with Mr. Colloton's motion if he would change it to read that the Commissioner be appointed by the people of Wexford or the people representing them.

Col. Gibbon said that if Mr. Colloton's motion had been brought forward in the beginning of the life of the Council he thought there might be a good deal in it, but what it was necessary to think over was that by the time they got a Commissioner appointed it would certainly be the end of the present year at the very earliest, and the life of the Council would only last until June, 1931. That meant that a Commissioner would only be able to prepare one budget and strike one rate in the county. Next March he would be striking one rate without a full year of experience behind him. In the following year he would strike another rate but he would automatically have to go out of office a couple of months afterwards. He did not think, taking the life of the Council into consideration, they would gain very enormously during the time a Commissioner would be in office. It would be well to look into the matter very fully before next meeting of the Council.

Miss O'Ryan said she would not like to support Mr. Colloton's motion or to say that the County Council would be in favour of a Commissioner being appointed. The Council might not be able to carry on their functions, but that was not their fault, as they were interfered with. They had tried to keep down expense, and voted against certain salaries being increased, and the Minister said to pay more. To ask for a Commissioner would be acknowledging defeat; in fact it was despair, and she did not think they should give in. On the contrary, she thought they should renovate things, try to restore the freedom they had lost, and try to get back the freedom improperly withheld by the Ministry. They looked forward to a time when that Ministry would not be there, and to the time when proper representation would be restored to the people. To ask the present Ministry that none of them believed in very much, and that none of them had very much respect for, to appoint a supporter of their own policy to come down and rule the people of Wexford, should be, in her opinion, the last thought that should come into their minds. The Wexford people never admitted that they were beaten

and they believed still that they were quite competent to carry on the affairs of the county, and if interfered with their vote should be to see that they were not interfered with.

Col. Quin - The Government may have made mistakes, but I think they are magnificent, and I am an old Unionist.

Mr. Shannon said, in his opinion, the Government would not interfere with a Council that was doing its duty as well as Wexford Co. Council.

Mr. Corish said he was both amused and amazed by the resolution brought forward by Mr. Colloton - amused because of the fact that Mr. Colloton was a member of the party that had definitely come into power in the Council within the past eighteen months, and that ought to be able to carry on the Council in the interests of the general community; and amazed because of the flippancy with which Mr. Colloton dealt with the motion. Mr. Colloton moved in a few words a motion which would have, if carried, very far-reaching results, and he suggested that no representative had without consulting the people he represented, a right to move a motion to bring down a man who would not understand County Council work, and certainly would not understand the views of the people without getting into touch with them. He suggested to Mr. Colloton that if he considered himself incompetent in so far as his work on the Council was concerned he should do the honourable thing and follow Mr. Roche into retirement. His (Mr. Corish's) party was up against bringing in a Commissioner. The resolution was a confession of impotency and incompetency. They held that the people had a right to proper representation. In some places he supposed the people were satisfied with a Commissioner, but in the great majority of cases they would be only too glad to get rid of him in the morning. Mr. Colloton had mentioned something about the Sow drainage, but he thought Mr. Colloton would agree that only the County Council were there representing the people the money that was being asked would have been paid long ago by

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a Commissioner.

Mr. Colloton said he wished to assure Mr. Corish that the people he (Mr. Colloton) represented were in favour of a Commissioner, and they had ~~an~~ an official in attendance at the last meeting, and he told the Council what he thought of them.

Mr. Hall did not see what addition a Commissioner would be to the ratepayers of the County. He agreed with Mr. Corish with regard to the Sow drainage that if they had a Commissioner the money would be paid off long ago. They had too many disagreements at the Council meetings. They had no respect for each other, and had no respect for the Chairman, and they would not allow him to do business. He had experience of boards of guardians, but he never saw a board of guardians nearly so bad as the County Council had become latterly.

Mr. O'Byrne said the very arguments Mr. Colloton had put up for the abolition of the Council were the very arguments they should adopt against abolishing it. The Council had carried on in more difficult times than the present, and had carried on to their credit. In the records of County Council administration in Dublin no Council in Ireland stood higher than Wexford County Council. If Mr. Colloton thought the Council should be abolished the proper thing for him to do was to retire and let somebody succeed him.

The Chairman said that if anyone should take umbrage at the motion it was himself. He had been in the chair for a considerable time, and if any offence was meant it should be more against the Chairman than against anyone else, as it might be that he had not carried on the business as it should have been done or in the best interests of the Council. He was not, however, in disagreement with the proposal, and did not take a bit of umbrage against it, because after all they had been practically walked on by the Local Government Department and every other Ministry practically for the last two or three years.

The Council were in a very difficult situation between one rate-payer, who had difficulty in finding the rates, and another who was not in such a bad position, and who was paying. If they pressed for rates on the man who was not able to pay he was not satisfied with the Council, and the other man was not satisfied if they did not press for payment. The way the Council had been treated by the Local Government Department was also not very pleasant, but the Council took office for three years, and he agreed with a lot of what Miss O'Ryan had said. If there was anything wrong they should try to rectify it, but he knew himself that the majority of the people of the County was in favour of a Commissioner. He believed they were, and he had been told that over and over again. The Commissioners really had done good work in a great many places and he had not read that they had done bad work any place. He was not at all upset about Mr. Colloton's resolution, but still he did not believe he could vote for it, because they took on the position for three years, and he believed it was the duty of every honest member to try and carry out the duties of that position for the three years. If they failed at the end of the three years, then he thought it would be quite time for them to call for a Commissioner. He was certainly of opinion that the position of the County Council was an unenviable one at the moment, because they could not please the public no matter how they tried. They could not really get in the abnormal rate that was on the county, and he did not know whether a Commissioner could manage it or not, or that there could be much economy with the Institutions full to the doors and with the cost of maintaining the roads. He believed that a lot of the ratepayers thought a Commissioner might do something for them, but when they asked the Local Government Inspector how they were to do better in the collection of rates he could not give them an answer, and he had his own Department that had failed worse in getting in the annuities

than the Council failed in getting in the rates. Everybody seemed to want the Council to do something extra, and as long as they had that desire prevailing it would be very hard for a County Council or a Commissioner to cut down the rates. If the majority of the Council decided to call for a Commissioner no one would welcome him more than he would. He was quite sick and tired of his position as County Councillor and of public life generally. He did not see that anyone could please any section of the Community at present and he thought it would be futile to try to do so in any public position.

Colonel Quin said that Mr. Colloton felt that one trained man would do the work better than 27.

Mr. Jordan stated he had been in absolute agreement with a change in the system of local administration since before he became a member of the Council but it was going a bit too far to ask for a Commissioner. In order to meet the wishes of certain people who would be prepared to go so far as having a county manager with an advisory council it might have been better if Mr. Colloton's motion were in that amended form. He (Mr. Jordan) wished to make it perfectly clear that in asking for a change of the system of local administration, he did not intend to cast any reflection on any of the members of the Council, who, he believed, were as competent a body as any in the Free State and superior to most of them. He, however, believed it was absolutely impossible for a body of men who had their own personal interests to look after to give to the big questions of local administration the time and the attention which they deserved. Certain references had been made to the Local Government Department. He disagreed very often with the decisions of the Department. Still he respected their opinions, as he also did the opinions of people who sent him to the Council. He had the greatest possible respect for the Department, in particular for the man in charge - General Mulcahy. In asking for a change

of system of local government administration they were not trying an experiment. They knew, that, perhaps, with one exception that where Commissioners were appointed they had been a huge success. What they wanted was one particular man who would have a thorough grasp of local services and without that they would have neither efficiency nor economy. They had waste and overlapping all over the County. Mr. Keegan had brought under their notice matters in regard to the dumping of stones, etc. Mr. Murphy mentioned one case of seeing several men employed spreading stones with one man filling the barrows and wheeling them to the men supposed to be spreading them. The Council knew that such waste was going on, but could not devise ways or means by which it could be stopped. They were told by the Surveyor that the cost of breaking material in the quarries was 7/- a cubic yard. When the Pioneer Road Construction Co., obtained the contract for the making of the Enniscorthy-Wexford road they took over a couple of quarries and were able to dispose of road metalling at 5/- a yard - a difference of 2/- due to being in close touch with the work and good management. When coming to Wexford that morning he saw chippings being placed in pot holes in such a manner that with traffic they must be rendered useless. Such methods were pure waste and the Council saw what was going on, but were unable to devise means by which it could be stopped. Before he ever became a member of the County Council he never lost an opportunity of expressing the view that a change in the system of local administration should be made, and he would continue to express that view. He hoped the Council would do what Mr. Colloton asked them, as it would be in the interests of efficiency and economy.

Col. Gibbon said there was a motion that they should take a vote immediately. To make his position clear he said he held it was too late in their term of office to make the change. He had been elected to the Council by the people, and until he was

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directed by them he was not going to vote for a Commissioner. At the same time he appealed to the opponents of the motion, who had been very hostile, to reconsider their views, and let the matter come before the Council again at the next meeting, because he was of the opinion it would be a very good thing for the people of the county to understand the matter, to discuss it, and give the members of the Council a mandate on it on what they required.

Colonel Quin - How can a public meeting give a mandate ?. Do you want a few blatherskites writing to the Press?.

After further discussion Colonel Gibbon proposed and Mr. McCarthy seconded the following resolution:-

"That consideration of notice of motion asking for the appointment of a Commissioner to administer the affairs of the Council be adjourned to next meeting."

A poll taken on this motion resulted as follows:-

For:- Messrs McCarthy, Quin, Gibbon and the Chairman,,,,,,(4).

Against:- Messrs Armstrong, Brennan, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Doran, Hall, Hayes, Jordan, Keegan, Mayler, Murphy, O'Byrne, Shannon, Smyth and Walsh and Miss O'Ryan (21)

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

For:- Messrs Culleton, Doran, Jordan, Mayler, Murphy, Quin and Walsh (7).

Against:- Messrs Armstrong, Brennan, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Shannon and Walsh (17).

The Chairman did not vote.

The motion was declared lost.

MOTOR TRAFFIC - MAIN STREET WEXFORD.

Under date 6th September, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote (R/RV/32) enclosing two copies of Order

which directed that from and after the 14th September no mechanically propelled vehicle be driven on the Main Street between George Street and King Street (Lower) on Saturdays between 6 p.m., and midnight. The Order directed that warning signs be erected and maintained in suitable places.

In reply to a query, Mr. Corish said the Corporation would put up the necessary signs.

APPOINTMENT OF RATE INSPECTOR

The Secretary reported that the following candidates sat for examination for the above position on 5th September, 1929, conducted by the Superior of Christian Brothers' Wexford:-

Matthew M. Crean, Grange, Rathnure.

Thomas F. Dunne, Borrmount, Enniscorthy.

John J. Larkin, 10, Church Street, Enniscorthy.

Michael O'Kelly, Ballinaboola, New Ross.

John O'Kennedy, 58 William Street, Wexford.

John Mooney, Bessmount Mills, Enniscorthy.

Robert Moulds, Camolin.

L. A. Roche, Ballycurran, New Ross.

Willoughby R. Ross, Killinick.

Peter W. Rowe, Duncormack.

Stephen Somers, Ballydaw, Marshallstown.

William J. Stafford, Upper House, Bridgetown.

Rev. Br. Markey in forwarding results stated that eight candidates had failed in Irish and but one passed in Accountancy. He could not stretch marks any higher. The candidates with two or three exceptions were very weak.

The following is copy of results:-

Exam No.	Candidate	Irish	English	Arithmetic	Accountancy	Total
5	O'Kennedy	50	77	80	71	278
12	Rowe	92	69	60	1	222
3	Moulds	30	62	80	15	187
1	Crean	51	30	60	15	156
8	Larkin	30	70	20	22	142
10	Somers	26	47	40	27	140
2	Stafford	20	56	60	4	140
13	O'Kelly	0	53	45	15	113
7	Dunne	0	42	45	3	90
6	Roche	2	34	40	1	77
4	Mooney	0	30	20	0	50
11	Ross	2	34	0	2	38

No.9 did not sit for Examination.

The qualifying mark for each subject was thirty-three and one-third per cent.

Mr. O'Kennedy was the only successful candidate.

Mr. Keegan said he objected to the making of the appointment that day, as his motion with regard to the making of a new appointment in connection with the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr. J. J. Fanning had not been rescinded. He did not want to be taken as wishing to hold up the appointment, but he held until his resolution was taken off the books it was quite out of order to make the appointment. At the previous meeting he had referred to his motion, but the Chairman ruled him out of order, and he asked for Mr. Elgee's opinion and he refused to give it to him.

Mr. Elgee - I did not refuse to give you my opinion.

Mr. Keegan - You did not, but the Chairman did. The Chairman ruled himself and refused to give me your opinion. I am entitled to your opinion.

The Chairman said he would stick to what he said at the last meeting.

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Mr. Keegan - He says that his ruling is final ?.

Chairman - Yes, and I stick to it.

Mr. Cooney proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Murphy and adopted:-

"That an appointment of Rate Inspector be now made."

Col. Quin proposed and Mr. Cooney seconded the following resolution which passed nem.con.:- "That Mr. John O'Kennedy, 58, William Street, Wexford, be appointed Rate Inspector to this County Council in accordance with advertisement and the terms and conditions governing the appointment, salary £156 per annum with travelling allowance of £100 per annum; Appointment to be subject to the approval of Local Government Department".

ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR.

Colonel Gibbon stated that he, with the County Surveyor, Mr. Birthistle and Mr. McNeill, Engineer to the Office of Works, had made an inspection of proposed work at St. Helen's Harbour on 27th August. Mr. McNeill was of opinion that the cost to do the whole work would be nearly £1400, but the County Surveyor and Mr. Birthistle were of opinion they could reduce the cost very materially by removal of portion of the stones there and having them broken for road metalling for adjoining roads and also by the men in the locality carrying out the undertaking which they gave to cart the stone from the shore to where the breaker was set up. Further the Surveyors considered they would be able to do the work much more cheaply by local labour than by Contractors. The idea was that some where about £1600 would be required to carry out the job because it was obviously useless to do the work as first suggested by piling the stones up to form a loose barrier across the harbour; it would have to be carried out in concrete. One of the local men said that the man who built the pier died in 1824. Mr. McNeill was of opinion before he went to the place that it had only been in existence for 40 or 50 years. As regards the rights to the Pier Mr. McNeill considered that as the pier was

below high water mark there were no landlords' rights on record and that the County Council would be quite safe in carrying out the necessary work there.

The Chairman said when Mr. Lynch, Minister of Fisheries, was at St. Helen's the amount contemplated was only £750.

The County Surveyor said Mr. McNeill pointed out that the length of concrete wall they proposed was not sufficient and that they would have to go some distance beyond the line of the old rubble wall and the actual wall would have to be much higher and much bigger than was contemplated. Allowing quarry material value for the stone to be removed for breaking he thought the work would probably be done for £750 when the help of the local people in carting was taken into account.

It was decided to await consideration of Mr. McNeill's report before taking further action.

RESIGNATION OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Under date 2nd September, 1929, Mr. M. M. Roche, County Councillor, wrote:- "Owing to business reasons, I find it an impossibility to attend the Council and Committee meetings with any regularity and as I can see no alternative I have, after consideration found there is no alternative but to hand in my resignation. I shall, therefore, be glad if you will have same on agenda for next meeting. Thanking you for the many courtesies you have shown me during my term as a Councillor!"

The Secretary, in reply to the Chairman, read the following resolution adopted by the County Council on 4th November, 1902:-

"Lord Stopford moved:- "That the fine for a County Councillor failing to qualify in making and subscribing the declaration as required, or for ceasing to be qualified except in case of illness, or other reason approved by the Council, be five pounds and in the case of a Chairman or Vice Chairman ten pounds."

" Mr. Cummins seconded."

" Passed."

Mr. Jordan proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following resolution:-

"That Mr. M. M. Roche be requested to reconsider his resignation as County Councillor."

Mr. Shannon proposed, and Mr. Colfer seconded, the following amendment:-

"That we accept the resignation of Mr. Mayler M. Roche, County Councillor, and as we believe he has furnished a valid reason for such resignation we waive the imposition of fine in accordance with resolution of the County Council adopted on 4th November, 1902. That the Office of Mr. Roche as County Councillor be declared vacant and attested in the usual manner by the signatures of three members of the Council and countersigned by the Secretary at this meeting."

A poll taken on the amendment resulted as follows:-

For:- Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Hayes, O'Byrne, and Shannon.....7

Against:- Messrs Colloton, Cummins, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Meyler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Ryan, Walsh and the Chairman.....12

The other members were not present when vote was taken.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The resolution of Mr. ^{Jordan}~~Culleton~~ was then put and passed without dissent.

SUPERANNUATION OF MR. J. J. FANNING

Under date 21st August, 1929, the Local Government Department wrote (G.58030/1929 Loch Garman Se) acknowledging the resolution of the Council asking the Minister to reconsider his decision as regards amount of superannuation to Mr. J. J. Fanning, late Clerical Assistant in Co. Council Offices. The appropriate allowance in Mr. Fanning's case was £96: 14: 9d per annum and the Minister could not agree to any higher sum being awarded.

OLD AGE PENSION COMMITTEES

Circular letter from Department of Local Government under date 20th August, 1929 (Miscellaneous 878) as to the work of Old Age Pension Committees and Sub Committees was read.

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

"That the Local Government Department be informed that the Sub Committees appointed under Old Age Pension Acts by this County Council are fully representative of the local people; meetings are held regularly and the Council are aware that the Sub Committees are discharging their duty with efficiency and ability."

CORONERS DISTRICTS.

Letter under date 26th June, 1929 (G.45701/1929 Ilgh S) as to Coroners districts was read from Local Government Department:-

The Secretary stated that the existing districts were arranged in Baronies and parishes with the result in seven district electoral divisions certain townlands were in both areas. He had had a consultation with the Coroners and they were agreeable that the Electoral divisions in Gorey and Enniscorthy old rural districts with the Urban District of Enniscorthy should be allocated to the Coroner for North Wexford and the district Electoral divisions in New Ross and Wexford with the towns of

New Ross and Wexford should be allocated to the Coroner for South Wexford.

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

"That as existing districts of Coroners in baronies and parishes have become obsolete we hereby agree that districts shall, as from date of approval to same by Local Government Department, be as follows:-

North Wexford area to be comprised of the following district Electoral divisions:-

Gorey:-

Ballylarkin
Ballynestragh
Coolgreany
Kilgorman
Kimerick
Wingfield
Ballybeg
Ballyellis
Balloughter
Huntingtown
Kilcomb
Monaseed
Rossminogue
Ardamine
Ballycanew
Courtown
Gorey Urban
Gorey Rural
Kilnahue
Ballygarrett
Cahore
Ford
Killenagh
Killincooley
Monamolin
Wells.

Enniscorthy:-

Enniscorthy Rural
Ballindaggin
Castledockrill
Killoughrim
Kilrush
Marshalstown
Moyacomb
Newtownbarry
Rossard
St. Mary's
Tombrack
Ballycarney
Ballymore
Ferns
The Harrow
Kilbora
Kilcormick
Tinnacross
Castleboro

Enniscorthy Continued

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Clonroche
 Killanne
 Kiltealy
 Ballyhogue
 Bree
 The Leap
 Ballyhuskard
 Edermine
 Kilmallock
 Ballyvaldon
 Bolaboy
 Castle Ellis
 Castle Talbot,

with the town of Enniscorthy.

South Wexford area to be comprised of the following district

Electoral divisions:-

New Ross:-

Ballyanne
 Barrack Village
 Clonleigh
 New Ross Rural
 Old Ross
 Templeudigan
 Whitemoor
 Carnagh
 Kilmokea
 Oldcourt
 Rochestown
 Whitechurch
 Adamstown
 Barronstown
 Carrigbyrne
 Horetown
 Kilgarvan
 Clongeen
 Dunmain
 Inch
 Newbawn
 Tintern
 Ballyhack
 Fethard
 Killesk
 Rathroe
 Templetown.

Wexford:-

Aughwilliam
 Carrick
 Forth
 Rathaspeck
 Taghmon
 Wexford Rural
 Ardcavan
 Ardcolm
 Artramont
 Glynn
 Kilbride
 Killurin
 Kilpatrick
 Whitechurch
 Ballymitty
 Bannow
 Duncormack
 Harpurstown
 Harristown

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Kilcowan
Killag
Bridgetown
Kilmore
Mayglass
Newcastle
Tacumshane
Tomhaggard
Drinagh
Killinick
Kilscoran
Lady's Island
Rosslare
St. Helen's

with the Urban Districts of New Ross and Wexford.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES.

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

"That new licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act issue to Messrs Alexander Kinsella, John Street, Gorey, and Robert Butler, St. Iberius, Broadway, and renewal of licence to Laurence Codd, 25 and 26 Main Street, Enniscorthy!"

Michael Doyle

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

M I N U T E S

MEETING HELD ON 14th OCTOBER, 1929

N. J. FRIZELLE,
SECRETARY.

FORTVIEW,
WEXFORD.

The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 14th October, 1929.

Present:- Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman (presiding); also Messrs James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Clince, Patrick Colfer, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John Colloton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, John Doran, James Gaul, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, William P. Keegan, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, James Shannon, Myles Smyth, Colonel Gibbon, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin and Miss Nellie O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

VOTES OF CONDOLENCE

The following, under date 17th September, 1929, was read from Mrs Hayes (Widow of Mr. P. J. Hayes, V.S., Enniscorthy):-

"I wish to convey to you - Councillors and their staff my sincere thanks for their kind messages of sympathy in the irreparable loss I have sustained by the death of my dear husband. R.I.P. Also for their kind tributes of respect and esteem which were paid to his memory at their many different meetings and which I highly appreciate.

'The many kind letters of sympathy which I have received like those of your Council and self have helped very much to lighten my burden of sorrow. I take this opportunity of asking your Council to forgive me for not having acknowledged their expressions of sympathy before now.'"

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Cummins:- "That letter from Mrs Hayes, Enniscorthy, acknowledging vote of condolence adopted to her by this Council be inserted on the Minutes of this day's meeting."

Mr. Hall proposed the following resolution:- "That our

deepest sympathy be offered to Mr. D. J. Bolger, Ferns, and family in the loss sustained by them through the death of their mother! In proposing the resolution Mr. Hall said that the late Mr. John Bolger, husband of the deceased had been Chairman of the Council for a great many years and some of his colleagues who were still members - the Chairman and Mr. Cummins for instance - knew the value of the services which Mr. Bolger had given to the Council and to the County. Mrs Bolger was the most respected lady in the district of Ferns. Her great kindness and charity to the poor and needy would not be forgotten. Her work for the poor was well known though a great deal of it never came to the ears of the public."

Mr. Corish seconded the resolution which was supported by several members.

The County Secretary and County Surveyor, from personal acquaintance with the late Mrs Bolger, paid tribute to her fine qualities.

The resolution was passed in silence.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

The following Minutes of Finance Committee, in respect of meeting of 12th September, 1929, were submitted:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 12th September, 1929.

Present:- Messrs Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, James Shannon and James E. Walsh.

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

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Shannon, the chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

(Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman, attended after the examination of the payments and presided for the remainder of the meeting.)

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4232: 5 : 10d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

The state of Rate Collection for first moiety of Rate for 1929-30 which was submitted showed that 33 per cent had been collected to 12th September. At the corresponding period last year the amount collected for first moiety showed 15 per cent collected.

In connection with the proposal made at meeting of County Council on 9th instant that arrears of rates on Bantry Commons should be wiped out provided the ratepayers concerned gave an undertaking to pay the current and all future rates, it was pointed out in the course of a lengthy discussion that if the Finance Committee recommended the acceptance of the proposal they would set up a very dangerous precedent and could not in equity refuse the acceptance of a similar proposal from general ratepayers in arrear.

It was decided that Mr. Jordan, T.D., be informed, on behalf of Bantry Commons ratepayers, that the Finance Committee have no power to recommend the wiping out of any arrears of rate due on land.

In connection with Fidelity Guarantee bonds for Rate Collectors the following Collectors attended as a deputation:- Messrs Quirke, J. Cummins, J. J. O'Reilly and J. J. Curtis.

Mr. Cummins, who acted as spokesman to the deputation, stated that as regards fidelity guarantee bonds the New Ireland Assurance Company now required collateral security in the sum of £500 . Immediately after last meeting of the Finance Committee it had been arranged through Mr. Brennan, Secretary, Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd., that Cover Note would be issued by the New Ireland Assurance Co. The question of providing collateral security was now raised by the Company who asked for the names of collateral sureties for a joint and several bond of £500 with bankers' reference.

Mr. Cummins stated that as the Company required Collateral security for such a large amount, the premium charged, viz., £9, per collector, was very high. Some of the Collectors would not be in a position to obtain Collateral security.

The Chairman asked what was the situation in other Counties or was the proposal of the Company confined only to Wexford.

The Secretary said that the Insurance Co., stated that counter security was being required from the Rate Collectors in other Counties.

Mr. Cummins said the Rate Collectors had held a meeting and it was then found it would be very difficult, if not impossible, for some of the men to provide counter personal security with bankers' references. There were very many men well off who were *not* in a position to give a bankers' reference.

Mr. McCarthy said he considered the demand of the Insurance Company was unreasonable.

Chairman - What do the Rate Collectors ask the County Council to do. ?

Mr. Cummins - Would it not be possible for the County Council to take personal security. Why should the Rate Collectors pay money to an Insurance Company for nothing. ?

The Chairman said that it was out of the question to ask for the acceptance of personal security. No Council would accept it.

Mr. Cummins said he understood that some of the Collectors in Co. Kilkenny have given personal security only to the Council and this had occurred within the last five or six years.

The Chairman pointed out that if they had personal security only in the case of defaulting Rate Collectors they would only ruin decent people. Their first duty was to safeguard the Council and the ratepayers and they would not be in a position to do this with personal security.

Mr. McCarthy said the Finance Committee should express the opinion that the demand of the Company was unreasonable and should not be insisted on.

The Chairman said that if the New Ireland Insurance Company insisted on counter security the Rate Collectors would have to look for another Company through whom they would be able to provide fidelity guarantee bonds.

Mr. Cummins said the Rate Collectors understood that unless they provided counter sureties immediately the cover note would be cancelled.

It was pointed out that Mr. Corry, Assistant Manager, New Ireland Assurance Co., Ltd., had stated there would be fourteen days' notice of withdrawal of cover note given.

It was decided that, as suggested by the Chairman, the Rate Collectors should endeavour to induce the New Ireland Assurance Co., to waive their demand for counter sureties and failing an arrangement with New Ireland Co., regarding this that they should enter into negotiations with some other Company.

Subsequently it was arranged with Mr. Brennan of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Co., that the Rate Collectors should be given a month by the New Ireland Co., to provide collateral security.

In connection with the position of Collectors O'Byrne, Kelly and Sutton, further lists of temporary uncollectable items

were submitted.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, said that since last meeting Sutton had seized five beasts belonging to Agnes Murphy, Castlebridge, for rates amounting to £40 odd and he (Mr. Elgee) had collected for Sutton during the week £40 from Mrs Lambert, Kyle, Wexford.

It was decided that the three Collectors concerned should attend the Finance Committee meeting of 26th September, 1929, when the questions of their continuance in office will be finally decided. It was also agreed to that the question of handing over the collecting books for current rate to Collectors Kelly and Sutton be decided at same meeting.

A resolution was also adopted that Collector O'Byrne be directed to furnish within a week the name of personal security vice John Caulfield.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That, in accordance with the report of Academic Council, University College, Dublin, University Scholarships for year 1930 be awarded the following:-

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| John J. Hunt, Seafield, Duncormack (1350 marks) (Arts) | 1. |
| Catherine Kickham, Abbey House, Enniscorthy (1091) | 2. |
| Arthur J. Nix, South Street, New Ross (931) (Commerce) | 3. |
| James Kelly, 18, North Main Street, Wexford (896) (Science) | 4. |

PUBLIC BODIES ORDER 1929.

Circular Letter (38111/1929) under date 7th September, 1929, from Local Government Department was read and the various articles of Public Bodies Order, 1929, were considered.

It was decided to furnish each Rate Collector with a copy of the Order for his information.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT 1928

Under date 6th September, 1929, the Department of Industry

and Commerce (Gas and Weights and Measures Section) wrote that the set of measuring instruments for the testing of petrol pumps ordered by the Department on the authority of the Council under an inclusive contract from Messrs Daniel Miller & Co., Church Street, Dublin, had been delivered to the Weights and Measures Inspector for Wexford area. The five instruments had been tested, adjusted and stamped by the Department and certified a/c was enclosed.

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

"That, as certified by the Department of Industry & Commerce, a sum of £39: 10: 0d be paid Messrs Daniel Miller & Co., 29 Church Street, Dublin for supply of set of measuring instruments for the testing of petrol pumps in the County Wexford."

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASES

Communications were read from the Civic Guard and the Inspector of the Local Branch of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children as to proposed committal of the following children to Industrial Schools:- Mary Kate and Margaret Fortune, Cross Lane, New Ross; Thomas Grace, Haughton Place, New Ross and Peter Fleming, Donard, Clonroche.

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 the 12th September, 1929, be received and considered."

Scholarship Schemes

Mr. Cooney moved and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem.con.:-

"That the names of applicants for Primary and University Scholarships be furnished the members of the County Council prior to consideration of the question of eligibility of the candidates for award of Scholarships".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on the 12th September be and are hereby confirmed with the exception of any references to rate Collection".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on the 26th September, 1929, submitted to this meeting as follows be received and considered:-

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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 26th September, 1929.

Present:- John J. Colloton, James Hall, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon,

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

On the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, the chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3703: 14: 0d was examined and signed.

LOCAL TAXATION OFFICE

The following, under date 26th September, 1929, was read from Mr. C. H. Richards Local Taxation Officer:-

"I beg to report that P. Hawkins, Clerical Assistant, while engaged temporarily in Local Taxation Office, issued a Road Fund Licence for £4: 16: 0d and failed to account for same or enter amount in cash book. Licence was issued on 26th August, 1929.

"He also retained amounts representing payment for driving licences up to £37: 0: 0d.

"I asked him for an explanation of his conduct and he admitted having kept the amounts in question and which he has since made good".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That Patrick Hawkins, Clerical Assistant in County Council Offices, be suspended from duty and that report of Local Taxation Officer be referred to next meeting of County Council."

STATE OF RATE COLLECTION

Death of Collector Deegan. The Secretary reported the death of Collector M. Deegan (No. 7 District) on 24th September, 1929, following an operation in County Hospital, Wexford.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That a vote of condolence be passed to the family of the late Mr. M. Deegan, Rate Collector for No.7 District, and that we direct our Secretary to make arrangements with Mr. John Deegan, brother of deceased, to close his collection, subject to approval of the sureties of deceased. We wish to point out to the Council that Mr. John Deegan acted as temporary Collector in this district some years ago."

State of Collection. State of the rate collection as follows was submitted:-

				<u>Arrears outstanding for periods up to 31st March, 1929.</u>		
District	No.	1.	Collector			
"	"	2	J. Quirke	£207	: 9	: 8
"	"	3	T. Sutton	602	: 4	: 5
"	"	4	P. Doyle	315	: 9	: 7
"	"	5	J. Quirke	929	: 0	: 10
"	"	6	M. Culleton	1918	: 10	: 2
"	"	7	M. M. Kelly	759	: 3	: 7
"	"	8	M. Deegan	382	: 3	: 6
"	"	9	J. Cummins	332	: 5	: 7
"	"	10	P. O'Byrne	651	: 5	: 10
"	"	11	S. Gannon	239	: 5	: 4
"	"	12	W. Cummins	415	: 13	: 4
"	"	13	P. Donohoe	446	: 11	: 5
"	"	14	J. J. O'Reilly	33	: 11	: 1
"	"	15	T. Bolger	76	: 0	: 5
"	"	16	A. Dunne	260	: 11	: 2
"	"	17	J. J. Sinnott	149	: 0	: 4
"	"	18	E. J. Murphy	163	: 1	: 0
"	"	19	Thomas Rowe	123	: 4	: 6
"	"	20	J. Doyle	183	: 18	: 11
"	"	21	J. Curtis	110	: 18	: 11
			P. Carty	501	: 19	: 10
Total arrears outstanding				£8801	: 9	: 5

The 1929-30 rate was submitted as follows:- (1st moiety).

E. J. Murphy	67%	Collected
J. Cummins	62%	"
J. Doyle	58%	"
T. Bolger	57%	"
J. Curtis	56%	"
A. Dunne	53%	"
J. J. O'Reilly	52%	"
J. Quirke (No.1)	51%	"
J. Quirke (No.4)	51%	"
S. Gannon	50%	"
M. Deegan	45%	"
J. J. Sinnott	45%	"
P. Doyle	41%	"
W. Cummins	40%	"
P. O'Byrne	39%	"
T. Rowe	35%	"
M. Culleton	34%	"
P. Carty	33%	"
P. Donohoe	24%	"
M. Kelly	5%	"
T. Sutton	2%	"

Average of first moiety collected 43%, representing £25622:4:0.

The amount outstanding on first moiety is £33472: 6 : 3d.

Collectors Sutton, M. Kelly and P. O'Byrne.

The Finance Committee, at their meeting of 12th September, 1929, directed the attendance of these three Collectors at the present meeting.

In Sutton's case the amount of arrears was £602: 4: 5d.

The Chairman called Mr. Sutton's attention to the very large amount of arrears still outstanding in his district.

Collector Sutton said the principal cause of the large arrear was the outstanding rate on derelict farms. He would be always in the back ground while the farms in question remained derelict.

The Chairman asked Mr. Sutton when he proposed to collect the £300 which he said was recoverable.

Collector Sutton - I have done all in my power to get it. I have made seizures and done all possible.

The Chairman asked the Collector to give the names of ratepayers who owed large amounts.

Collector - Agnes Murphy, Castlebridge, owes £50. I seized five cattle in that case and they were bought in for £31.

Chairman - Why let them go so cheaply ?.

Collector - I could not get any more.

Chairman - Why did you not send them to Dublin ?. Have you any prospect of making an appreciable reduction in the arrears at present.?

Collector - I would have had £20 or £30 last week only my motor bicycle broke down. The last 25 per cent is very difficult to get in my district.

Mr. O'Byrne - But every other Collector has the same difficulty to deal with.

In further reply to the Chairman, the Collector stated that Andrew Doyle, Barmoney, owed £9. He meant to make a seizure at this place next week.

Chairman - Are all the cases similar to those of Agnes Murphy and Doyle?

Collector - Most of them are. I have decrees in a good many cases.

Mr. Elgee said a number of people were making payments on account to him for the Collector. He had about £30 or £35 in hands under that head.

The Collector said his largest arrear was in the case of William Larkin, Harristown, who owed £128. This man had thrown up his land but it was understood that his brother, John, was taking it over and the arrears would then be paid.

The Chairman said the Finance Committee expected Mr. Sutton to have at least £100 of the arrears collected by this day fortnight - otherwise the County Council could not continue to allow the collection to go on indefinitely and would take drastic measures to have the warrant closed.

The Collector said he would do his best to meet the direction of the Committee.

Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following resolution which passed nem.con.

"That Collecting Books for current financial year be handed Collector Sutton. We consider that, in order to be fair to the ratepayers of the district, the existing rate should be in course of collection as soon as possible!"

Collector M. Kelly then came before the meeting. In his case the arrears are £759: 3: 7d of which £402: 5: 7d is outstanding in respect of year ended 31st March, 1929.

The Collector said that he had collected £60 since last meeting of the Committee. He thought £200 would be recoverable.

Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution:- "That Collector M. Kelly be directed to lodge within the next fortnight £100 of the recoverable rates."

Mr. Kelly said he would give an undertaking to that effect.

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

"That Collecting books for current rate be handed Collector Kelly. This step is taken in the interests of the ratepayers of the district."

Collector O'Byrne also came before the meeting.

The Chairman pointed out that the amount of arrears in this Collector's district was £651 of which £227: 10: 9d was outstanding in respect of year ended 31st March, 1929.

The Collector said that the amount of arrears outstanding on Bantry and Blackstairs Commons was £110. There was a sum of £68 under decrees which had not been executed. Taking these and other items into consideration the arrears recoverable at the moment would be £290.

In reply to the Chairman, the Collector said he would exercise the powers under his own warrant in some cases next week.

It was decided that this Collector be directed to lodge £100 of the recoverable arrears by next meeting of the Committee.

The Collector said he would do his very best to comply with the direction of the Finance Committee.

Surety of Collector O'Byrne

With reference to letter of Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, read at a recent meeting of the Finance Committee, stating that John Caulfield, Grange, personal surety for Mr. O'Byrne, had informed him that he had not a penny and to the direction of the Finance Committee to Collector O'Byrne to provide a second personal surety, the Collector, in reply to the Chairman, said that Mr. Caulfield had property to the amount mentioned in bond.

It was decided to inform Mr. Caulfield that the County Council would not consider the question of releasing him from Suretyship for Collector O'Byrne until the latter had closed his warrant when an application for release can be submitted by him.

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Personal Security for Collector Bolger

Under date 24th September, 1929, Collector Bolger wrote that he expected to forward the name of second personal surety by the 27th. It was not through any negligence on his part that the matter was so long hanging on.

It was decided that the Secretary/^{report} to next meeting of the Committee if Mr. Bolger had submitted the name of second personal surety with Banker's reference and that Mr. Bolger be informed that this matter must be disposed of by that time.

Approval of Appointment of Rate Inspector

The following, under date 19th September, 1929 (G.65417-1929 Loch Garman Fa) was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he sanctions the appointment on probation for a period of 12 months of Mr. John O'Kennedy as Rate Inspector on the terms as set out in the replies to Queries.

'One set of queries, together with declaration form, which has been noted in this Department are returned, herewith.

'I am to add that the Minister consents to the revision of Mr. T. A. Frizelle's salary as agreed to by the County Council on the 29th July last.'"

It was decided that Mr. O'Kennedy, who had taken up duty, should attend the meetings of Finance Committee when the Secretary considered it would be advisable.

Rate Checkers

Under date 19th September, 1929, letter was read from Mr. M. J. Finn, Official checker of Rate Collectors' Accounts for New Ross District, that owing to the condition of his health he was unable to continue this work longer and asked that arrangements be made for checking the accounts in future as from 27th instant.

The Secretary said he had arranged for Rate Inspector to take over the checking of the Rate Collectors' Accounts for this district as from 27th September, 1929.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr.

Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the resignation of Mr. M. J. Finn as Rate Checker for New Ross District be accepted as from 27th September, 1929."

Under date 24th September, 1929, Mr. Jasper Whitty, Official Rate Checker for Enniscorthy District, wrote that he had held the position for sixteen and a half years and during that period he had never received any payment for postage or for attendance at County Council Offices on several occasions. Now that he was relieved of the office he would be very thankful if the Council would consider granting him some remuneration for loss of office.

Mr. Shannon proposed:- "That in view of the fact that Mr. Whitty, Official Checker of Rate Collectors' Accounts for Enniscorthy District did not in the past furnish any accounts for postage or for travelling expenses in visiting County Council Offices we recommend he be paid half year's salary (viz., £15) as compensation for said amounts and for loss of office. This recommendation is subject to confirmation by County Council and Local Government Department."

Mr. Hall seconded. Passed.

Kilmannock Drainage Rate

Under date 10th September, 1929, Mr. M. J. Finn, Checker for Rate Collectors' Accounts New Ross District, wrote he had been informed by Collector Rowe that the collection of these rates was in the hands of Mr. Colfer, Solicitor, New Ross, who had issued Civil Bills against the defaulters.

SUPERANNUATION MR. J. J. FANNING

Under date 20th September, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.66025/29 Loch Garman) that the Minister awaited a formal resolution from the Council fixing the amount of pension in this case.

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

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"We recommend the County Council to adopt the following resolution:- "That in compliance with request of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health the superannuation of Mr. John J. Fanning, late clerical Assistant in County Council Office, be fixed at £96: 14: 9d per annum as from 13th May, 1929."

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES) ACT 1926

Under date 25th September, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote (S.67268/1929 Ilgh (S) requesting that the amount payable by the County Council under above should be remitted to the Department as soon as possible.

It was decided to inform Local Government Department that the County Council at their last meeting had adjourned the consideration of payment of amount in question for three months.

SOW DRAINAGE SCHEME

Under date 25th September, 1929, Receivable Order from Office of Public Works for payment of £263: 4: 4d instalment due for loan for Sow Drainage Scheme and of £6: 11: 7d poundage was submitted.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That as the County Council have refused to raise any rate in connection with repayment of loan or for maintenance of Sow Drainage System the Finance Committee are not in a position to consider the claim for payment of £269: 15: 11d made by Office of Public Works."

CARETAKER OLD JAIL

Under date 24th September, 1929, the following letter was read from the County Surveyor:- "I beg to report that Mr. Frank Wadding, Caretaker of the Old Jail, has been unwell since the 12th August last, and I now understand that there is very little likelihood of his being able to take up duty again. I have had a man named John Doyle, John Street, in charge of the Jail premises since 12th ultimo, and I now ask for instructions regarding the matter. I shall be glad if you will bring this matter

up at the Finance meeting on Thursday next."

The following resolution was adopted:- "That John Doyle be appointed temporary caretaker of Old Jail during the absence, through illness, of Frank Wadding, remuneration £1 per week."

DEFAULTING LAND ANNUITANTS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Land Commission be asked to supply the usual annual list of defaulting annuitants under Land Purchase Acts in the County Wexford"

SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Under date 20th September, 1929, the following was read from the Department of Education (Secondary Branch):-

"I am directed to inform you that the Department is prepared to sanction the renewal, for the School Year 1929/30, of the Scholarships awarded by the Wexford County Council to the undermentioned students:-

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>
Patrick Doyle	St. Peter's College, Wexford.
Thomas Cogley	" "
Joseph Flynn	" "
Thomas Higgins	" "
Laurence J. Butler	" "
James Donnelly	" "
Mary Kavanagh	Loreto Convent, North Great George's St., Dublin.
R. F. Doyle	Blackrock College, Co. Dublin.
John F. O'Brien	Christian Schools, Synge Street.
Eileen J. Cadogan	Loreto Convent, Wexford.
Kathleen Doyle	" "
Johanna Cooney	" "
James Hargadon	Christian Schools, Gorey.
Patrick Sheehan	" "

"The Reports of the School Managers on the attendance and progress of the students are returned herewith."

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Under date 19th September, 1929, the Inspector, National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Wexford Branch, wrote, that he was making application to Gorey District Court on 27th September for the committal of Bridget and Sarah Redmond,

Curratubbin, Gorey, to an Industrial School.

The Secretary stated that intimation of this application had been forwarded Mr. Elgee, Solicitor.

NEW BUILDINGS' LIST

Application of Patrick Redmond, Tomnahely, Inch, Gorey, for inclusion of house, which was completed in June 1929, on new Buildings' list was agreed to.

Local Taxation Office

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul, seconded by Mr. Murphy:- "That consideration of report of Local Taxation Officer, in respect of the action of Patrick Hawkins, Clerk in County Council Offices, be taken in Committee."

After ~~this~~ discussion the following resolution was proposed by Mr. Culleton, and seconded by Colonel Quin:-

"That the suspension of P. Hawkins, Clerk in County Council Offices, by the Finance Committee of the 26th Sept., 1929, be and is hereby confirmed and that this officer be dismissed."

As an amendment Mr. Shannon proposed and Mr. Cooney seconded the following:- "That the suspension of Patrick Hawkins by Finance Committee be withdrawn and that he be reinstated with the proviso that he be employed by the Secretary in a capacity which will not call for the handling of cash or the filling up of paying orders."

Mr. Shannon withdrew his proposal but a poll was demanded on the resolution of Mr. Culleton.

This resulted as follows:-

For: Messrs Brennan, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall,

McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin, Smyth and the Chairman (12)

Against:- Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Doran, Gaul Keegan, Murphy and Shannon. (9).

Messrs Corish and Hayes did not vote.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

Superannuation Mr. J. J. Fanning

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That, as recommended by the Finance Committee, and in compliance with the request of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, the superannuation of Mr. John J. Fanning, late Clerical Assistant in Co. Council Offices, be fixed at £96: 14: 9d per annum as

from 13th May, 1929".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on the 26th September, 1929, with the exception of references to the Rate Collection, be and are hereby confirmed."

The following Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 10th October, 1929, were submitted:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 10th October, 1929.

Present:- Messrs J. Culleton, James Shannon, Sean O'Byrne and James Hall.

On the motion of Mr. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Culleton, the Chair was taken by Mr. O'Byrne.

Mr. T. McCarthy wrote that owing to a business engagement he could not attend the meeting.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3986: 10: 5d was examined and signed.

(The Chairman, Mr. M. Doyle, attended after examination of the payments and presided during the remainder of the business).

RATE COLLECTION

The state of the Rate Collection up to 9th October, 1929, was submitted showing the following sums outstanding on 1929 rate and arrears :-

J. J. O'Reilly	£8 : 13 : 1
Thady Bolger	36 : 12 : 11
J. Curtis	92 : 11 : 9
T. Rowe	105 : 8 : 9
J. J. Sinnott	120 : 9 : 9
E. J. Murphy	141 : 9 : 6
J. Doyle	165 : 19 : 11
J. Quirke (No.1)	184 : 2 : 4
S. Gannon	215 : 13 : 8
Art Dunne	234 : 7 : 11
P. Doyle	273 : 6 : 9
J. Cummins	304 : 0 : 10
J. Deegan	337 : 5 : 8
P. Donohoe	388 : 7 : 9
W. Cummins	393 : 15 : 4
P. Carty	411 : 18 : 2
T. Sutton	492 : 8 : 3
P. O'Byrne	593 : 12 : 10
M. Kelly	670 : 14 : 2
J. Quirke (No.4)	908 : 10 : 8
M. Culleton	1817 : 19 : 8

Total Arrears	£7897 : 9 : 8
Outstanding.	

The percentage of first moiety of current rate collected is as follows:-

E. J. Murphy	85
T. Bolger	80
J.J.O'Reilly	76
J. Curtis	76
A. Dunne	73
J. Doyle	71
J. Cummins	70
J. Quirke(Nol)	70
J.J.Sinnott	66
P.O'Byrne	65
J.Quirke(No.4)	65
W. Cummins	65
S. Gannon	61
T. Rowe	58
P. Doyle	57
J. Deegan	50
P. Carty	48
P. Donohoe	41
M.J.Culleton	40
T. Sutton	27
M.M.Kelly	9.

The amount collected on first moiety is £35219, representing 60% of Warrant for half year, the amount outstanding is £23875.

A sum of £1404 is lodged in respect of second moiety.

In connection with the resolution of the Finance Committee adopted at last meeting directing Collectors Sutton, O'Byrne and Kelly to lodge £100 each by the 10th October, 1929, the Secretary reported that Collector Sutton's arrears had been reduced by £109: 16: 2d, Collector M. Kelly's £88: 9 : 5d and Collector P. O'Byrne's £57: 13: Od.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That, in the event of Collector M. Kelly and P. O'Byrne not having lodged by this date, viz., 10th October, 1929, £100 since last meeting of the Finance Committee they be suspended from duty".

Mr. Shannon moved:- "That Collectors Kelly and O'Byrne be given time for the lodgment of £100 of arrears of rate from last meeting of the Finance Committee up to 16th October to enable them to utilise amount collected by them at Enniscorthy fair on 15th instant to make up the requisite amount."

There was no seconded.

Mr. O'Byrne said everything possible had been done for these

Collectors. They had at last meeting of the Finance Committee given a most definite undertaking they would lodge the £100 by the date of this meeting of the Finance Committee. They had not done so or sent any explanation to account for their failure.

Mr. O'Kennedy, Rate Inspector, said he was not long enough in office to form an opinion as to whether these Collectors were doing their best.

The resolution of Mr. O'Byrne was then put and declared passed, Mr. Shannon dissenting.

In connection with fidelity guarantee bonds for the Rate Collectors the Secretary mentioned that tho' proposal forms had been filled up for several companies none of them had furnished a covering note.

Under date 8th October, 1929, the following was read from the New Ireland Assurance Co., 12 Dawson Street, Dublin:-

"Our Cover Note issued in respect of your County Rate Collectors on the 16th August, was extended to expire on Saturday next, and that in the interim the bonds were to be completed and Counter Surety provided by each of the Collectors.

We have been generous in our Cover, but regret that we have not received from the Collectors the same spirit of consideration. We have been approached by a number of Companies in the city, seeking particulars of the business, and they have been requested to submit quotations, and it is, therefore, apparent to us that there is no serious intention to place this business with us upon our conditions.

In the circumstances, we have to advise that on the expiration of our Cover Note on Saturday, next, the 12th instant, we do not purpose proceeding with the preparation of the Bonds".

The Committee considered a suggestion that the Council might take £10 each per annum from the 21 Rate Collectors to put into a fund to meet any cases of default. If the Council were fortunate enough not to have any defalcations for some time the fund would grow to respectable proportions.

It was decided to submit this proposal to the County Council and also to communicate with the New Ireland Assurance Co., and ask them to extend their cover to the 16th instant. In the event of New Ireland Assurance Co., agreeing to the extension Rate Collectors be informed they must provide a cover note before the 16th October at latest.

Under date 1st October, 1929, the Local Government Department wrote (G.68220/1929 Fa Loch Garman) that the Department had no official list of guarantee societies approved for the ^{issue} of Fidelity Guarantee Bonds to Rate Collectors. It was a matter for the Co. Council to satisfy themselves that any guarantee society with whom they entered into a contract had fulfilled their statutory obligations.

Letters were read from Messrs Patrick Deegan, Coolgancy, Tinahely and James Deegan, Brideswell, Craanford, Gorey, personal sureties for the late Michael Deegan, Collector for No.7 District, approving of the appointment of his brother John Deegan, as temporary Collector for the purpose of closing warrant.

The Secretary stated in regard to the submission of the name of Mr. Matthew McDonald, Mileseshogue, Camolin, as second personal surety for Collector Bolger, no reply had been received from the Manager, National Bank, Gorey, as to the solvency of Mr. McDonald to the amount in a joint and several bond of £400.

Some members of the Committee mentioned that Mr. McDonald was, from their knowledge, solvent to the requisite amount and it was decided that Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, be instructed to prepare personal bond of Mr. Bolger forthwith.

James Molloy, Corragh, Bunclody, wrote, under date 28th September, 1929, asking if the Council would allow him to let the lands of Corragh rated in the name of Christopher Molloy by auction on condition that one half of the proceeds went towards the payment of the arrears of rates and the other half to the Land Commission which had agreed to accept the half. If the Council would agree the

letting would probably realise sufficient to pay off at least half the arrears and another letting would probably clear off all the arrears.

The following resolution was agreed to:- "That Mr. John Deegan, Rate Collector for No.7 District, inform the Auctioneer who has the letting of the lands of James Molloy, Corragh, in hands that the Finance Committee are prepared to agree to the letting of said lands on condition that half the proceeds of sale are to be applied to payment of the arrears of rate and also that Mr. Molloy must be responsible for the payment of balance of arrears and of the current rate in full".

GENERAL CATTLE DISEASES FUND

Letter under date 3rd October, 1929, (G.60921/29 Fb -Ilgh) was read from the Department of Local Government. The letter pointed out that under section 71 of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894, as amended the County had been assessed at one-farthing in the £ on the Valuation, which would ~~realise~~ ^{realise} £410: 16: 2d for the purpose of recouping the General Cattle Diseases Fund.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That we recommend the Council to pay the assessment of £410: 16: 2d for recoupment of General Cattle Diseases Fund"

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The following, under date 8th October, 1929, was read from Mr. James Kelly, 18~~th~~ North Main Street, Wexford, whose son, James, had obtained a University Scholarship:- "I desire to bring the following matter under your notice and I would ask you kindly to submit it to the members of your Finance Committee for their sympathetic consideration. My Son, James, qualified for entry as a pupil teacher for Course for Primary teachers in Drumcondra Training College and according to the regulations he had to enter the College and pay his years fees not later than the 12th September

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Five days after he had entered and paid his fees he received notice of his having been fortunate enough to merit a County Council Scholarship. Now it will mean that he must forfeit the year's fees already paid on his entering the training College. Taking above points into consideration I would be grateful if the County Council could see their way to hold over the Scholarship for my boy until he has finished his training. He could then do the University Course which has now been put on for young men anxious to qualify as first-class Primary Teachers. If the Council could meet him in this way he could still avail of the Scholarship in the ordinary course and it would only be a matter for Council to defer payment.

'Hoping you will put this matter before your Council for their kind consideration'"

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "We recommend the County Council to hold over University Scholarship of James Kelly, 18, North Main Street, Wexford, until he has completed his training for primary teachership in Drumcondra Training College."

Insurance Acts - John Wickham v County Council.

Under date 7th October, the following was read from Mr. Elgee, Solicitor:-

"A Decree was given by the District Justice in the above case for £11: 4: Od and £2: 6s: Od for costs amounting together to £13: 10: Od. Messrs John A. Sinnott & Co., have written asking for paying order for the amount so I will be glad if you would bring it before the next meeting of the Finance Committee so that you can obtain Paying Order for them!"

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded the following resolution:- "We recommend the Council to pay £13: 10: Od amount of decree and costs in the case of John Wickham v the Co.Council"

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SALE OF MATTRESSES AT NURSING HOME

Under date 7th October, 1929, the Secretary, County Board of Health, wrote stating that some time ago the Matron of Dr. Furlong's Nursing Home offered for sale hair mattresses in that institution. Twelve were purchased by the Matron of the County Hospital at 15/- each for the use in the County Hospital. The Bill for these mattresses payable to the Matron of Dr. Furlong's Nursing Home had now been received and the Secretary to County Board of Health wished to know if account could be put through.

The Secretary stated that at the meeting of the Finance Committee on 14th March, 1929, letter was read from Sister M. Abban of Dr. Furlong's Private Nursing Home that they had 24 to 29 hair mattresses for sale. They were not likely to be required and would deteriorate if kept in store. She asked the permission of the County Council to dispose of them and to apply the amount realised to the purchase of an up-to-date range which would add greatly to the value of the premises.

The Finance Committee considered it would be advisable if Sister M. Abban advertised the mattresses for sale. They recommended that a sum of £10 should be allowed out of the proceeds to provide for purchase of range, any balance over and above this amount to be lodged to the credit of the County Council.

It was decided to ask Sister M. Abban if she had advertised all the mattresses for sale and if so with what result.

LIGHTING OF STRAND ROAD ROSSLARE

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The Chairman inquired what was being paid by the County Surveyor to William Fardy, Tagoat, for lighting the lamps at the Strand road, Rosslare.

Mr. Birthistle - 30/- per week.

Chairman - Don't you think that is extravagant for merely lighting the lamps.



Mr. Birthistle said that Fardy acted as watchman as well as lamplighter. He had checked his work dozens of times and also had the ganger make three or four surprise checks and the man was always at the place.

Chairman - I am certain he is not there. I pass the place very often and I never saw anybody there.

Mr. Birthistle said he had made checks very late at night and found the man there. But he did not make any check at daybreak. This man was appointed in the ordinary way.

Chairman - The people of the district have complained to me that the whole work carried out by the man is the lighting and putting out of the lamps and he is never there any other time.

Mr. Birthistle - I saw him there every time I passed. I can say it was dozens of times though I can't give specific dates. I never heard that he was absent.

Chairman - As far as I can ascertain there is no one there at ~~one~~ night.

Mr. Birthistle - He was there every time I went and I have stated this was dozens of times. I had no alternative but to appoint a watchman and I could not appoint him at less than the standard amount, 30/- a week.

Chairman - This man is supposed to be there all night which I dispute. If you make enquiries from the people of the district you will find there is no watchman there.

Mr. O'Byrne said if it would be proved that the man was not carrying out his duties he should be removed.

The Chairman said he believed the appointment was only for lighting and putting out the lamps. How could a watchman deal with the two ends of the road which were such a distance apart.

Mr. Birthistle - If anything happened there you would be liable and that is the reason I put on a watchman. If a lamp went out and there was an accident in consequence the Council would be ~~liable~~ *liable*



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Chairman - I can give you specific instances and dates when he was not there.

Mr. Birthistle - I would be glad to get them. I would not wish to have a man there who was not carrying out his duty.

The discussion ended.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on the 10th October, 1929, be received and considered:-

University Scholarship Scheme

Mr. Gaul stated that in compliance with the provisions of the University Scholarship Scheme he would give notice of motion for the meeting of the County Council in November that the University Scholarship awarded Mr. James Kelly, 18 North Main Street, Wexford, be held over until he has completed his training as a primary school teacher"

Lighting Strand Road Rosslare

The Chairman said he had had complaints from dozens of people as to amount the County Council were paying for lighting lamps morning and night at the Strand Road. This had been going on for eight or nine months and <sup>was</sup> ~~also~~ running into a lot of useless money which might as well have been thrown away so far as the ratepayers were concerned. If the money spent on this watchman had been spent on the road it would have put it in a passable condition. The road could be blocked properly at both ends and it would not be necessary to have any watchman if this were done.

Colonel Gibbon asked if the County Council was compelled to keep a watchman on this road.

The County Surveyor said that the reason the watchman was kept on the road was because the road was only partially closed pending the decision of the Local Government Department to close it permanently.

Colonel Gibbon - Are we compelled by law to keep a watchman. If there is an obstruction on a road does not the law only compel us to have a light.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, said there was no use in having a light unless there was somebody in charge of it.



Colonel Gibbon suggested that the County Surveyor would employ one of the direct labour men to light the lamps only and have a policy of insurance against accidents.

Chairman - If the money for the watchman had been spent on the road you would have a good road now.

The County Surveyor said that in some similar instances lamps had been taken away bodily. What would meet the case would be not to utilise lamps but to put reflector warning signs which were as good as lights.

Some members pointed out that this might apply to motorists but not to horse drawn vehicles.

The County Surveyor said he would be able to provide special lamps which would obviate the employment of a watchman.

The suggestion of the County Surveyor was agreed to on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy, seconded by Mr. Brennan.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on the 10th October be and are hereby confirmed except in so far as same refer to rate collection which is to be dealt with separately."

#### RATE COLLECTION

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The various references in the Finance Committee meetings of 12th September, 26th September and 10th October, 1929, were then dealt with.

#### Fidelity Guarantee Bonds

The following, under date 10th October, 1929 (30/1010/29 E/K) was read from the New Ireland Assurance Co., 12 Dawson St., Dublin:-

"Adverting to our conversation over the telephone of even date, we have pleasure in advising that in deference to your wishes and to facilitate your Council, we are extending cover under our Fidelity Guarantee Cover Note to Wednesday



evening next, the 16th instant upon which date it will expire at 4 o'clock p.m., in the afternoon. We regret having to take this action but in all the circumstances both you and your Council will fully appreciate that we have been liberal in the interpretation of our instructions to hold cover."

The Chairman said this opened a very big question. If the Rate Collectors were not able to provide security he could not see how the Council could carry on.

Mr. Cooney said the Insurance Companies were penalising Rate Collectors in two ways. They had increased the premium and now wanted to cover the risk by collateral security. He thought it was a dishonest method on behalf of the Companies.

The Chairman said that in view of the defalcations which had taken place they could not blame the Companies.

Colonel Quin - When they lost more than they made you cannot blame them for looking for counter security.

Mr. Cooney asked if it were necessary for Rate Collectors to provide fidelity guarantee bonds. If they had to provide collateral to satisfy the Insurance Companies the County Council should be satisfied with the same security.

Chairman - If you had no fidelity guarantee bonds you would only ruin people if anything went wrong.

Mr. Shannon said that the guarantee societies were safeguarding themselves at the expense of the Rate Collectors.

The Chairman said he did not think the Council were ever in a bigger predicament.

Mr. McCarthy said that in his opinion it would be impossible for all the Rate Collectors to be able to get collateral security. It was very doubtful if they could get any Company to take them. No alternative appeared to present itself except to act on the recommendation of the Finance Committee and set up a guarantee fund of ~~there~~ their own.



This might turn out to the advantage of the Collectors and of the County Council. The premium could be deducted each year from the Collectors' poundage.

Colonel Gibbon said the Council did not appear to have any choice in the matter so that the sooner they had the fund going the better.

Colonel Quin said that the Council were going in for a business which the Insurance Companies would not touch.

Mr. Shannon supported the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Keegan said that if the proposal he had made some time ago that the Rate Collectors should be paid by the month had been adopted there would be no defalcations and it would be easy for them to obtain guarantee but it was recognised by everyone that it was impossible for the Rate Collectors to carry on under present conditions as they had to wait for such a long time for any payment whatever.

The Chairman said he could not see any alternative to the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Colonel Gibbon said that the Council were in great hopes now that the men who had given trouble had been all got rid of and they would have only in their service tried men. With this and the activities of the Rate Inspector he thought they were on the eve of a time when defalcations would cease. It was a lesson for them to see that only the best class of man procurable was appointed Rate Collector in future.

Mr. O'Byrne appealed to the Council to be unanimous in agreeing to the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Hayes said that until the system of paying Rate Collectors was altered the Council had no assurance that there was not going to be dishonesty in the future.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Elgee said he would not like to give an answer to the point as to what formalities, if any, the Council would have to comply with if they went on with the



establishment of the suggested guarantee fund. He could not say offhand whether the Council, as was the case with Insurance Companies, would be called on to make a deposit of a certain amount before the fund could be established.

Colonel Gibbon said they should get immediately the consent of the Rate Collectors to the deduction of £10 from each to form the nucleus of a guarantee fund. If the law did not allow them to do this or if the consent of the Local Government Department was not forthcoming the arrangement could be cancelled.

Mr. Elgee said they might approach the Public Bodies Mutual Assurance Co., and ascertain if they had any suggestion to help the Council out of their difficulty. The payment of £10 might be looked on by a Rate Collector as an acceptance of full responsibility by the County Council for any defalcations that might arise. The fund might work out all right but then it might not as no one knew what was going to happen in the future.

Mr. McCarthy said that the Public Bodies Mutual Assurances did not transact fidelity guarantee business and their Manager had done everything he possibly could, without success, to induce Companies who did this class of business to take it.

Mr. McCarthy <sup>further</sup> said they should be careful in the wording of their resolution; they should not describe it as Insurance at all but call it "The Rate Collectors' Guarantee Fund". The County Secretary and the County Solicitor could, after receipt of approval of Local Government Department, draw up a definite scheme which would safeguard the Council in every respect.

Colonel Quin said the Council should remember that one defalcation would eat up the entire fund.

Mr. Corish thought it would be well to have the matter brought to the attention of the General Council of County Councils and of the Public Bodies Mutual Insurances.

Mr. Keegan said that as they had a Rate Inspector appointed



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he did not see how any Insurance Co., would be stronger than the Council themselves.

Mr. O'Byrne suggested that the Rate Collectors should put down £10 now and give a guarantee to lodge £10 more should anything happen any Collector.

Mr. Cooney said that in the Scheme suggested by the Finance Committee the honest Rate Collectors would be penalised for the dishonest.

After further discussion, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Colonel Gibbon:- "That in the event of the Rate Collectors of this Council being unable to provide cover from an Insurance Co., for fidelity guarantee bonds by the 16th instant, the County Council set aside a sum of £10 annually, out of poundage earned by each Rate Collector, for the purpose of establishing a Rate Collectors' guarantee fund to meet any claims which may arise in respect of misappropriation of the funds of the Council by Rate Collectors. The proposal to establish said fund is contingent on the sanction of the Local Government Department being forthcoming."

#### RATE COLLECTION GENERALLY

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Under date 11th October, 1929, the following (G.70134/1929 Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government & Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of Form 61 for the month of September, and to state that it discloses the fact that none of the Rate Collectors of the County had closed his 1928/29 warrant, and that there was still £6,180 outstanding. It also shows that approximately 25% only of the current warrant has been collected notwithstanding that six months of the financial year have elapsed. This state of the Rate Collection is most unsatisfactory and is likely to remain so unless the County Council decide to dispense



with the services of those Collectors who are not carrying out their duties.

'I am to draw attention to this Department's letter of the 21st June last on the question of the condition of the rate collection generally, and also to the last paragraph of this Department's letter of the 22nd August regarding Collector Sutton. This Collector has failed to carry out the instructions of the County Council having still £552 of the last financial year's rates outstanding. Furthermore he has made no lodgment during the past month in respect of the current year's warrant. The Council should now remove him from office under Article 98 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925.

'Mr. Matthew Kelly is another unsatisfactory Collector not having closed his 1928/29 warrant nor collected any rates during the past month; he should also be removed from office by the Council. Collector O'Byrne who is not quite so bad as the above-mentioned should receive warning to proceed more diligently with his collection.

'The Council should take steps to ensure that the other Collectors close their 1928/29 warrants by the ~~application~~ end of this month, and if they fail to do so should make application to their Sureties, and in default take proceedings under their Bonds.'"

The provisions of letters of 21st June, 1929 (G.40154/1929) and 22nd August, 1929 (G.56027/1929) were read for the meeting.

The Secretary stated that in reference to the direction of the Finance Committee that Collectors Sutton, O'Byrne and Kelly should lodge £100 of the arrears outstanding in their districts by the 10th October Collector Sutton had lodged the amount by that date and Collectors Kelly and O'Byrne had the amount lodged on the 11th October.

The Chairman said that this was in substance a compliance with the directions of the Finance Committee. They would point



out to the Local Government Department that Collectors Sutton and Kelly did not get their new books until the 27th September and 3rd October respectively owing to the large amount of arrears which were outstanding. These Collectors had now carried out the instructions of the Finance Committee and the only thing the Council could do as regards these and the other Collectors was to call on them to do all in their power to push forward their collections.

Colonel Quin - These men were gingered up and threatened with dismissal. They gave endless trouble and worry and I don't think they are good enough to keep.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman:- "As Collectors O'Byrne and Kelly have now reduced their arrears of rate by £100 each no action be taken relative to their suspension."

#### The Late Collector Deegan

On the motion of Mr. Keegan, seconded by Mr. D'Arcy, a vote of condolence was adopted to the relatives of the late Michael Deegan (Rate Collector for No.7 District)

#### BANTRY AND BLACKSTAIRS COMMONS RATES

Mr. McCarthy said that something should be done with regard to the payment of arrears of rates on Bantry Commons. The longer the thing was held over the worse it would become. Some of the people concerned were anxious to pay and it would be a tough proposition to secure decrees in court. He considered it would be advisable if some of the Councillors were to meet the local people and endeavour to come to some settlement. It would be extremely difficult to secure payment of the arrears.

The Chairman said if it got round that the Council were prepared to wipe out arrears of rates there would be many applications from people who would hold they had a right to the same treatment as those rated for Bantry Commons.



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Mr. McCarthy held that no comparison could be drawn between Bantry Commons and the general ratepayers.

Mr. Hall believed it would be advisable that a Committee should meet the local people but he was afraid if it was recommended that the arrears should be wiped out a number of people would expect similar treatment.

Miss O'Ryan said that the people who stated they were not using the Commons, and were not, in consequence, liable for rates, should be asked to surrender the grazing rights on the Commons. If they agreed to this the amount due for rates could be apportioned on the remainder.

It was decided that Collectors Murphy and O'Byrne be summoned to next ordinary meeting of the Finance Committee and asked to submit thereto a full statement of rates and arrears due on Bantry and Blackstairs Commons with a list of the persons who were utilising the land there for grazing purposes.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committees in respect of meetings held on 12th September, 26th September and 10th October, 1929, in so far as same relate to matters connected with the collection of rate be and are hereby approved except in so far as altered or amended by resolution at this meeting."

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

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Mr. Elgee, in reply to the Chairman, said he made enquiries in reference to the circumstances of all proposed committals of children to Industrial School and appeared at the hearing but up to the present committal was refused in one case only.

Mr. O'Byrne said that the money on Industrial Schools ~~was~~ was well spent.



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### THE FIRE IN COUNTY SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT

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In connection with claim for recoupment of amount represented by Insurance stamps destroyed in fire in County Surveyor's department in January 1929, Mr. D'Arcy, moved and Mr. Brennan seconded, the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the National Insurance Commission be requested to furnish their observations relative to claim for recoupment of cost of Insurance stamps destroyed in fire in County Surveyor's department and which has been under the consideration of the Commission for a considerable time."

### DUNCANNON STREETS

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A deputation consisting of Messrs P. J. Sullivan, Downes and Doyle attended and requested that the Council would take into consideration the steam rolling of the streets and the concreting of the footpaths,

Mr. Sullivan, who acted as spokesman, said the road to the Catholic Church was so bad that it was a fine art to travel along it without turning an ankle. The people of the village were trying to develop Duncannon and they asked the Council to help them in the matter of improving the streets. The people were going to have a lean time and were in a struggling condition but the streets were kept in as cleanly a condition as in any village he knew and the villagers had spent money in improving the footpaths opposite their premises. The length of steam rolling required was 960 lineal yards.

Mr. Downes endorsed the statement of Mr. Sullivan. The latter referred to a very dangerous corner going down Chapel Road. Mr. Townsend, owner of the adjoining land was prepared to push back his gate to allow of the corner being widened. The villagers had concreted 80 yards of footpath and it was expected that the Co. Council would do the balance.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion



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of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That the deputation attending this meeting on behalf of the people of Duncannon meet the Councillors for New Ross Electoral area with the County Surveyor and the District Surveyor and report in detail as to the application for steamrolling etc."

Mr. Colfer seconded the resolution which was adopted nem.con.

#### WEXFORD FERRYCARRIG ROAD

The following report was read:-

"A meeting of the Sub Committee appointed to inspect Wexford-Ferrycarrig Road was summoned for 28th September, 1929, but Colonel Gibbon was the only member who attended.

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

'The Section between Farnogue Terrace and Park Cross has been in hands for some time. The kerbing is practically completed; two large culverts have been re-constructed which will obviate any further flooding on this section. Most of the material for concreting is on the ground and large stocks are available at Kerlogue quarry so that no hold up can happen through shortage under this head. A scarifier, shaping the road, was found at work during the visit and preparations are forward to commence laying concrete slab early next week.

'Two Ransome mixers were at work. Each of these can deal with a "mix" for 30 lineal yards per day, and will keep as much material to the men as they can handle. A larger type of mixer would not be ~~avail~~ advisable and would not serve any useful purpose.

'As is the case with all works of this kind with an inexperienced contractor there was some delay in the beginning in procuring plant and, taking into consideration the amount of time which has gone to the work already carried out, the Contractor



will not be able to complete the whole job within the specified time.

'The County Surveyor is taking steps to call upon the Contractor to expedite the work'

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the report of Sub.Committee in respect of inspection of Ferrycarrig Wexford Road on 28th September be received and considered."

The County Surveyor said none of the concrete slab had been yet laid as the Contractor was waiting for the reinforcement material. The contract was supposed to be completed by the 1st December.

Colonel Gibbon said a very strong letter should be sent by the County Surveyor to the Contractor calling his attention to the delay in carrying out the work. They had specially arranged to begin on the section nearest the town so that it would be completed by the transport of corn from across the Slaney. Instead of that the traffic was being thrown on to the back roads and the damage to them through the delay of the Contractor was going to cost the Council a lot of money..The Council should write to the Contractor and press him to get on with the work. At about 80 yards this side of the railway bridge at Ferrycarrig a pool of water lay on the road after heavy rain and steps should be taken to put a proper drain there.

The County Surveyor said this was specially mentioned in the specification.

After further discussion it was decided that the Sub Committee should meet on Saturday, 19th instant, at 10.30 a.m., ~~and~~ meet the Contractor or his authorised representative and report to next meeting of the Roads' Committee.

In connection with a complaint that the people who wished to pass along the road were prevented from using even the footpath Colonel Gibbon said the Sub. Committee would do what they could



with the Contractor to allow the footpaths to be used. But it would be most unwise for the County Council to interfere with the Contractor at the present.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the report of Sub Committee regarding Wexford-Ferrycarrig Road be and is hereby adopted."

#### HIRE OF MACHINERY

Mr. D'Arcy moved, Mr. Brennan seconded, and it was adopted:- "That the County Surveyor submit to next meeting of the Council particulars of the various machinery hired to the Contractor for re-construction of Wexford Ferrycarrig Road with the rate of hireage for each machine."

#### ROADS' COMMITTEE

The Minutes of Roads' Committee in respect of meeting held on 23rd September, 1929, were submitted as follows:-



The monthly meeting of the Roads' Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on the 23rd September, 1929.

Present:- Mr. M. Doyle (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs Patrick Colfer, John J. Colloton, Colonel Gibbon, James Hall, P. Hayes, W. P. Keegan, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Colonel Quin and J. Shannon.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, and the following Assistant Surveyors were in attendance:- Messrs T. Treanor, R. J. Ennis, T. Cullen, John Kehoe and P. O'Neill.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

#### COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT

The following report was read from County Surveyor:-

"As directed by the Council I have made agreement with a local person to clean out the drain in Kilmannock Drainage Area from the upper embankment to the Railway Culvert. This is the best that can be done at the present time and as the lower drain is fairly clear I think will suffice.

'During the past week I have had a Surveyor here from the Quantity Surveyor's Office, Dublin, and I went through the Plans for the Courthouse reconstruction with him, on the spot, and I now have a letter from the Quantity Surveyor promising to let me have Bill of Quantities on the 10th proximo.

'The Contractor for the concrete road to Ferrycarrig is proceeding with the work. There is a considerable length of kerbing laid, and they have now a second mixer on the ground, and will start the slab work shortly.

'On the 20th instant I visited Kilmore Harbour in company with Mr. C.S. McNeill, representing the Office of Public Works. It was dead low water and spring tide so we had a full opportunity of examining the work done. I shall have report with details of the soundings from Mr. McNeill later, but in the meantime I may state that 7,200 tons of stuff were removed. This was mostly large stone and coarse gravel, and on examining some of the stones that



have been taken out I am satisfied that they had not drifted into the Harbour. This would indicate that the place cannot have been properly dredged at any former time. The area that was to have been cleared is not covered by the dredging work as the nature of the stuff prohibited quick work. I note too that the sand from the upper part of the Harbour is working down, and some of the present soundings are less by about one foot than when the dredging work was done. This will not, however, cause any danger to shipping, and I believe in its limited extent the work done will be of the greatest advantage to Kilmore.

'On the 19th instant I arranged with the Committee to meet and inspect Raheengurren Ford on Road No.218. There were present Colonel Quin and Mr. J. O'Byrne, M.C.C.'s, and Mr. Jones representing the local people. Mr. Treanor and myself were also present. I took measurements of the bridge and obtained information regarding the flooding. The statements made in regard to this latter appear to be exaggerated. I estimate that to put up a bridge at the place with necessary retaining walls and filling of road will cost £250, and it lies with the Council to decide if this work is of sufficient importance to warrant the expenditure.

'During the week I visited Tara Hill Quarry, but did not meet the men's representative in regard to putting in force "Piece-work", as there was some misunderstanding as regards the date of my visit. However, I saw one of the men and discussed the matter with him. The position is as follows:-

We have at present prepared in or about 1,000 cubic yards of material, and there is up at the quarry face, already taken out or shaken another 1,500 cubic yards of material. Of course all this must be cleared away, and put through breaker before any new arrangements can be made, and our requirements from the quarry in the future are not more than 500 or 600 c.y., unless some grant work be undertaken on the Arklow Road when we shall require another 1,000 or 1,200 yards. Under these circumstances



I think it will be necessary to close down the quarry entirely for a period. The rate offered by the men for "piece-work" is fair, and in or about our own rate for breaking by Direct Labour.

'I have completed Forms of application for grant for the improvement of the Rosslare Harbour and Rosslare Strand Roads, and these have been forwarded to the Local Government Department by the Secretary.

'On the 17th instant there was a meeting in Tagoat of the residents adjoining Ford-of-Lyng Drainage Area with Mr. Doyle in the chair. Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, and myself attended, and the whole matter was fully discussed, and I believe Mr. Elgee will report on the legal aspect of the case.

'There was delay in dealing with the repair of the boat wagon at Courtown Harbour owing to difficulties in obtaining timber, but now the timber is on the ground, and I have arranged with a local man to carry out the repairs at once.

'Mr. Elgee prepared a draft agreement between Canon Fry of Bunclody and the County Council in regard to the working of Ryland Quarry, and I have forwarded this to Canon Fry.

'I have arranged with the Committee appointed by the County Council to inspect Corragh Lane on the 25th instant, and I have particulars of extracts from Minutes of the Council in regard to the former arrangements come to,

'Subsequent to the last Council meeting I had an interview with the Town Surveyor in regard to posting Wexford Town with notices controlling motor traffic as approved by the Department of Local Government.

'I have made further inspection of Rosslare foreshore adjoining road slip, and I am satisfied that at present the beach is making up rather than wasting away. I believe it will be advisable to erect a few experimental groynes at the place so as to try and catch the drifting shingle and sand. If this proves effective, as I believe it will, more permanent structures could then be put in. Of course if this is done, the removal of stuff



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by local people must cease, as otherwise, the groynes would merely facilitate the gathering of the gravel for people to cart away. I shall deal with this matter more fully at your meeting.'"

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the report of County Surveyor be received and considered."

Kilmannock Drainage. The County Surveyor said he had arranged with James Lacey, New Ross, to do the necessary work at £20.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "We recommend the Co. Council to approve of the employment of James Lacey, New Ross, at £20 for work arranged by County Surveyor in connection with Kilmannock Drainage Scheme; amount to be paid on the certificate of County Surveyor that the work has been carried out in a satisfactory manner."

Co. Courthouse Reconstruction

The County Surveyor said that the reason for the amount of time spent by Quantity Surveyor in arranging details at Old Courthouse was owing to the fact that the examination extended over the whole place making up particulars for defects here and there. However every little detail had now been covered so that any person accepted as Contractor would not be in a position to raise any question later as to the specification.

Concrete Road to Ferrycarrig.

It was arranged that the Sub Committee would meet at 11 o'clock a.m., on the 28th September to inspect the work which had been carried out to date.

The County Surveyor said that the work was proceeding all right.

Kilmore Dredging. The County Surveyor said that so far as the ordinary fishing boats of the harbour were concerned they were absolutely provided for and they had a good area which would allow them to come in and out of the harbour at any stage



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of low water and as the tide was rising they could get up to their moorings. They had one splendid berth for schooners. The other one was not as good as they had hoped for but it was as good as could have been obtained in the circumstances. The stones which had been dredged out seemed never to have rolled about which went to prove that they had not been washed into the harbour but must have been always there and were never dredged out by the former dredger which never cleared the harbour. There was a depth of five feet at dead low water.

Colonel Gibbon said he thought the dredger had done all that could be expected. His impression was she had done more than any previous dredger which had been employed at the harbour. On the whole, as the Council would not have to pay more than £300 for the job, they got value for the money. Mr. McNeill had informed him that the County Council would not, as regards Kilmore, be justified in spending a huge sum of money for any extensive work.

Mr. Colloton - The local people say there was very bad value obtained for the money spent. Mr. Roche is going to raise the question at next meeting of the County Council.

Colonel Gibbon said that 18 cubic yards of material were removed to an approximate distance of about a mile for the sum of £1 and he did not think the County Council could expect to have it removed cheaper.

The County Surveyor said that the Department of Fisheries had paid half the cost of the actual work and the entire cost of the delay and bad weather.

Raheengurren Ford.

Colonel Quin said that he considered it would be absolute nonsense to spend money on the place. Since he was out there as a member of the Sub Committee he had been attacked by Mr. Joseph Webb who said he would damn well see that the people were going to get what they wanted. He (Colonel Quin) would not vote for spending any of the ratepayers' money on the place. It was only flooded about once a year.



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Chairman - In that case we would want 12 or 14 bridges down our way at a cost of thousands of pounds.

Mr. Keegan stated he knew the place for very many years. The land on the lane was practically all in tillage and was held by very big ratepayers. It was very necessary that a bridge should be erected as the place in its present state was dangerous to the public particularly in winter. There was a good deal of carting over the lane and some cottages. People were entitled to ordinary facilities to carry on their work.

Mr. O'Byrne did not agree with Colonel Quin that the place was flooded only once a year or that no public money should be spent on it. The place had been flooded on more than one occasion up to four and a half feet and a car could turn over in it.

Mr. Keegan said he would like Colonel Quin to prove that the place was flooded once a year only.

The Chairman said that some Councillor could have the matter brought forward at the Road Estimate meeting in November.

Colonel Quin - One of the arches of the bridge is blocked and if that was cleared it would make a great improvement,

The County Surveyor said as regards summoning the local people to meet the Sub Committee he had notified Mr. Jones, whose name was the first on the memorial to the Council, and had asked him to inform the others interested. No one attended but Mr. Jones but when the Sub Committee were there a woman in an ass cart (who complained bitterly of the state of the place) came along and said that her cart had to be carried over on one occasion. No doubt the place was dangerous on occasions.

The Chairman said that in his area they had a number of places which were practically under water all the time and people, unlike those at Raheengurren, had no footbridge but had to put up with it. The local ratepayers in his area would not think of spending £200 or £300 for every bridge they needed - in fact if they wanted to bridge they should bridge the whole barony of Forth. If any Councillor thought the work necessary they could put in a proposal



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for the November meeting.

Mr. O'Byrne said he would do this and would also bring forward a proposal for the erection of a bridge on the road between Monamolin and Camolin the necessity for which had been admitted by the County Council already.

Tara Hill Quarry. The County Surveyor said that unfortunately this quarry was badly situated on the edge of the County and near the sea. Formerly they got 2000 or 3000 cubic yards from it and an increased amount when the Gorey-Arklow road was under reconstruction. If they secured a further grant for Gorey-Arklow road it would absorb about 1200 cubic yards but even with that they would have a couple of years' material in the quarry. They were really unable to keep the quarry going economically. He had great sympathy for the eight families which had been dependent on the work at the quarry but he was unable to provide work for them there.

Mr. Keegan said that when the County Surveyor came first to the County all the roads for a radius of 15 miles were metalled from Tara Hill and it was stated there was no stone like it. He wondered what had changed the views of the County Surveyor.

The County Surveyor said that since the time mentioned by Mr. Keegan the Council had acquired Carriganeagh, Gorey Hill and Wicklow Gap quarries. The draft from Tara Hill was enormous. Carriganeagh stone was fit for any roads.

Mr. Keegan said the County Surveyor was drawing sea gravel from Ballymoney - two miles away - to make the road within a quarter of a mile of Tara Hill quarry and this certainly was not economy as the gravel would not stand the traffic.

The County Surveyor said that sea gravel was the cheaper material and was sufficient for the requirements. In such a case it would be a mistake to utilise quarry material.

Mr. Keegan asked the County Surveyor to supply, for next meeting of the County Council, figures showing the comparative cost of sea gravel on the roads in the area as against Tara Hill



material on same roads

Wexford-Rosslare Road

The County Surveyor said the figures submitted to the Department were £14700 for the road from Wexford to Rosslare Harbour and £4100 for the road from Ashfield to Rosslare Strand. These provided for roads of tarred stone bitumen treated.

Colonel Quin questioned the advisability of spending such a large sum on the Wexford-Rosslare Harbour road via Tagoat in view of the lack of facilities at the Railway station at Rosslare Harbour for motorists and passengers.

Colonel Gibbon said that he had had an interview with Sir Felix Pole, Chairman of the Railways Company, in June before his resignation, and others of his staff, as to providing facilities for motorists to drive straight from the steamer to the road but he (Colonel Gibbon) did not know how it could be done. The only way would be along the railway platform and across the rails but this would be an expensive job. He might mention that in the first week of August 200 cars came by the boat and her full capacity had been booked up for the entire tourist season.

The meeting approved of the figures given by County Surveyor for the repair of the two roads.

Courtown Harbour

The County Surveyor stated he had been informed by Mr. McNeill that the latter had the improvement work in hands. He had questioned whether local oak would be sufficient as material for the sluice gates and was consulting the Engineer of the Grand Canal as to the material used by his Company for sluice gates. The Board of Works were in treaty for the purchase of a small dredger for Courtown and other small howbours. The plant was on a barge 20 feet with six or eight feet beam worked by a petrol engine. This would clear the inner harbour. The stuff in the long channel was packed tight and if it was cleared in the first instance the sluicing would keep it open.



Mr. Keegan considered the dredger mentioned was only a "red herring across the track". The proposal of the Council was for the renovation of the sluice gates and the provision of a grab dredger. They were led to believe the work would be done by March last. The people there were in a bad way but the County Council were not responsible for the delay in carrying out the work.

Mr. O'Byrne said it had been mentioned at the Council that an official of the Department had stated that the work would have been done only for the Council holding it up. Proof should be required from the official in question that it was the action of the Council which had held up the work. The man who made the statement to Mr. Keegan as to what the Department's official said should be communicated with and asked to give the information in writing.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hayes, that the Secretary communicate with Mr. Dudley Butler, Courtown Harbour, and ask him for a statement, in writing, as to the observations made to him by an official of the Department of Fisheries as to the action of the County Council in delaying the work at Courtown Harbour.

#### Ford of Lyng

Under date 18th September, 1929, the following was read from Mr. Elgee, Solicitor:-

"As arranged with Mr. Doyle, Mr. Barry, the County Surveyor, and myself attended at Tagoat yesterday evening to discuss with the adjoining Owners the question of joining the County Council in any proceedings that they might take with reference to the cleaning up of the Channel at the Ford of Lyng.

'The following adjoining Owners were present, viz.,:-  
Mr. Hickey, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Wickham, Mr. Codd and Mr. Murphy - Mr. Doyle was also in attendance.

'Having fully discussed and explained the position to them,



they all agreed that in the event of the County Council being in a position to indemnify them against any costs or expenses which they would be put to in the matter, they were prepared to allow their names to be used as Co Plaintiffs with the Co. Council, but they insisted that they should have the fullest possible indemnity given to them.

'I am not quite sure whether the County Council can give the indemnity asked for without the consent of the Local Government Department, and if the Council agree to indemnify them I take it, that the whole matter will have to be laid before the Department with a view to getting their consent to giving the indemnity.'

The Chairman said they had at the meeting the people most affected. None of them were prepared to lose £50 or £60 each. If they were not indemnified the whole matter would have to drop.

The County Surveyor said that Counsel had held that the Co. Council had no locus standi in the matter, that action should be taken by the adjoining owners. These were asked to allow their names to be joined with that of the County Council to put the proceedings on a proper footing.

Colonel Gibbon saw no objection to giving the indemnity but the local people should be prepared to renounce any claim to any compensation which the County Council might recover.

The County Surveyor said that the County Council were not looking for Compensation; they were looking to the Slob Company to do the work.

Colonel Gibbon - But you should claim for damages as well.

The County Surveyor said it was obvious from the plans which had been obtained from the Board of Works that the action of the Slob people was the cause of the whole damage.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed the following which was seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"That copy of letter from Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, under date



18th September, 1929, be forwarded Local Government Department and that they be asked if it will be in order for the County Council to indemnify adjoining land owners in any proceedings to be taken by them and the County Council to obviate flooding of road and adjoining lands at Ford-of-Lyng. That the indemnity be issued provided the Local Government Department approve.

The Chairman said the people concerned would not mind a small amount of expense but the County Council were asking the help of these people to get the water off the roads and without that help the flooding would continue.

Colonel Gibbon said they should be able to get a great deal of information from Government sources. For instance the plans as to the drainage and the position of the place before this was carried out; when the work was carried out and how.

The County Surveyor said the original plans were burned.

Colonel Gibbon said it might be possible to get duplicates from the London Government Offices or from the Quit Rent Office in Dublin. The Council should see about having searches made for these documents immediately, including the whole of the plans that existed prior to the works being carried out and the specification and plans under which the work was carried out since. If it was left to Counsel to institute such searches it would be an expensive item. He suggested that Mr. Elgee should make application to the Department of Public Works and to the Quit Rent Office in Dublin for the documents referred to.

This was approved.

The resolution of Mr. O'Byrne, relative to indemnity, was then put and passed.

#### Rosslare Strand Road

The County Surveyor said there were three methods by which the work could be carried out (1) by erection of heavy sea retaining wall at the toe of the slip (2) by concrete blocks - a system which had been very effective at Courtown and (3) by groynes which could be erected of timber to be replaced later



by cement if they were found suitable for the purpose. By first utilising timbers they could shift about the beach for experiment. If they were found ineffective the timber could be taken away and utilised for other work. The wall would be very costly to erect and costly to maintain. The blocks were, as stated, effective at Courtown, but as there was a counter-tide at Rosslare they would not be able to hold the sand to form a barrier. In consequence he would recommend an experiment with timber groynes. This would cost about £200 and could be extended if effective. The real difficulty was to keep the gravel to form a beach if people were allowed to take it away. The County Council would have to refrain from taking gravel there and get the Department for Industry and Commerce to prohibit others from taking it. It would cost the Council about £500 a year extra to get quarry stone instead of gravel.

Colonel Gibbon asked if it were obligatory on the Council to spend money for the preservation of the foreshore. Were they justified in protecting the foreshore at enormous expense when for a couple of hundred pounds it might be possible to purchase the necessary land to make a road further inland. This certainly would be much cheaper than spending money on the problematic success of a series of groynes. It was the toss up of a coin - a gamble - as regards the success of groynes. He would not be prepared to vote for groynes until they had the opinion of an Engineer who had made a life work of preventing coast erosion. They would not be justified in spending the ratepayers' money on groynes until they had the advice of such an Engineer. If they stopped people taking gravel they would put up the cost of building and would arrest the development of Rosslare. In his opinion the County Surveyor should make a survey of the place and ascertain if it would not be cheaper to have a new road than to endeavour to protect the foreshore.

The County Surveyor said at present they had a temporary fence and lights on the coast road but it was doubtful if this



would  
/ protect the Council in an action if somebody went over the road into the sea in view of the absence of an Order from the Minister for Local Government to close the road.

Chairman - If we can't close the road it would be much cheaper to get a strip of land to make a new road but I think we should press for the closing of the road.

After further discussion the Chairman proposed:- "That we again request the Department of Local Government to issue an order for the closing of the Rosslare Coast road which cannot be kept open without a cost prohibitive to the ratepayers and in the alternative that the Council connect the two roads by the purchase of the necessary land to provide a connecting link road."

Colonel Gibbon seconded the resolution which was adopted.

Colonel Gibbon mentioned that, in addition to the erosion, wet weather had a very serious effect in causing the steep side of the road on the sea side and which was composed of marl, slipping on to the beach. To admit liability for erosion might land the Council for opening the old road further up.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Report of the County Surveyor, as submitted to this meeting, be and is hereby adopted. "

#### CROSSINGS AT GOREY STREETS

Mr. Keegan complained that the blocks forming the crossings in Gorey Streets had been removed at several places and the local people strongly objected. He moved that they should be replaced.

Mr. Treanor said one of these had been temporarily removed recently to repair a sudden damage to a sewer as the matter was urgent.

The County Surveyor said it was a mistake to retain a paved crossing on a bitumen surfaced road.

Mr. O'Byrne said it was a great improvement to have these crossings taken away when the road was steam rolled. These blocks had been removed at two crossings and it would be a definite injury



to the roads to put them back.

Mr. Keegan's motion was not seconded.

#### ROAD AT KILTEALY

Mr. Shannon said he had been asked to bring before the Council the necessity for having the road leading from Kiltaly to the County bounds between Carlow and Kilkenny steam rolled. It was about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles in length and it was useless to maintain it with loose stones.

Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, said £200 had been asked for the maintenance of this road but £78 only had been allowed. This was entirely inadequate and was sufficient only to keep the road passable.

The Chairman said Mr. Shannon could bring on his proposal at the November meeting.

#### MOYNE ROAD

The following report from Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, was submitted from last meeting of County Council:-

"The short piece of road down by the New Cemetery, Enniscorthy, is now in a very bad state.

'It was rolled 15 or 16 years ago on a bad foundation and is completely worn out. It wants a complete sheet of tarred stones to make it any way passable. The cost of this would be £180.

'This is now almost the only bad piece on the Main Line through the County and certainly requires special repairs urgently. The sooner the money could be expended the better as I would require fairly good weather to do the job properly.'

The County Surveyor said this was the piece of road of which President Cosgrave had complained. The full length had been scheduled for reconstruction and had been inspected by Mr. Quigley, Chief Roads' Engineer of the Department of Local Government. He thought some work should be done on the piece



referred to by Mr. Ennis at once; otherwise it would get really bad during the winter.

Mr. Keegan proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded the following resolution:- "We recommend the County Council to agree to the withdrawal<sup>a</sup> of the sum of £180 from Main Road Contingency Fund for the repair of Moyne Road (Enniscorthy District)."

Passed.

#### SLIPPERY ROADS

Mr. Shannon said that since last meeting of the Council several people had complained to him of the slippery condition of the road from Enniscorthy to Clonroche. Mr. Rothwell told him that all his land was approached by this road and unless something was done to remedy its present slippery condition he would have to give up tillage or have his horses fitted. Mr. Shannon held that on all tarred road a margin should be left at the sides to accommodate horse traffic. The roads should not be steam rolled into the fence. He gave several instances of accidents.

Mr. Hall said he was receiving daily, complaints of horses falling on the Scarawalsh Road.

Colonel Gibbon said when they started steam rolling in England a margin for horse traffic was left but this meant that the cost of maintenance was largely increased as the water got under the foundations and steam rollers had to be kept continuously at work making up the sides. Now the roads were tarred the full width. Judging by what had taken place up country if our roads were slippery now it was nothing to what they were going to be. They had only to look at roads from Rathnew to Dublin and from Naas to Dublin to have a foretaste of what Wexford steam rolled roads would be in a few years.

The County Surveyor said that the road which looked shiny was not the slippiest. When the Dublin roads were first steam rolled one constantly saw horses falling but this was not the case at present.



The Chairman said the reason that horses were not falling on these roads was because the shoes were all rubber-frogged.

Mr. Keegan referred to an accident with horse and trap on the Gorey streets.

Mr. Shannon said if screenings were provided at both sides it would help horses to travel.

Mr. O'Byrne advocated placing screenings on heavy hills at once.

Mr. Hall proposed that screenings and sand be placed on all roads in respect of which the County Council had received complaints.

Mr. Shannon seconded.

Mr. McCarthy said if this were done on Scarawalsh and similar roads the motor buses would throw the screenings into the ditch and the roads would be as bad as ever in a month's time.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed, and Mr. McCarthy seconded, a resolution that screenings should be placed at once on heavy hills on tar treated roads.

Mr. Hall withdrew his proposal in favour of Mr. O'Byrne's which was adopted.

#### STONE BREAKING AT RATHDUFF

The following letter under date 14th September, 1929, was read from Messrs J. A. Sinnott & Co., :-

"We have been instructed by Mr. Thomas Redmond of Rathduff that for a number of years past he has from time to time complained to the County Council of the manner in which the stones for the repair of the roads were broken at Rathduff Cross close to our Client's dwellinghouse. Quite recently he wrote to the Council making another complaint and we observe from the local newspapers that the matter was mentioned at a meeting of the County Council but that no action was taken.

'Since that meeting we are instructed that workmen of the



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the County Council have come to the Cross and are now apparently about to begin to break stones again. Our client has instructed us to inform you that he intends to institute proceedings against the Council should these intended operations cause any further damage to him or to his property and he will, if necessary, apply to the Court for an injunction to restrain the Council from causing him damage and annoyance.

'We observe from the report in the local papers that a plot of ground can be procured for the sum of £3: 10: 0d upon which the stone breaking operations can be carried out with convenience and it seems very unreasonable to cause so much trouble to Mr. Redmond for the sake of the small amount involved in the purchase of the plot offered to the Council!'

The County Surveyor said that in view of this letter he had consulted Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, who advised that, pending the Roads' Committee, it would be better refrain from breaking at the place and the breaker was moved to an adjoining quarry. The breaking could be carried out in about five days.

Mr. Hall proposed, and Colonel Gibbon seconded, the following resolution:- "That the necessary stone breaking be carried out at Rathduff Cross roads"

Mr. Shannon said a couple of the Councillors should approach Mr. Redmond and arrange with him to have the stone-breaking carried out peaceably. He had no sympathy with either party. He did not think the damage to Mr. Redmond was as great as was stated and as for the County Council they could have got a suitable place for carrying out the work.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, said that Mr. Redmond had offered the County Council about one-fifth of an acre for £30 but another man objected to the breaking being done at this plot.

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



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INSURANCE ACTS - WICKHAM v COUNTY COUNCIL.

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The following, under date 6th September, 1929, was read from Mr. Elgee, Solicitor:-

"The Civil Bill herein was in respect of the alleged nonstamping by the County Council Officials of the unemployment Insurance Cards of Wickham came before Mr. Fahy, at the Sitting of the District Court in Enniscorthy yesterday, when he gave a decree for £11: 4: 0d and £2: 6: 0d for costs.

'The Card as sworn to by Mr. Radford, from the County Surveyor's Office, was duly forwarded by post to Wickham on the 6th October, 1928, and Wickham alleged that it never reached him, and the Justice held that the Council had not discharged their liability under the Act by sending the Card to Wickham by post, and that same should have been delivered to him either by registered letter or else handed to him. He further held that the stamping by the County Council of the Arrears Card which they did on the 2nd May last gave no relief to Wickham in respect of the period covered by the lost card. Mr. Breen, the Local Officer in Enniscorthy, stated, that although the arrears card was stamped, that the insured person will not get any benefit under it for some time. '"

The County Surveyor said he had now arranged that the Unemployment Books should be lodged with the local Unemployment Exchange each worker being informed of the fact and of the number of stamps on his card. The National Health cards would be sent to the Assistant Surveyors who would distribute them to the men and take a receipt in each case for delivery.

Colonel Gibbon said they should get permission to put on one stamp to cover ~~six~~ six months' employment.

Mr. Hayes said if the circumstances of Wickham's case were put before the National Health Insurance Commission they might refund the amount. He knew of one instance in which this happened.



Mr. Shannon suggested that the Secretary, the County Surveyor and a couple of members of the Council, should go into the matter and present a report to the Council.

Colonel Gibbon suggested that the plan outlined by the County Surveyor should be tried until they found if it presented any difficulty in practice. Then they could have a Committee go into the matter.

The plan suggested by the County <sup>Surveyor</sup> for the distribution of Insurance Cards was then adopted.

#### LICENCE FOR PETROL PUMP

Petrol pump licence was issued to John Bolger & Co., Ltd, Ferns, on the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne. The tank is on the premises of the Company and the meeting had before them a suitable plan when considering the application.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Colonel Quin:- "That the Minutes of Roads' Committee of 23rd September, 1929, as submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

#### County Courthouse Reconstruction

The County Surveyor read letter from Mr. A. Edward Smith, F.S.I., Quantity Surveyor, 16 Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, under date 11th October, 1929, pointing out that he had this matter practically completed and he would be in a position to hand out Quantities after the 18th instant.

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

"That in accordance with the terms of the letter from the Department of Finance (404/296) under date 16th May, 1929, the County Surveyor submit amended plans and specification to the Department, that the County Secretary arrange with the Department of Finance for interview, at an early date, between the County Surveyor, the Quantity Surveyor and the Officer appointed by Minister for Finance to examine and report on said amended plans etc."

#### Kilmore Dredging

The County Surveyor was about to read letter from Mr. McNeill, Engineer to Office of Public Works, when it was stated that Mr. Roche was anxious to raise at November meeting the question of the manner in which the work at Kilmore Harbour had been carried out.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Gaul, seconded by Colonel Quin, and adopted:- "That consideration of Minute from Roads Committee and letter from Mr. McNeill, Engineer Office of Public Works, as to the manner in which the dredging work at Kilmore Harbour has been carried out be adjourned to the County Council meeting in November."

#### Raheengurren Ford

Proposed by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Colonel Gibbon and adopted:-



"That the question of the condition of the Bridge etc., at Raheengurren Ford be postponed until the meeting of the Co. Council at which Road Estimate will be considered."

#### Tara Hill Quarry

The County Surveyor said the comparative cost of sea gravel on the roads in Tara Hill compared with cost of Tara Hill quarry material was:- Tara Hill Quarry 10/6d per cubic yard and sea gravel 5/-.

Mr. Keegan asked the County Surveyor to supply for next meeting of the Roads' Committee the comparative cost between Tara Hill quarry material at Kildermot Cross roads and Ballinacarrig and sea gravel.

#### Wexford Rosslare Road

Miss O'Ryan said she did not want it to go forth that the to the President deputation/was appointed by the County Council. She did not believe the Council ordered that step to be taken. They might have their Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary approaching the head of a Government on a question on which they all might not agree.

Colonel Quin - It was done with the approval of the Finance Committee.

Chairman - The Finance Committee authorised us.

Miss O'Ryan - That's a different thing to saying the Council ordered it.

Colonel Gibbon said the question raised by Miss O'Ryan was a rather large one, and it would be well to be clear upon it. The Council met once a month and in the interval several emergency questions might crop up. There would be meetings of Committees of the Council and if any of those questions arose he thought the Committee should have the power to act on behalf of the Council. Recently the Finance Committee approved of work being done at Kilmore Quay; otherwise the Council would have lost considerably if the Finance Committee had not acted. He did not think it was in the interests of the Council that such questions should be raised.



Mr. Corish considered the deputation should have been representative of every party in the Council.

The Secretary said that the President had asked that the deputation should be confined to two or three and the Chairman and Vice Chairman were selected.

Chairman - There was nothing political in the matter I can assure you. The deputation was appointed to do what they could so far as every interest in the Council was concerned.

#### Courtown Harbour

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

"That we request the Fisheries Department to let us have, without delay, a statement as to how the proposals of the County Council as to reconstruction of sluice gates and provision of <sup>grab dredger</sup> ~~sluice gates~~ at Courtown Harbour stands. The Council have arranged for the purchase of oak for the construction of these gates and unless some arrangement be made as to the County Council taking over this timber at once it will be no longer available.     ".

#### Ford of Lyng

Mr. O'Byrne said he held that the County Council were the injured party.

Mr. Elgee said that the Council might be injured by the flooding of the roads but they had no redress.

The Chairman remarked that the Roads' Committee were unanimously in favour of helping adjoining land-owners by giving an indemnity. Some of the land-owners were not very well off and could not run the risk of being co-plaintiffs with the Council, if they were to be mulcted in costs. The land-owners asked the County Council to indemnify them against costs, otherwise he believed the people were not satisfied that the Council should go on with law that might involve heavy expenses on them, and they would not join the Council in the suit. He held personally



that it was ridiculous, that as a Council they could not to to law with the slob people who were causing the nuisance. He could not understand it at all. The roads were being flooded in two or three places - in fact, they had the whole barony flooded. The flooding did not affect him (Chairman) very much. A field or two of his was concerned but other people were very badly hit.

Colonel Gibbon asked that Mr. Corish should ask a question in the Dail about the matter. The original Act by the Government of that time that gave the Slob Company the right to establish the drainage system had stipulated in it that any drainage work done should not interfere with the drainage of the surrounding lands, but now it was distinctly obvious from the representations they had that the drainage works carried out, had been allowed to get into a bad condition, and that the drainage of the surrounding lands was being interfered with. He suggested that Mr. Corish should ask the question as to whether the Government were aware that the terms of the Act of Parliament were not being carried out; that the rights of small farmers were being seriously affected, and that those people were not in a position to go to the expense of bringing the matter to law courts, and the County Council/<sup>alone</sup> were not in a position, having legal advice, to do so on their behalf. He suggested that it was the Government's duty to see that an Act of Parliament was properly carried out .

Mr. Corish said he would ask the question as suggested.

Mr. O'Byrne said that if a private individual was responsible for the flooding a remedy against him would be found very soon.

The Chairman said the Act of Parliament was got by the promoters of the Slob Intake, and in that Act of Parliament it was embodied that no ~~drainage~~<sup>damage</sup> was allowed to be done on the surrounding lands owing to the Intake, and that if damage was done the people responsible for the Intake would be liable. With



regard to the County Council he could not understand what crookedness was in the law. The County Council was being injured by the flooding of the roads just as much as the lands.

Mr. Elgee - The roads are not our property. The County Council don't own the roads. They have only the right to pass over them. The road or the sub-soil of the roads still belongs to the adjoining owners.

The Chairman said that at one time people who were creating the nuisance claimed certain places until it became a cause of flooding the roads. Now they disclaimed ownership, but it could be proved that people in the district had not been allowed to touch the stuff on the swamp that was now flooding the road. He believed it could be proved that ownership had been claimed by the Slob Company.

Mr. Keegan - I propose we carry out the recommendation of the Roads' Committee, and once and for all be finished with the Ford of Lyng. We decided to back up those people, and I don't see why we should go back of it.

Chairman - And you will be behind the Council too, because the roads are practically impassable in practically three-fourths of the barony during the winter.

Mr. D'Arcy seconded the resolution of Mr. Keegan which was adopted.

#### Rosslare Strand Road

Colonel Gibbon mentioned that the Government had appointed a Commission to consider the question of coast erosion with Sir Philip Hanson as Chairman. He suggested that the County Surveyor should get in touch with the Secretary to the Commission and ask if the County Council would be allowed to submit evidence in connection with coast erosion in the County Wexford.

This suggestion was approved.

#### Crossings at Gorey Streets

Under date 2nd October, 1929, the following resolution



was received from Gorey Town Commissioners:- "That the County Council be requested to replace the kerbing footways taken up by them and used for covering sewers etc., in various parts of the town!"

Mr. Keegan said it appeared from the Roads' Committee's report that the County Surveyor stated bitumen surfacing had been done. He wished to know if any tar had been put where the crossing had been moved. As far as he knew the flags at the crossings had been put down by the old town commissioners, and without any authority whatever the crossings were taken up. They wanted the stones put back.

Chairman - Do you think the Commissioners paid for these crossings ?. Mr. Keegan - I am quite certain of it.

Secretary - I think that's quite wrong. They must have been put down by the Grand Jury and been paid for by the Grand Jury.

Mr. Keegan - I will produce a copy of the Minutes at the next meeting to show what the cost was and all.

Secretary - If he does that it is all right, but I don't see how they had any power to do it.

The County Surveyor said the crossings were a nuisance because where the road was raised they had depressions where the crossings were.

Mr. O'Byrne said the bulk of the crossings were removed some years ago by the deputy surveyor, with the authority of the Council at the time. Three of the crossings had been replaced by steam rolling. The crossings were useful in old times where there were dirty muddy circumstances, but no one looking at the circumstances, of Gorey now would say it would be an improvement to have crossings which never could be kept level - in fact they would be a great nuisance. The Town Commissioners had no money to put down crossings or flags. They had to make requisitions to the Grand Jury and afterwards to the District Council in connection with any street repairs.



Chairman - I would like to know if the taking up of these crossings means a very big grievance with the ratepayers of Gorey. Does the taking up of the crossings cause them any inconvenience ?.

Mr. Keegan - Undoubtedly.

Chairman - Are the roads muddy or what ?.

Mr. Keegan - They are. As a matter of fact I walked to the church last Christmas ankle deep in it. I move on behalf of the people that the flags be put back.

Mr. Gaul - I am not going to vote on this question. You have two **commissioners** here with two different opinions.

Mr. Keegan stated he meant by his proposition that the flags should be put back or something should be put at the crossings to substitute them.

Mr. Corish suggested that if Mr. Keegan was satisfied with a substitute it was not necessary to put forward the motion at all.

Mr. Keegan then proposed:- "That the kerbing taken from Gorey streets be replaced or some substitute for same."

Mr. D'Arcy seconded.

A poll on Mr. Keegan's proposition resulted as follows:-  
For:- Miss O'Ryan, Messrs Corish, Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Colloton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Doran, Keegan and Smyth (12).  
Against:- Messrs Murphy, O'Byrne, and the Chairman (3).  
Did not vote:- Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs Brennan, Gaul, Hall, Hayes, McCarthy and Shannon (8).

Mr. O'Byrne stated he voted against the proposition because he believed it would mean an injury to the streets.

Colonel Quin said he would not vote because there was nothing to vote for.

The Chairman declared the proposition carried.

Moyne Road . Mr. Cooney said he would oppose the proposal to spend £180 on this road unless something was allocated for the



the portion of the Wexford-New Ross Road in the neighbourhood of Ballynabola. The New Ross District was not as well treated as the three other districts of the County. Miss O'Ryan said there were 12 miles of Wexford-New Ross road in a very bad condition and should be seen to - in fact she considered it more important to have this road attended <sup>to</sup> than the short stretch at the Moyne.

Mr. McCarthy proposed the adoption of the recommendation of the Roads' Committee.

Mr. Cummins seconded.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded, the following amendment:- "That the question of repair of Moyne road be referred back to Roads' Committee for further consideration."

On a show of hands six voted in favour of the amendment and fourteen against.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The resolution was then put and passed without dissent.

#### Slippery Roads

At the meeting of the County Council, Mr. Gaul said he had had several complaints from people in the Barntown area about the road leading from Larkin's Cross to Ferrycarrig. He was told that several horses had fallen, and that shafts had been broken. He wondered if the Council would consider putting some screenings on the road.

Mr. Corish said it was very hard for the County Surveyor to know what to do. They had spent a long time discussing roads because they were bad, and now they were talking about roads being too good.

The County Surveyor said that screenings had had only temporary effect. The only alternative was to leave a portion of a road untarred, but he had seen in counties where the side of the road was left undone that that part of the road became bad and dangerous. He ~~examined~~ examined the road that Mr. Shannon complained



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of, but it did not look very slippery. There were little patches that looked to be slippery, but he did not know what could be done.

Mr. Hall - If the County Surveyor took a horse and car with a load and examined the road he would know whether it is slippery or not. The horse would tell him.

Mr. D'Arcy said that when he was going with a load of corn to the mill his horse fell in the street of Gorey. If they were going to come there as a Council to strike a large amount of money to drive farmers off the roads he thought it was time for them to go home. He thought they should make roads safe for people to travel on. There were continual reports of horses falling and breaking shafts out of cars, and they should do justice to the people that had built the roads, or 99 per cent of them anyhow, and not be driving them off them. He suggested that there should be less tar and more screenings.

Colonel Gibbon - Then they will cost more.

Mr. D'Arcy - I doubt it.

Mr. Hall said that people around Ferns were complaining about tar clogging horses' hooves. That would appear to show that there was too much tar.

Colonel Gibbon said that the reason that the roads were tarred was not so much to make them perfect motoring roads as to make them economic in upkeep. Once they had the roads tarred the cost of upkeep became very much less. It was for economy they were tarring the roads, and not for the comfort of motorists.

Mr. D'Arcy - It isn't very economic for a farmer to get his horse broken up on the road.

Chairman - The Roads Committee recommends that slippery hills be done with screenings.

Mr. D'Arcy - I know that all parts of the roads as well as hills are slippery.



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Chairman - If you go to the city you will find no slipping owing to the way horses are shod. I am not talking about cocks. I am talking about rubber frogs.

Mr. Smyth suggested that it would not suit farmers with horses working on the land to have them fitted with rubber frogs.

Chairman - I am not asking farmers to do it, but I suggest it is the remedy. I am quite aware of the slipperiness of the roads myself. There is only one mile of tarred road between my own place and Wexford, and when I reach the tarred portion I have to take care to keep my horse from slipping.

Mr. D'Arcy - I will raise the question at the next Roads Committee meeting.

Chairman - Do you approve of throwing screenings on the roads ?.

Mr. D'Arcy - I do.

County Surveyor - Screenings would be scattered about, and I don't see that they would be more than a temporary alleviation..

Mr. D'Arcy - I think it is a very funny position if we are going to make roads to put ourselves off them.

Chairman - I don't think those rubber frogs are very expensive.

Mr. D'Arcy expressed the opinion that rubber frogs would not be suitable for horses working in clay.

The Chairman suggested that they would not be unsuitable. They were only small fittings.

Mr. Gaul - It is the people coming daily with milk to town that complain to me.

Chairman - Tell them to get the rubber frogs.

The Roads'Committees recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Shannon.

Stone Breaking at Rathduff Cross. The following report was read from the County Surveyor:-



"On yesterday, 9th instant, i visited Oldtown at the time stonebreaker was at work. There was then a pretty stiff breeze blowing in the direction of Mr. Redmond's premises. I am satisfied, from my observations on yesterday, that Mr. Redmond has great cause for complaint, and moreover, the haggard being only a short distance from the breaker site, he is in grave danger of having his hay and straw set on fire. I interviewed Mr. Redmond, and his brother, and visited a small field some distance away where a breaker site may be obtained. Mr. Redmond previously asked a sum of £30 for this plot, but he is now willing to give it to the Council for £15. The area is something less than a quarter of a statute acre so that the rate per acre is somewhat higher than what we usually pay in such cases, but, in the circumstances, I am satisfied that the Council should take over the plot. I understand that another man objects to this plot being used as a breaking ground, but I do not think there should be any serious objection, as it is away from all buildings, haggards etc. I shall be glad if you will bring this matter before the County Council at meeting on Monday next."

Mr. Shannon said that the man who objected to the Council taking over the plot of Redmond - William Houlihan, Rathduff - claimed that he owned part of it.

It was decided that the following Sub Committee be appointed to visit the place and report to next meeting of Roads' Committee:- Messrs Shannon, McCarthy, Jordan, Doran and Cline with the County and Assistant Surveyor for the district.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Minutes of meeting of Roads Committee held on 23rd September, 1929, be and are hereby approved unless as altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."



CORAGH LANE

The County Surveyor said there was no doubt so far as could be made out from the Minutes of the Council arrangements had been made that the local people were to do a certain amount of work on the road but afterwards they said they were to do haulage only. At the meeting of the Sub Committee with the local people on 25th September the following terms were agreed to:-

The local people to do all cartage, stones to be spread direct from carts in conjunction with the County Council men if required. They are also to supply 100 cubic yards of approved field stones in 10 equal depots where directed over the road.

County Council employees to do all quarrying and breaking, and all shaping of road. They are also to sink all water-tables, and consolidate stone.

We are to be allowed to work the quarry on payment of 3d per cubic yard for material taken.

The present condition of the lane is that the local people have moved in about 40 yards of a ditch and done some slight work on the ~~surface~~ surface in one place.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That we approve of the agreement arrived at between the Sub Committee and the local people as to reconstruction of Coragh Lane"

The County Surveyor said that the new arrangement would not mean any further cost to the Council.

ROAD AT COMPILE

Mr. Murphy said that six or eight months ago he had brought up the very bad condition of the road into Compile from the Duncannon new line and the County Surveyor promised to attend to the matter but nothing had been done.

The County Surveyor said he had directed Mr. O'Neill,



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Assistant Surveyor for the district to get stuff on the sides of the road at the bad places for filling the holes.

Mr. Murphy said that the road was now a great deal worse and people using it were constantly complaining to him that nothing had been done. The County Surveyor should see that Mr. O'Neill carried out his orders.

The County Surveyor said he would have the repairs carried out immediately.

#### PUBLISHING NAMES OF DEFAULTING LAND ANNUITANTS

Mr. Cooney said that several farmers in New Ross district who had paid their annuities had drawn his attention to well-to-do farmers who had not paid their annuities, and said the people were not as well-off financially as the defaulters had to pay for them through the rates. Some time ago when he raised the question of having the names of the defaulters published he was told it involved a legal liability.

The Secretary said that the question of the legality of publishing defaulters' names arose in another county, and he did not see what was the outcome of it.

Mr. Cooney said they heard a lot of complaints about the amount of annuities that was not paid and that the Land Commission were not collecting them, and the people who were paying for the defaulters, declared it was the fault of the Council, and that if the list of defaulters were published it would have the effect of making them pay. There were people in New Ross district holding their heads high, and who were able to pay the annuities, but were not paying them. It would be only fair to publish the names of the defaulters in the Press as Kilkenny County Council had done. Farmers in New Ross district asked him to ventilate the matter.

Colonel Quin said they had to guard against persons saying it was only petty spite.



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Mr. Cooney said that would be a nice tune to play. It would pay the ratepayers to publish the lists, as the defaulters would come forward and pay.

Colonel Gibbon said that if such a list were published and a man whose name appeared on it paid, the Council would be held up for libel. If Mr. Cooney could tell them how they could escape liability for libel, or if the Government would accept responsibility for the publication of the lists, he was satisfied.

Mr. Cooney said that matter could be met by announcing that annuities up to a certain date were due.

The Chairman stated that a motion to have such a list published was quashed.

Mr. Cooney - People are saying we quashed it, and yet we are abusing the Government for not collecting them. We have the weapon in our hands by which they can be collected.

The Chairman said he disagreed with Mr. Cooney. Anyone who could pay his annuities would pay them in preference to having bailiffs around his place. It was the function of the Land Commission, and not of the County Council to collect the annuities.

Mr. Cooney said it was the function of the Council to see that the ratepayers were not called on to bear the burden of the defaulters. He could give the names of eight people who could well afford to pay their annuities but did not.

Colonel Quin - Why not give the names ?.

Mr. Cooney - It would not suit me at the present time, but I know them.

Chairman - Are you wanting to turn the County Council into bailiffs ?.

Mr. Cooney replied he did not but he knew people who were living on farms for six or eight years who had not paid their annuities.



The Chairman said that Mr. Cooney should lay the names on the table.

Mr. Cooney said that if the Secretary laid the list on the table he would give the names.

The Secretary said that as soon as he got a list of defaulters he would submit it to the members.

Mr. Keegan suggested that the list of defaulters be printed and supplied to the members.

The Chairman said that the County Council had more than sufficient work to do without adding any more. They had enough to do to get the rates paid.

Mr. Cooney remarked that if a poor labourer was in arrears with his cottage rent the County Health Board would have no hesitation in proceeding against.

Chairman - It is the duty of the Public Health Board to collect those rents, and it is not our duty to collect land annuities.

Mr. Cooney - But we have to pay. Our grants are being stopped.

Chairman - There is no sense in your argument. Mr. Cooney - there is.

Chairman - Not the least.

Mr. Cooney - Why don't you make the defaulters known ?

Chairman - The people have the right to come and see who they are from the lists.

Miss O'Ryan - Would it not be more our business to publish a list of the defaulting ratepayers instead of the defaulting land annuitants.

Chairman - It would. I have no objection to publicity, but it is not our job in any way to do it.

Mr. Hall said he would be opposed to publicity of the defaulters. People told him if that were done they would get no more credit and they would be capsized altogether.

After further discussion the matter dropped.



### OLD AGE PENSION SUB COMMITTEE No.3

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

"That as recommended by Old Age Pension Sub Committee No.3, Miss O'Ryan, M.C.C., be appointed a member of this Sub Committee, vice Miss Statia Kearns, resigned."

### WITHDRAWAL OF HIS RESIGNATION BY MR. M.M.ROCHE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

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Under date 24th September, 1929, Mr. M. M. Roche, M.C.C., wrote, that owing to circumstances which had arisen since he had sent in his resignation he had changed his mind and in deference to the wishes of the Council he had withdrawn his resignation.

### DISTRESS IN OYLEGATE

Under date 24th September, 1929, the Local Government Department wrote (S.56577-1929 Loch Garman(Aa)) that there were no funds at the disposal of the Department out of which a grant could be made for financing special works for relief of unemployment in the Oylegate district.

### ROAD GRANT

Under date 27th September, 1929, the Local Government Department wrote (S.G.F.32) stating that a payment of £2000 had been made to the County Treasurer in respect of Road T.8, Works No.F.856.

### HOUSING ACT 1929.

Under date 12th September, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote (H.63261/1929(HBF)Loch Garman) that the Minister had nominated Mr. J. J. Shortall, Town Surveyor, 28, South Street, New Ross, to act in the capacity of Appointed Officer under the Housing Act, 1929, in the Wexford Rural District.



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THIRD PARTY INSURANCE POLICY AND CHERRYORCHARD QUARRY

The County Surveyor forwarded the following letter which had been transmitted to Messrs McDonagh and Boland, Insurance Brokers, 51 Dame Street, Dublin, by the Hibernian Insurance Company:-

"We are in receipt of yours of the 27th instant enclosing letter and sketch from Mr. R. J. Ennis, of Cherryorchard Quarry. It appears clear from the sketch and the terms of Mr. Ennis' letter that if blasting operations are being continued at this quarry damage to property is inevitable, apart from the risk of injury to cattle and persons.

'Under the terms of our Third Party Policy we cover accidents due to fortuitous and unexpected causes, but as regards operations at this quarry, which the Council utilise for reasons of their own, and in which damage to property is admittedly unavoidable, we certainly consider that damage of this description should come under the head of surface damage, and that an agreement to this effect should be entered into as between the Council and the Quarry Owner.

'We shall be glad if you will take up this matter with the Council and advise us further in due course.'"

It was decided that County Surveyor point out to Messrs McDonagh & Boland the profit which the Hibernian Insurance Co., have been making by their Insurances under Workmen's Compensation Policies with the Council and to state that if the Hibernian are not satisfied to deal with the Insurance of Cherryorchard Quarry as in the past the County Council must make other arrangements as regards their insurances generally.

LAYING PIPE DRAIN AT RAMSGRANGE

The County Surveyor submitted correspondence which he had had with Messrs P. Costen & Son, Waterford. The latter asked for permission to open the roadway at the Convent of St. Louis,



Ramsgrange, for the purpose of laying 6" C.I. pipe from there to the Monastery field opposite. As the pipe could not be laid at a low level they suggested that the road be raised at this point to give additional protection from heavy traffic.

The County Surveyor, in reply, under date 5th October, 1929, wrote that he had no objection to the opening of road to allow of the work being carried out provided the surface was properly restored on the completion of the work. If the levels be such as required the raising of the roadway this would have to be done at the expense of Messrs Costen. Possibly by embedding the pipe in concrete any occasion for raising the roadway would be removed.

The County Surveyor said that Messrs Costen had decided to lay the pipe in concrete.

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Under date 9th September, 1929, the Secretary, University College, Dublin, wrote that the President of the University had approved of the Scheme for award of University Scholarships in 1930-31 which had been adopted by the Wexford County Council.

#### POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul, seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act issue to Mr. John Doyle 22, North Street, New Ross, and renewal to Joseph J. Haughton, Ferns. "

#### INTEREST CHARGED BY JOINT STOCK BANKS

The following resolution, from Galway Co. Council, was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Colloton:-

"That we, the members of the Finance Committee of the Galway County Council, view with alarm the increase in the already too high rate of Interest on loans charged by Irish Banks. We regard this increase as entirely unjustified by any financial considerations and as calculated to kill existing Industries and



to prevent the establishment of new Factories, and to render useless the Acts passed for the granting of loans to Farmers.

'We call for legislation that will prevent Banks charging such high rate of interest and for the establishment of a new State Bank' "

PROMOTION OF LOCAL OFFICERS

The following resolution from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union was approved on the motion of Mr. Gaul, seconded by Miss O'Ryan:-

"That County Councils, County Boards of Health and other such Bodies be requested to fill all future vacancies in the Local Government Services by transferring where possible, existing officers who are eligible in accordance with Section 5(1) of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act 1926.

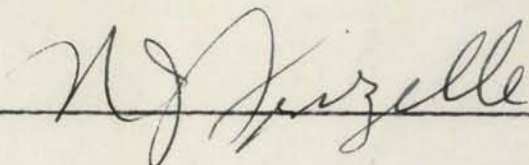
"We believe that this transfer system, if adopted by Local Authorities, would be in the best interests of efficiency and contentment within the Local Government Service."

*Michael Doyle*



CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

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 14th October, 1929.

(Signed) 

Secretary Wexford County Council.

Dated this 19th day of October, 1929.

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MINUTES

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SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 28th OCTOBER, 1929.

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N. J. FRIZELLE,  
SECRETARY.

FORTVIEW,  
WEXFORD.

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A special meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 28th October, 1929.

Present:- Mr. M. Doyle (Chairman) presided and there were also present:- Messrs James Armstrong, Jahn Brennan, James Clince, P. Colfer, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John Colloton, John Cummins, T. F. D'Arcy, James Gaul, Colonel Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Wm. P. Keegan, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss O'Ryan, M. M. Roche, James Shannon, Myles Smyth and James E. Walsh.

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

Mr. K. C. Courtney, Local Government Inspector, Roads' Department, was also present.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

THE LATE MR. JOHN J. O'BYRNE

Mr. John O'Byrne proposed the following resolution:- "That the County Council adopt a vote of condolence to Mrs O'Byrne and family on the death of Mr. John J. O'Byrne, a late Chairman of this Council." In proposing the vote Mr. O'Byrne said that the deceased gave an immense amount of his time to the public work of the County. When it was dangerous for a man of his class to be a County Councillor the deceased was at all times at his post, steady and reliable. The County Wexford had every reason to be proud of him.

Mr. Cummins in seconding said that he knew Mr. O'Byrne as a member of the public boards of the County for the last 30 years and he could endorse what Mr. Sean O'Byrne had said. No man gave more time or attention, or took a deeper interest in the welfare of the people than Mr. O'Byrne who was never wanting when something had to be done for Ireland.

The Chairman in putting the motion paid a high tribute to the manner in which Mr. O'Byrne had carried out his duties as a public



representative and to the sacrifices which he and his family had made for the cause of the Country.

Messrs Hall, Shannon and Miss O'Ryan, the County Secretary and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, also spoke to the motion which was adopted in silence.

THE LATE MRS BOLGER, FERNS.

The following, from Mr. D. J. Bolger, Ferns, was ordered to be inserted on the minutes of the day, the resolution being proposed by Mr. O'Byrne, and seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"Mr. D. J. Bolger thanks the County Council and staff very sincerely for their kind expressions of sympathy in his great sorrow."

WEXFORD-FERRYCARRIG ROAD

The following Minutes of meeting of Inspection Sub Committee on 19th October, 1929, were read:-



WEXFORD-FERRYCARRIG ROAD

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Report Sub.Committee Meeting 19th Oct., 1929.

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The Sub-Committee appointed to deal with the work on Wexford Ferrycarrig Road met on 19th October, 1929.

Present:- Colonel Gibbon and Mr. James Gaul. There were also in attendance the County Secretary, the County Surveyor and Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor.

The Sub-Committee were met on the ground by Mr. Taylor, Manager for Contractor and Mr. Loder his Works' Manager.

They first inspected the closed portion of road between Farnogue turn and Park Lane.

The surface has all been scarified and levelled and screeds are in position for more than half the full length. The side kerbing has been completed also a considerable portion of side filling. The whole of the aggregate is on the ground. Some of the pit sand brought to the site was found on test to be unsuitable and arrangements have been made for obtaining the necessary amount of gravel from the Slaney.

It is estimated that concreting will begin on Wednesday 23rd October. If this be feasible the work of laying the concreted slab should be completed within the succeeding fortnight but the surface will have to "cure" for a further four weeks before the road can be opened to traffic. In other words the earliest date on which traffic may be allowed on the road will be approximately the first week in December.

The Sub-Committee then proceeded to inspect the section between Auburn Terrace and Wexford Bridge on which work is also in progress. Something over half the length has been scarified and material removed for the slab site. The screeds are being put down and work is so advanced that it is expected concreting will be commenced by Monday 28th October. In view of this it is the opinion of the Sub-Committee that the section cannot be open for traffic earlier than the second week in December. No work, 30 -



far, has been started on the section between Wexford Bridge and the turn at Farnogue, nor can any work commence there until the section between Auburn Terrace and the Wexford Bridge has been opened to traffic.

The Sub-Committee point out that the entire work according to the specification is to be finished by 1st December next. It is, therefore, obvious, that under existing conditions the Contractor cannot complete the three sections referred to earlier than the end of the year and by the time the whole work is finished he will be considerably behind the specified time. It would appear to the Committee that there will be considerable delay in disposing of the section Park to Ferrycarrig.

There are two courses open at the moment:-

1. To hold the Contractor to his original contract which has been arranged to be carried out with ordinary cement with power (clause 22) to require Ferrocete at a fixed rate if considered desirable. This will inevitably involve failure to complete the contract in due time and will also entail heavy expenditure with regard to the back road as well as great inconvenience to the general public.

2. To deal with the portion of the road from Auburn Terrace to Park Lane with ferrocete. This proposal is being investigated by the County Surveyor.

At first sight it would seem to offer an opportunity for speeding up the work by more than a month.

It was suggested to Mr. Taylor, the Contractor's Manager, that it would be to the interest of his firm to make an offer to the County Council to share with the County Council the increased expense incurred by utilising ferrocete.

Mr. Taylor promised to submit a proposal by the 22nd instant when a meeting of the Sub-Committee will be held to deal with the matter.



The following minutes of Meeting of Inspection Sub-Committee, in respect of meeting held on 22nd October, 1929, were read:-



A meeting of Inspection Sub Committee Wexford Ferrycarrig Road was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 22nd Oct., 1929.

Colonel Gibbon presided and Messrs Corish and Gaul were also present.

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

Mr. McCarthy, M.C.C., telegraphed from Dublin regretting his inability to attend the meeting.

The following, under date 22nd October, 1929, was read from County Surveyor:-

"On Saturday, 19th October, when the Committee was arranging for meeting on Tuesday, 22nd instant, I overlooked an important appointment. There will be a blast in Ryland Quarry on that date, and under agreement with Canon Fry I must be present. I do not consider the Committee will find my presence essential, particularly as several members already know the substance of the matter to be decided. Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, will be present at the meeting.

'On yesterday I had communication over 'phone with Mr. Taylor (Messrs Hull's Manager), and he informed me that Mr. Hull will agree to put in Ferrocrete on the two sections of road already closed at 1/6d per l.y., instead of 2/6d as tendered. This he informed me was the best he could do, 'though I pointed out that he should bear in mind the question of delay in completion, and the possible penalty to be enforced. I have carefully gone into the matter of cost, and saving time by use of Ferrocrete.

'The length from Auburn Terrace to Wexford Bridge is 483 l.y: from Farnogue to Park is 675 l.y. Taking the rate at 1/6d per l.y., the first section will cost £36: 4: 6d, and the second section £50: 12: 6d.

'Two mixers on 2nd section will, if weather and all other conditions be favourable, lay each about 30 l.y., or a total of



60 l.y., per day - 9 hours. I take it this efficiency will not be maintained, and consequently I estimate that not more than 45 l.y., per day will be put in over a lengthened period. This works out at 15 days for the length of 675 l.y. For Portland Cement, add to this 28 days at least before the slab can be opened to traffic. This is say six and half weeks. With Ferrocrete the time will be 4 weeks, thus showing a saving in time of say  $2\frac{1}{2}$  weeks. If only one day's work be in P.C., the total time before opening will be 29 days whereas with all in Ferrocrete the total time will be 25 days. Thus there will be no advantage in laying part in P.C., and remainder in Ferrocrete. The saving of time will be  $2\frac{1}{2}$  weeks at a cost of £50: 12: 6d to the County Council. For first section with one mixer the time of laying will be at the best 16 days, plus 28 days before opening, equals 44 days. Allowing for delays etc., I estimate will be also six and a half weeks. With Ferrocrete the time will be also, say, four weeks. Therefore the use of Ferrocrete will save only two and a half weeks on both sections at a total cost of £86: 17: 0d. to the County Council.

'The following dates will be of interest. At County Council meeting on 29th July Mr. Hull's tender was accepted, and Bond signed on 14th August. On 2nd August Mr. Hull attended in my Office, and I visited Kerlogue Quarry with him, and discussed terms of hireage of machinery. On the 6th August I sent Mr. Hull details of charges for machinery which he accepted. Quarry work was started on 19th August, the Rock Drill started on 31st August. The Breaker started in Quarry on 31st August. The Farnogue section was closed to traffic on 28th August, but Contractor was at work some few days earlier. The Auburn Terrace section was closed to traffic on 9th October.'

Colonel Gibbon said that from an examination of the present condition of the work it appeared that as regards section from Auburn Terrace Wexford to Wexford Bridge it was proposed to



commence the laying of concrete slab on 28th October in Portland Cement. The laying would be finished by 11th November but the section would have to remain under "cure" up to 9th December.

The earliest time that work could begin on the section from Wexford Bridge to Farnogue would be the 9th December, laying would be finished by 23rd of same month and section would remain under "cure" up to 25th January, 1930.

If Ferrocrete is used on the section from Auburn Terrace to Wexford Bridge the work of laying would finish on the 11th Nover and the road could be opened on 18th November. The Section between Wexford Bridge and Farnogue could then be dealt with. Concreting would finish on 2nd December and the section could open on the 9th December instead of 25th January. He was of opinion a letter should be drafted by their Solicitor, Mr. Elgee, to Messrs A. Hull & Co., stating that the Inspection Sub Committee had no power to give a decision on the matter under consideration owing to the large amount of work involved but, in view of the fact that a meeting of the Roads' Committee would be held on 28th October, they would be prepared to authorise Messrs Hull & Co. to utilise ferrocrete until Monday night when the decision of the Roads' Committee on the matter would be available. The Inspection Sub Committee would in no way recommend any alteration of the terms of the contract or as to time limit etc.

After further discussion, Colonel Gibbon amended his suggestions as follows:-

1. In accordance with the promise given on 19th October, 1929, to Mr. Taylor, Representative of Messrs Alex Hull & Co., Contractors for reconstruction of Wexford Ferrycarrig Road, a meeting of the Inspection Sub Committee was held on 22nd October, 1929. Acting on legal advice the Sub Committee find they have no power to modify the terms of the Contract in this case even with regard to making a compromise in respect of the use of



ferrocrete on the two sections of the road prepared for concrete.

2. That a request be made to Mr. Quigley, Chief Roads' Engineer Local Government Department, to attend the meeting of the Roads' Committee on 28th instant so that any decision taken at said meeting can be certain to receive the subsequent sanction of the Department of Local Government.

In the meantime the Sub Committee would strongly recommend Mr. A. Hull that he should on his own initiative and at his own expense use ferrocrete which he would be able to do (without affecting the terms of his contract) until Monday, 28th October when a definite and final decision would be given.

Mr. Hull to be invited to the meeting of Roads' Committee which he should, in his own interest, attend.

After prolonged discussion the following resolution was agreed to:-

"That in order not to further inconvenience the public this Sub Committee recommend the County Council to accept the offer of Messrs Hull & Co., to utilise ferrocrete instead of Portland Cement in regard to the two sections of Wexford Ferrycarrig Road which are ready for concreting on the terms mentioned in the letter of the County Surveyor to this Sub Committee under date 22nd October, 1929. That a special meeting of the County Council to deal with this recommendation and all other road business be held on 28th October, 1929, at 10.30 a.m. That Mr. Hull be invited to attend said meeting and that he be informed that the recommendations of the Sub Committee must in no way prejudice the terms of his contract or any of the conditions therein."



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Minutes of Inspection Sub Committee, Wexford-Ferrycarrig Road, in respect of meetings held on 19th October and 22nd October be received and considered!"

Colonel Gibbon proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following resolution:- "That the Minutes of meetings of Sub Committee of Inspection for Wexford Ferrycarrig Road, and matters arising therefrom be discussed in Committee in view of the fact that the manner in which the contract is being carried out may subsequently be the subject of law proceedings."

Mr. O'Byrne proposed the following which, however, he subsequently withdrew:- "That the discussion relative to contract of Wexford-Ferrycarrig Road be not held in Committee."

The resolution of Colonel Gibbon as to dealing with the matter in Committee was then put and passed.

Colonel Gibbon said that up to the present not even one yard of the surface of the road had been laid in concrete, and there was not sufficient sand on any of the sections which had been closed for one day's work in concrete. According to present conditions the earliest at which the work would finish by using double the number of present mixers, which he believed was the intention of the Contractor, would be somewhere about the latter half of January even if ferrocrete was used on the two sections referred to in the Minutes of the Sub Committee. On the Contractors' side it was claimed that the main delays in proceeding with the work occurred for two reasons. 1 - because they did not get a decision in time with regard to the class of reinforcement to be used. It was true that on <sup>the</sup> ~~12th~~ 2nd August Mr. Hull, Contractor, had made some temporary arrangement with the County Surveyor and on the 2nd September Mr. Hull, or his Representative, attended in the County Surveyor's department and saw Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, who said that as the County Surveyor was on holidays he would not like to give a definite decision on the type of reinforcement to be used.



On the 30th September Messrs Hull wrote to the County Surveyor for a definite decision but got no reply. On the 18th October Mr. Taylor, Manager for Mr. Hull, came to a decision in conversation with the County Surveyor. The next excuse was that no material was given them out of Kerlogue Quarry or that the machinery was not placed at his disposal. The County Surveyor said he had informed Mr. Hull he would give him the machinery as soon as he was ready to go ahead; he did give the machinery when he was asked for it. The great obstacle had been in regard to the sand. A sample of the sand had been sent for test but in the meantime the Contractor went and put it on the road ~~down~~ although he got warning that the sand was not very good. It was not definitely turned down until 5th of October. Following this the County Surveyor told the Contractor that he would not pass any sand except Slaney gravel and on the recommendation of the survey department the Contractor went to Mr. P. Donovan, as long ago as 11th October, to procure sand. Mr. Donovan promised he would put in three cot loads a day on the road but tho' that arrangement was made on the 11th October, and there was every intention on the part of the Contractor to commence concreting on 25th October, only one cot load of sand had been delivered and the barges were idle in Wexford owing to some difficulty with the men who work them. Mr. Gaul, County Councillor, had interested himself in the matter and had got over the difficulty. But undoubtedly the Contractors were labouring under great difficulty and if they were held to the terms of their contract the work could be only carried through at great inconvenience to the public because the first demand of the Contractors would be to close the long section immediately. He (Colonel Gibbon) considered it would be unwise to interfere with the Contractors and considered their request should be granted. But this would entail very heavy usage of the back road and they appeared to be



doubtful if they would be able to get their heavy lorries over it.

Mr. Corish thought it would be well at this stage if the County Surveyor dealt with the complaints of the Contractor.

Colonel Gibbon - One further objection which the Contractor put in was that he was lead to believe he would have to use reinforcement in spots only but that as soon as his tender was considered it was decided to reinforce the whole road.

The County Surveyor referred to the clauses in the specification dealing with the sand and reinforcing material. In regard to the latter he said that on the 16th September he agreed to allow the Contractor to put in expanded metal. He (County Surveyor) when the question of reinforcement was first discussed mentioned Maxwell or B.R.C., reinforcement but the Contractor demurred and said they were dearer. He (County Surveyor) pointed out that as the specification did not provide for a particular type of reinforcement he would have to accept expanded metal if selected by the Contractor. But the Contractor did not appear to be in any particular hurry and did not ask for any decision at the time as he (Contractor) was enquiring about prices. When it was ordered there was a delay of three weeks in the delivery. As regards the sand it looked all right. There was some delay in getting the first test from Professor Coffey of University College Cork, who said he could not recommend it for first class work. But he (County Surveyor) agreed that it should be used for kerbing. The Contractor being anxious to use the sand which was apparently providing a dense concrete, he (County Surveyor) made a couple of briquettes of 4 of stone, 2 of sand and 1 of cement and had them sent to Professor Coffey who reported that the sand was not equal to standard sand. As regards Kerlogue quarry he went there on the 2nd August with Mr. Hull who expressed himself perfectly satisfied with the conditions there. It was arranged what machines were to be



employed and on the 6th August the charges for hireage were sent to Mr. Hull and accepted by him. The date when work would start at Kerlogue was arranged and Mr. Hull was informed that the County Surveyor would reserve for him any County Council material which was not ready to be used and which could be replaced later so that there would not be any delay in providing material.

Colonel Gibbon - The County Council were not under obligation to supply him with material.

The County Surveyor said that in working Kerlogue quarry the Contractor had got every possible facility as to blasts etc.

Mr. Gaul said that Mr. Donovan would now be able to supply 40 tons of sand per day.

Colonel Gibbon said the specification provided that the Contractor was entitled to an extension of time for "unavoidable" delay" and he thought he would have a case as to the reinforcement. He (Colonel Gibbon) had been advised that it was very difficult to enforce a time penalty such as was in the present contract. If they carried out the contract in ordinary cement the public would be hard hit but the County Council could reduce this hardship by having the two first sections carried out in ferrocrete. In some sections this would save a month and in others two months over the laying in ordinary cement. By giving an extension of time to the Contractor they could not hurt making the roadway, while having the carting done by heavy vehicles over the two first sections instead of on the back road would save a great deal of expense to the Contractor and to the County Council in the matter of maintaining the back road. They would have done better if the sections <sup>furthest</sup> ~~for these~~ from Wexford had been done first but the Contractor had decided on commencing at the two sections which were now closed. According to the specification the County Council can postpone any of the work and can give an extension of time for any unavoidable cause of delay. This would be in the interest of the Council and would avoid litigation and trouble in trying to have an impossibility



carried out. It would save extra expense in connection with the back road and also would greatly convenience the public. If they could arrange with the Contractor to do his carting over the newly made road the Council would be well advised to grant an extension of time and provided that he would do the three sections up to Park in ferrocrete - or even the two sections which were now ready for concrete. If the ferrocrete was laid to-day the carting over it could commence in three weeks' time.

The County Surveyor said that the time allowed for the work was rather short and, owing to the delay in starting, he was of opinion that the Contractor should be given an extension of time.

Mr. Taylor, Manager, Messrs Hull & Co., came before the meeting and said they had met two or three delays which were beyond their control. He did not attach importance to the delay about the quarry plant as it did not hold up the work but there were the questions of the reinforcing material and the sand. In connection with the latter it was six weeks after it had been put on the road they were told they would have to make other arrangements. They had made arrangements with Mr. Donovan, on 18th inst., to supply the selected sand but they had been unable to obtain any until 25th instant, when one cot load was delivered while they were expecting three cot loads each day. If the Council could bring pressure to bear on Mr. Donovan in regard to the supply of sand it would help the Contractor in a very practical way. They also wanted to have the whole road in their possession. The delay was costing them £20 per week in administration expenses and they had an expensive plant standing idle so that the present position was entirely unsatisfactory.

In reply to Colonel Gibbon, Mr. Taylor said that everything going well the contract would finish in two months from the present. They took their first delivery of sand on 2nd September



and it was the 15th October when the sand was finally condemned. The only complaint made in the interval about the sand was it was too coarse in the grain.

The County Surveyor stated that after the first test Messrs Hull's Representative knew there was a doubt about the sand and he was told that it would not be objected to if used for the kerbing but that it could not be used for the slab.

Mr. Taylor said he would not hesitate in using the sand which had been condemned - even for a building.

The County Surveyor, in reply to Mr. Corish, said he was absolutely certain that the Contractors Representative was informed of the results of the first test on the 25th September.

Mr. Taylor said that they had not been able to get the reinforcement until 16th October. They had a tractor in Dublin by which they could get their material over the back road. There had been delay in deciding the sort of reinforcement to be used as there was no type mentioned in the specification. When Mr. Thompson, representing the Contractor, came to Wexford he was told that the County Surveyor was on holidays and Mr. Birthistle, (Assistant Surveyor), stated it was better wait over until the County Surveyor returned from holidays. Mr. Thompson then attended in Wexford on the 17th September and rang him (Mr. Taylor) up and said the County Surveyor said that reinforcement should be Maxwell or B.R.C., and that he should look into the matter but the County Surveyor did not write for the best part of a fortnight. He (Mr. Taylor), in order not to delay the work, had placed an order for expanded metal to get half a mile of road started. On the 30th September he wrote about the reinforcement but got no reply. However, on 18th October he was informed they could use expanded metal. They were not seeking any concession and were quite prepared to discuss the question of penalties for delay in the performance of the Contract later.



Mr. Cummins - After further discussion - proposed:- "That the County Council adhere to the terms of their Contract with Messrs Alex Hull & Co., as to reconstruction of Wexford Ferrycarrig Road."

Mr. Colfer seconded.

Colonel Gibbon proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded, as an amendment:- "That the Contractor for reconstruction of Wexford Ferrycarrig Road be granted an extension of time for six weeks to complete his contract on condition that he lays the two first sections, now closed to traffic, in ferrocrete at his own expense. That should the Contractor refuse this offer the Council pay 1/6d per lineal yard extra over Portland cement to enable the Contractor to lay the section from Farnogue to Park in ferrocrete."

Mr. Elgee said that in view of the discussion it appeared to him that the Contractor could claim a six weeks' extension owing to the delay in dealing with the question of the reinforcement.

After further discussion Colonel Gibbon withdrew his resolution in favour of the following, proposed by Mr. Corish:- "That, in order to facilitate the public in having the road from Wexford to Ferrycarrig opened to traffic as quickly as possible, we hereby agree to pay 1/6d per lineal yard to the Contractor over and above the price of Portland cement to enable the Contractor to lay ferrocrete on the sections Auburn Terrace Wexford to Wexford Bridge and Farnogue Terrace to Park."

Colonel Gibbon seconded.

On a show of hands, five voted against the amendment of Mr. Corish and the remainder of the Councillors in favour.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

Mr. Cummins withdrew his resolution and the matter dropped.

#### MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

Finance :- The following Minutes of Finance Committee, in respect of meeting held on 15th October, 1929, were submitted:-



A special meeting of the Finance Committee was held on 18th October, 1929, for the purpose of considering the following letter from the Local Government Department under date 15th Oct., 1929 (No.G.72926/1929 Loch Garman Fa):-

"In reply to your letter of the 14th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he could not agree to the continuance of the Rate Collectors services unless properly secured. If adequate security is not immediately forthcoming the services of the Collectors in question should, at once, be terminated and arrangements made to appoint suitable persons to succeed them.

'I am to add that the Minister is unable to consent to the Council's proposal to provide a guarantee fund in the manner suggested.'"

The following were present:- Messrs James Hall, Sean O'Byrne, and John J. Colloton.

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

Mr. J. J. Corry of the New Ireland Assurance Company came before the meeting and said that he had had an interview with the Rate Collectors and one and all complained they were unable to get collateral security for £500. They gave various reasons for this, the first being that bond holders had been badly bitten by banks. The same thing happened in every other County and yet his Company had ~~been~~ recently been able to procure 84 fidelity guarantee bonds from Collectors. In one Munster County they had defalcations for £1700 altho' there was a full time Rate Inspector working in the County for three years. The entire loss was caused thro' the issue of unofficial receipts. Two eminent Counsel had advised that if money is paid by a ratepayer and a receipt other than the official receipt given it is good secondary evidence that the rates have been paid and the action by the Collector would amount to embezzle-



ment and in such a case the Insurance Company would, under their bond, have to pay. No matter what notices appear in the Press or on the Demand Notes warning people to obtain official receipts so long as unofficial receipts were accepted the Company would be responsible for them. No matter what premium the Insurance Companies charge there were only 387 Collectors to be dealt with in An Saorstát and at present premium rates the amount paid by them would be about £4000 while according to the statement of the Minister for Local Government the defalcations of Collectors for the past four years was at the rate of £5000 per annum. This brought about the question of collateral security. Everyone could see that this was coming as it was apparent the Companies were obliged to do something for their own protection. In the talk he had with the Collectors he offered to meet with them and to accept two sureties on a joint and several bond of £250. Even with that reduction some of the Collectors, it was stated, would not be able to find collateral. The Company did not think that Wexford County should ~~not~~ be worse than others in the matter of finding personal securities. There might be a possibility of turning the personal bonds into collateral security.

It was pointed out that the personal bonds had been provided to ensure the closing of the warrant and the suggestion of Mr. Corry could not, therefore, be entertained.

Mr. Corry said his Company would agree to give the Collectors further cover for a month to enable them to find the collateral security of £250. In every other County the amount had been £500 and it was obtained without difficulty. It should be understood definitely that the New Ireland Co., was extending the cover to 19th November on condition that the Collectors would not seek security from any other Company.

It was suggested to Mr. Corry that his Company might take two sureties with a bond for each of £125 but he said he could not see his way to agree to the proposal.



After further discussion Mr. Corry handed in a Cover  
Note for all the Collectors up to 19th November, 1929.



Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem.con.:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 15th October, 1929, be received and considered."

After discussion, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting for 15th October, 1929, be and are hereby confirmed."

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The Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 24th October, 1929, were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 24th October, 1929.

Present:- Colonel Gibbon (Vice Chairman) presiding; Messrs Sean O'Byrne, John Murphy, James Shannon and John Colloton.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3205: 13: 7d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

##### Fidelity Guarantee Bonds

The following, under date 23rd October, 1929 (G.74843/1929 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 your letter of the 19th instant, relative to the Rate Collectors' Bonds, and I am to state it is presumed that the County Council will not allow any further delay beyond the 19th proximo in the provision of proper security by their Rate Collectors. Any Collector who fails by that date to provide an adequate bond should be immediately removed from his Collectorship and an appointment of a suitable person made in his place."

It was decided that the Rate Collectors be informed of the instruction conveyed in the letter of the Department of Local Government.

##### Rates on Bantry & Blackstairs Commons

Statements were submitted showing that up to financial year ended 31st March, 1929, the arrears outstanding on Bantry Commons



were:- In Collector Murphy District:- £152: 12: 7d and in Collector O'Byrne's £72: 14: 1d: Total £225: 6: 8d. The arrears on Blackstairs Commons which is all situate in Collector O'Byrne's district for same period were £34: 14: 3d or a total for both commons of £260: 0: 11d.

Collector Murphy explained that in connection with a seizure under his own warrant some years ago he had been mulcted in £80, the seizures being in respect of County Carlow stock.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, held that Collector Murphy had the right to seize any stock - irrespective of ownership - which he found grazing on the Co. Wexford side of the Commons.

Mr. Murphy said he had "raided" the Mountain time and again with the bailiff and his assistant at a cost of £2: 5 : 0d each time he went there.

Mr. O'Byrne pointed out that a resolution had been adopted by the Council that if Collector O'Byrne made seizures of stock on Bantry and Blackstairs Commons on the advice of Mr. Elgee the Council would bear any costs in which he might be mulcted thro' his action.

Collector O'Byrne said his Solicitor was to have obtained Counsel's opinion as to the seizure of stock on the Mountain but this had not yet come to hand.

After further discussion the following resolution was adopted.

"The Finance Committee have been advised that Rates and arrears of rates on Bantry and Blackstairs Commons can be recovered by Civil proceedings against the persons rated for same without proof having to be produced as to any use of the Commons being made by them, and, such being the case, we hereby resolve and direct that Collectors Murphy and O'Byrne be instructed to take proceedings in the Circuit Court against the defaulters concerned without delay."

Contribution towards Fidelity Guarantee Bonds. The following, under date 22nd October, 1929, was read from Collectors John Doyle,



John Curtis and Thomas Rowe:-

"We desire to draw your attention to the fact that at a meeting of the County Council some time ago it was decided that the County Council would pay the sum of £3 towards the premium on the Fidelity Bond of Rate Collectors of the Council whose remuneration did not exceed five pence in the pound.

'In nearly all the cases referred to the remuneration exceeds £150 per annum.

'We, the three undersigned Collectors, who are employed respectively at the remuneration of six pence and seven pence in the pound, desire to point out that our total remuneration does not exceed the sum of £150 and in the case of one the remuneration does not exceed £81.

"We therefore respectfully appeal to the Finance Committee to reconsider the previous resolution of the County Council, and, in our three cases, to advance the sum of £3 towards the premium on our Fidelity Bonds.'"

Mr. O'Byrne proposed:- "That a contribution of £3 towards the cost of premium for fidelity guarantee bonds be made by the Council in the case of all Rate Collectors (irrespective of poundage rate at which paid) whose total poundage for financial year does not exceed £150. "

Mr. Shannon seconded.

Mr. Murphy considered it would be inadvisable to take action in this matter until the Council knew exactly where they stood as regards fidelity guarantee bonds.

After discussion, Mr. O'Byrne said he would defer his motion until the question of the fidelity guarantee bonds for the Rate Collectors had been finally decided.

Damage to Property Compensation Act Rate

Mr. O'Byrne proposed the following which was seconded by Mr. Murphy and adopted:- "That an instalment of 6d rate for compensation



for damage to property be paid and that it be pointed out to the Department of Local Government that if overdraft had not been reduced by £10,000 last August the Council would have been in a position to wipe out their full indebtedness under this head."

#### Land Commission and Rate Arrears

Under date 23rd October, 1929, the following letter (Corr No. 1243/29 Co. Wexford - Coll. No. 138/Wm. Kelly - Lands of Grange Big) was read from the Land Commission:-

"I am directed to inform you that the total arrears due to 1st June 1929 is £70: 6: 2d. There is a man named Thomas O'Connor in Rosslare who is willing to make an offer to the Land Commission for the use of the holding for a term of years but before doing so he would require an assurance that the County Council would not proceed against him for rates. I am to enquire if you are prepared to give that assurance."

It was decided to inform the Land Commission that the County Council are not in a position to give <sup>Mr. O'Connor</sup> him any assurance as regards payment of rates and arrears of same on the holding of Wm. Kelly. If the land be let they would expect to be paid the same proportion of arrears of rates as the Land Commission is receiving in respect of arrears of annuities. Under no circumstances would the Finance Committee recommend that the Rates in this and similar cases should be wiped out.

#### No. 4 Collection District

The following recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colloton, seconded by Mr. Murphy:- "That Collector Quirke (No. 1 District) be appointed temporary collector to close warrant for Rate 1929-30 in Rate District No. 4".

No. 5 District. Collector Culleton wrote that as regards his district a large amount was accounted for by Irrecoverable and temporary uncollectable items of which he was preparing a list for



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submission to next meeting of Finance Committee.

It was decided to refer this matter to the Rate Inspector for a report to next Finance Committee meeting.

The Chairman said the Rate Inspector - who was in attendance - should call the special attention of the Collectors to the good harvest. Farmers had a considerable amount of money at this season of the year in comparison with other periods of the year. They were in a much better position to meet their liabilities than they were last year. Tho' prices were lower the crop was twice as big.

The Rate Inspector said he did not think at present that Collector Culleton was making a great effort to collect; he did not appear to have his heart in his work and he had let the Rate Inspector ~~to~~ understand that he would give up his position when he closed his warrant.

It was decided that the Rate Inspector communicate with the Secretary as to directing any Collector to attend a meeting of the Finance Committee when he considers such attendance would be desirable.

#### SALARY OF CARETAKER OF COUNTY COURTHOUSE

It was decided that a quarter's salary and allowances, viz., £14: 11 : 2d be paid to Mrs McNally, County Courthouse Keeper.

#### COURTHOUSE EXPENSES

A bill was received from the Caretaker New Ross Courthouse for 8/8d for washing 46 towels for use of District Justice and for toilet soap.

It was decided to ask the caretaker the reference to any statutory authority which obliged the County Council to pay such expenses.

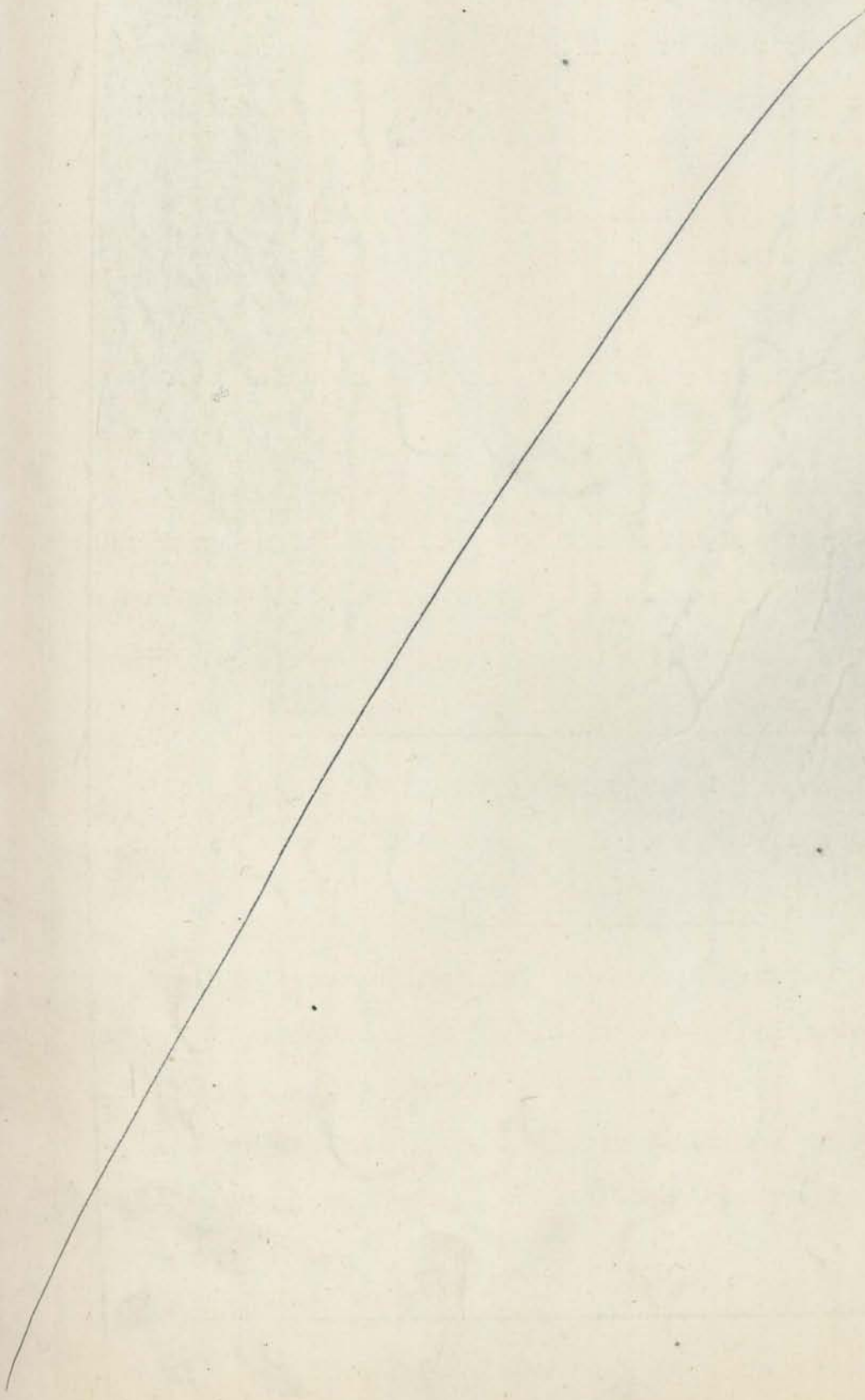
#### TYPEWRITER FOR CO.SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT

It was decided that County Surveyor be empowered to purchase L. C. Smith typewriter for use in his office, provided he c



dispose of old Roneo flat duplicating machine at £6, leaving  
net cost of typewriter at £19.

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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 24th October be received and considered."

Damage to Property Compensation Act Rate

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That, in order to allow this Council to pay off its indebtedness under 6d Rate for Compensation under Damage to Property Compensation Act, we request the Local Government Department to agree to reinstate the bank overdraft figure at £40,000."

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee, in respect of meeting held on 24th October, 1929, be and are hereby confirmed."

RAHEENGURREN FORD

The following deputation came before the meeting with reference to flooding at Raheengurren Ford:- Messrs W. J. Brennan-Whitmore, Tomsilla; Joseph Webb, Gorey, G. Stacey, Carriganeagh and Henry Jones, Bannogue.

Mr. Brennan-Whitmore, spokesman of the deputation, said he wished to impress on the Council the absolute necessity of bridging the Ford, which was locally known as "Pass-if-you-Can" - the Council would note the significance of the local name. The road was without any bridge except a small footpath. From the top of the footpath to the bed of the stream was 5 ft. 4 ins., and the width of the footpath was 5 ft 6 ins. On several occasions during flood time he had seen the water to within about 4 ins., of the top of the footpath. That meant that there was practically 5 ft. of water in the Ford during flood time. The impossibility, not to speak of the danger of such a condition



of things was obvious enough to the members of the Council with their experience of country roads. There was a number of large ratepayers and large farmers living in the vicinity, and, personally, he believed that some day some people would lose their lives there. During one flood time, when there was almost 5 ft of water, he had seen a middle-aged, very stout lady driving across the little footpath in a donkey car. She had only 5 ft. 6 ins. of a pathway, so that it could be easily understood the narrow margin she had, and a margin that was crumbling away. Had the donkey stumbled or been frightened, and the lady tumbled into 5 ft. of water, he did not believe she would have got out with her life. On another occasion, when there was only 18 ins., or 2 feet of water in the Ford, following a flood, he found an old lady of over eighty years standing in the middle of the flood trying to get a donkey and cart out. She had to wade through the flood as she was unable to get the donkey out and he had to assist her. That she did not contract pneumonia or something like that, and die, was only the goodness of God. The job required at the place was not as big as it appeared. The road proper was only 21 feet wide, though at the Ford it was 40 ft. wide, so that a bridge of 21 ft. would be sufficient. He hoped it would be plain to the members of the Council that the place was positively dangerous to human life, and it was on that ground that the deputation wished to urge on the Council the necessity of bridging it.

After discussion the Chairman said that the conditions as explained with regard to the Ford were so prevalent all over the country that if they had to bridge everywhere they had the roads flooded, he did not think the ratepayers would like it very well. It would mean an expenditure, he would say, of several thousand pounds, and where they were going to get it he did not



know. The place in question might be bad, but he knew places in the Barony of Forth as bad, or worse - under water practically the whole winter, and the deputation should not think that the Council were treating that part of the County any worse than any other part. If they had money nothing would give the Council greater pleasure than to put all such places in apple-pie order. He believed the matter of the Ford was to come before the November meeting and pending the consideration of the matter at the November meeting he did not think the Council could do anything.

Mr. Whitmore thanked the Council for receiving the deputation, the members of which then withdrew.

Mr. D'Arcy asked if the County Surveyor and Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, could get out a plan to double the width of the present bridge at a moderate cost.

The County Surveyor said they could not, as the flags on the existing bridge would not suit ordinary traffic.

The Chairman said that as the matter was being brought forward on the estimates next month he did not think it would be worth the Council's while to take it up until that meeting. They could discuss everything concerning the matter when it came before the November meeting.

Further consideration of the matter was then adjourned to the November meeting.

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The remainder of the business was, owing to the hour, adjourned to next meeting.

*Michael Doyle*



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MEETING HELD ON 11th NOVEMBER, 1929.

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N. J. FRIZELLE,  
SECRETARY.

FORTVIEW,  
WEXFORD.



The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 11th November, 1929.

Present:- Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman, presiding. Also Messrs:- James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Cline, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, John Doran, James Gaul, Col. C. M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, 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, the Assistant Secretary, the County Surveyor and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

THE LATE MR. JOHN J. O'BYRNE

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Quin, it was decided that the following replies to vote of condolence relative to the death of Mr. John J. O'Byrne, a former Chairman of the County Council, ~~were ordered to be~~ inserted on the Minutes of the day:-

From Mrs O'Byrne, (Widow of deceased):- "I am very grateful indeed for the kind resolutions of condolence with me and my family adopted by your Council, and deeply appreciate the generous tributes paid to my husband by the Chairman and members of the County Council, the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, the Joint Committee and yourself. In such a time of trouble expressions of sympathy are helpful indeed. Please accept my heartfelt thanks!"

From Mr. P. F. O'Byrne, (Brother):- "I am writing to thank you for your nice letter of sympathy. Poor John's death (R.I.P.) was a terrible shock to us. He had been so well after the operation that we were expecting him home, when he got a relapse. It is lonely and desolate without him. He was everything to all of us. Our consolation is that he was happy, and we feel he is now enjoying



the reward of a life spent in doing good."

THE LATE MR. PETER FFRENCH, Ex-M.P.

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

"That we sympathise most heartily with the relatives of the late Mr. Peter Ffrench, Ex-M.P. and for many years a valued servant of this County Council in the office of Coroner for South Wexford! The Chairman, in seconding the motion, said he knew Mr. Ffrench from the olden days and he never knew a better man for the farmers. All through the Land League days he worked hard in the farmers' interests and acted a man's part in endeavouring to secure their rights."

The motion was passed in silence.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The following Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee held on the 7th November, 1929, were submitted:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the County Council, Wexford, on 7th November, 1929.

Present:- Messrs Sean O'Byrne, J. J. Culleton, J. E. Walsh, James Hall, James Shannon and Thomas McCarthy.

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

On the motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the chair was taken by Mr. O'Byrne.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2356: 11: 2d was examined and signed.

#### SALARIES OF CLERICAL STAFF

The following letter, under date 5th November, 1929, was read from the Secretary, Irish Local Government Officials' Union:-

"I am instructed by the Central Council of this Union to request the Wexford County Council to determine the question of the remuneration of its Clerical Staff which has been before the County Council for a considerable time.

'After thorough and careful consideration of the matter my Council has formulated the following proposals which I am to submit for the approval of your Council:-

- (a) That Mr. J. H. Cadogan, Chief Clerk, Secretary's Office, and Mr. Moore, Chief Clerk, County Surveyor's Office, be placed on a scale of £220 per annum by annual increments of £10 to a maximum of £350 per annum.
- (b) That Messrs Stephen Hayes, John Moloney and D. Radford, Miss M. Frizelle and Miss E. M. Norton, and any further future entrants to the Clerical Staff, be placed on the following scale:-  
Minimum on entrance £90 per annum (subject to a minimum of £120 per annum at 21 years of age) rising by annual increments of £5 to £150 per annum; thence by annual increments of £7: 10s to £210: 5s; thence by annual increments of £10 to a maximum of £260.  
The existing Staff to be absorbed on the scale, receiving credit for past service.



'The adoption of these scales in the opinion of my Council would meet the fair claims of the Staff to remuneration commensurate with their duties and responsibilities, and would operate to the benefit and satisfaction of the County Council.

'I am to submit that the time is opportune for a settlement of this question which has been in abeyance since April, 1928. My Council trusts that your Council will give it its immediate and serious attention, and requests that with this end in view, the Finance Committee of the County Council on the 7th instant would kindly receive a deputation from the Union to place the Officers' case more fully before it, and to explain the above proposals.'".

Messrs Clinton and Henderson attended as a deputation from the Union, to explain the proposals outlined in the letter.

Mr. Clinton, having thanked the members for kindly receiving the deputation, stated that he recognised that the County Council had a dual duty - to satisfy the staff and also the ratepayers, and he claimed that the scheme put forward would not inflict any hardship on the ratepayers, and, at the same time, would enable the County Council to have a contented, loyal and efficient staff. It was of paramount importance that the Council should have a contented staff, as a dissatisfied staff could lead to carelessness, lack of initiative and general apathy, while a contented staff was a sure barrier against inefficient and careless service. So far as he could judge, the present staff was most conscientious in the performance of their various duties. Mr. Clinton urged the Council to come to a definite decision as the matter had been so long in abeyance.

Mr. Henderson stated that, as the Finance Committee were aware, the matter of the Clerical Staff's remuneration had been before the County Council on several previous occasions, on letters from the Local Government Officials' Union, and a deputation had also attended a meeting of the County Council on behalf of these Officers. No definite ruling had been made by the Council on the various applications and he would ask the Council to come to a definite



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decision on the matter as the staff were not satisfied with their present remuneration and prospects. The scheme outlined by his Central Council, he claimed, could be adopted without increasing salary allocation in next year's estimate. Mr. Henderson added that, owing to revision of the arrangements for checking rates, etc., the County Council gained on the Salaries Account a sum of £232 per annum and even if the pension paid to Mr. Fanning (which he contended should not be included against salaries as it was accrued superannuation allowance already earned by Mr. Fanning for his previous service) were included and also £100 travelling expenses allowed to the Rate Inspector, there was a clear saving of £36. He would point out, as regards the amount for travelling expenses of Rate Inspector, that this was additional expenditure incurred by the Council in order to advance the Rate Collection and consequently reduce the interest paid by the Council on their overdraft. While not wishing to dictate to the Council in any way, if the Council adopted the suggestion as regards the filling of present office vacancy it would mean a saving of £40. This, with the savings already effected by the Council through re-arrangement of office duties, viz., £36, would more than counterbalance the amount required to meet the increments for first year of £47: 10: 0d and would in addition show a further gain of £28: 10: 0d to meet the following year's increments.

Mr. Hall stated he was surprised to hear that the staff were not contented, and asked Mr. Henderson if the scheme submitted was prepared by their own staff.

Mr. Henderson, in reply, stated that the staff were not satisfied, nor were the 2600 members of the Irish Local Government Officials' Union, whom he represented, satisfied that Wexford County Council were paying adequate remuneration to their officials. The Scheme was prepared by the Irish Local Government Officials' Union.

Mr. Henderson then dealt with the positions of the various



members of the staff and pointed out that the annual increments in two cases would be £10, in one case £7: 10: 0d, and in four cases, £5, or a total of £47: 10: 0d per annum. Mr. Henderson further stated that, as regards the County Surveyor's Staff, since the Road Grant Scheme came into operation, £181477 in grants had been received and the various forms and records of a very intricate and complicated nature, regarding the administration of this huge sum, had been kept by Mr. Moore who did not receive any additional remuneration for the large amount of extra work thus entailed.

There was no doubt that, as the staff gained experience, their value to the Council was increased. Within recent years, the system of Local Government had been changed practically in every branch. Fifty-three Acts had been passed by An Dail dealing with local government and the officers had to keep their knowledge of these various Acts and the regulations connected therewith up-to-date. In the old days, local government administration was fairly simple. Since the establishment of the Free State increased duties and responsibilities were placed on local authorities and local government administration had become a science, demanding greater skill and ability from, and imposing wider responsibilities on local officers than in the old days. He trusted the Finance Committee would see their way to sympathetically consider the proposals submitted and would request the County Council to come to a definite decision as previous applications had not been definitely disposed of.

The Chairman stated that the Finance Committee would give careful consideration to the matter.

Mr. Clinton asked the Finance Committee to view the case from the standpoint of the benefits that would accrue to the Council in having a contented staff.

The meeting, having discussed the proposals at length, decided, on the motion of Mr. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Hall, to



refer the whole matter to the meeting of the County Council to be held on 11th November, 1929.

#### VACANCY ON OFFICE STAFF

The meeting, having considered the question of filling vacancy on office staff, decided, on the motion of Mr. Shannon, seconded by the Chairman, that a junior clerk (male) be appointed, Candidates to be over 17 years of age: remuneration £90 per annum, rising by annual increments of £5 to £150 per annum. The person appointed to have a knowledge of shorthand and typewriting, and be required to pass a qualifying examination in Irish, English, Arithmetic, Shorthand and Typewriting. Appointment to be probationary for one year.

#### RATE COLLECTION

The state of the Rate Collection as regards first moiety of 1929/30 rate, according to report to date was as follows:-

| <u>Name of Collector</u> | <u>Percentage Collected</u> |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| E. J. Murphy             | 94                          |
| J. J. O'Reilly           | 93                          |
| John Curtis              | 90                          |
| John Doyle               | 89                          |
| T. Bolger                | 92                          |
| A. Dunne                 | 87                          |
| Joseph Cummins           | 87                          |
| J. Quirke (No. 1)        | 86                          |
| Sean Gannon              | 84                          |
| P. O'Byrne               | 83                          |
| T. Rowe                  | 81                          |
| J. J. Sinnott            | 79                          |
| Philip Doyle             | 78                          |
| J. Deegan                | 77                          |
| W. Cummins               | 76                          |
| J. Quirke (No. 4)        | 75                          |
| P. Carty                 | 73                          |
| P. Donohoe               | 62                          |
| T. Sutton                | 54                          |
| M. J. Gulleton           | 50                          |
| M. Kelly                 | 41.                         |

Average, 78 per cent collected; 22 per cent (amounting to £12955) outstanding.

The amount of arrears outstanding was £6985, which included irrecoverable and temporarily uncollectible rates, lists of which



are at present being dealt with by Rate Inspector.

Certificate was received from Dr. Hugh Brady that Collector M. J. Culleton would be unable to resume duty from one week, from 1st November, 1929, as he was suffering from pleurisy.

#### APPLICATIONS FOR POUNDAGE

Letters were read from Collectors James Quirke and Thady Bolger, making applications for payment of poundage.

It was decided that the Local Government Department be requested to sanction payment of poundage on old rates lodged to 31st October, 1929, and 50 per cent on lodgments of current rate to 31st October, 1929, to the following Collectors who have 60 per cent of first moiety of current rate lodged on this date:-

Messrs E. J. Murphy; J. J. O'Reilly, John Curtis, John Doyle, T. Bolger, A. Dunne, Joseph Cummins, James Quirke (No.1); Sean Gannon, P. O'Byrne, Thomas Rowe, J. J. Sinnott, Philip Doyle, J. Deegan, Walter Cummins, James Quirke (No.4), Patrick Carty and Patrick Donohoe.

#### CLAIM - MR. J. WHITTY ; FORMER RATE CHECKER

Under date 24th October, 1929, the following letter (No. G.75293/1929) (och 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 21st instant, relative to the payment of a half year's salary to Mr. Whitty as compensation for loss of office, and as he did not claim postage or travelling expenses, and I am to state that the Minister is not aware of any legal authority pursuant to which this grant can be made".

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Hall, to ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to reconsider his decision, in view of the fact that the amount recommended £15, is only sufficient to recoup Mr. Whitty



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FOR out-of-pocket expenses, particulars of which can be forwarded by him.

BOND - COLLECTOR JOSEPH CUMMINS

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Under date 2nd November, 1929, Messrs J. A. Sinnott & Co., Enniscorthy, forwarded the following letter which they had received from the Edinburth Assurance Company Ltd., and asked if the arrangement required by the Company was feasible:-

"We are in receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo, with enclosure. It appears to us that Collectors are allowed to refrain from banking monies secured by them until a total of £100 is obtained. This means that the Collectors will probably have a certain amount of money in their possession at home for several nights, a practice which we look upon with considerable disfavour. It will be necessary for you to inform the Council that before we can proceed any further we will require to know if they have arranged for this Collector to make daily lodgments with the Bank in order that the Bank may send daily lodgment slips to the Council for checking purposes. Subject to this requirement being carried out we shall be willing to accept the business. "

Mr. Elgee stated he could not advise the Council to agree to the proposal of the Assurance Company.

It was decided to inform Messrs J. A. Sinnott & Co., that the arrangement, required by the Assurance Company, could not be agreed to.

SANCTION TO APPOINTMENT OF MR. J. DEEGAN AS  
RATE COLLECTOR

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Under date 30th October, 1929, the following letter (No.G.76984/1929, Loch Garman, Fa), was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"With reference to the minute of the Wexford County Council on the 14th instant, relative to the appointment of Mr. John



Deegan to close the collection of his late brother, Mr. M. Deegan, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he approves of the arrangements provided the Sureties are agreeable."

PRINTING OF SESSIONS LISTS

Under date 7th November, 1929, the County Registrar wrote, stating it would be necessary to have a supply of notices re Sessions Lists printed. He submitted the following letter under date 6th November, 1929, from the Department of Justice:-

"The Stationery Office people have forwarded us the list of prospective Circuit Court Sittings in County Wexford, for the year 1930, which you forwarded to them with a Requisition to print. Such lists have hitherto being printed by the various County Councils, on receipt of a Requisition from the County Registrar concerned, and the Stationery Office say they have never printed such lists previously.

'I accordingly enclose the list herewith so that you may be in a position to make the necessary application to the Wexford Council. Mr. McMahon will no doubt remember what was done in previous years regarding these lists'".

It was decided that the County Registrar be authorised to have the notices printed.

GOREY COURTHOUSE

Under date 5th November, 1929, Mr. Thomas Funge, Main Street, Gorey, applied on behalf of Gorey Cumann, Fianna Fail, for the use of the Courthouse Gorey, for a Whist Drive on 4th December, 1929.

The meeting considered it would be inadvisable to give the use of the Courthouse for the purpose required.



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 7th November, 1929, be received and considered."

#### Salaries of Clerical Staff

Mr. Corish moved:- "That the letter from Local Government Officials' Union as to revision of salaries of Clerical Staff be adjourned for a month and , in the meantime, that copy of letter from the Union be furnished each member of the Council"

Mr. O'Byrne seconded.

The Chairman approved and said that things being as they were and a great many changes contemplated they might not have any County Council very soon. Consequently there might be no necessity for the County Council to consider the application for revision of salaries. A great change might be brought about by a de-rating scheme. The present Local Government system was a failure and they would want to have some wonderful change to bring about an improvement. Local Government Administration had been a failure on the face of it.

Mr. D'Arcy and Miss O'Ryan agreed.

Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following amendment:- "That the Minute of Finance Committee of 7th November, 1929, relative to the revision of salaries of clerical staff of the County Council, be dealt with now."

After further discussion the amendment was withdrawn and the resolution of Mr. Corish passed nem.con.

#### Vacancy on Clerical Staff

In reply to Mr. Corish, the Secretary said that Mr. Hawkins, a former clerk of the Council, the vacancy in whose position it was proposed to fill by the new appointment, had £130 a year.

Mr. D'Arcy - I propose the salary in connection with the new appointment be the same as Mr. Hawkins' salary.



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Miss O'Ryan said that the last examination held by the County Council more or less reflected ridicule on the whole Council as far as the people outside were concerned.

Secretary - The examination was conducted by the Christian Brothers.

Colonel Quin - You say it was ridiculed. ?.

Miss O'Ryan - There was ridicule cast on the Council by the people outside.

Colonel Quin - That happens with everything we do, whether right or wrong.

Mr. O'Byrne suggested that it should be a condition of appointment that the successful candidate should attend technical instruction classes.

Miss O'Ryan said that that would be absolutely unfair. There was many a very clever young fellow in the country who might qualify for the appointment, and might be too far removed from a technical class to attend.

Mr. O'Byrne - I mean after the appointment, and not before the appointment.

Miss O'Ryan said that certainly she would say that if they were to continue holding examinations they should appoint a Committee to see that they were carried out properly, and that they would have the confidence of the public and the ratepayers. She would repeat that the last examination had not the confidence of the public or the ratepayers.

Secretary - It was conducted by the Superior of the Christian Brothers.

Miss O'Ryan said she did not care who it was conducted by, but in future they should not be conducted in the same way.

The Secretary said he thought it was most unfair to talk about the Superior of the Christian Brothers in that way.

Mr. Hall said they had candidates at the examination who



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spent seven years in college, and they could not pass an examination to check rate collectors' books. One of the candidates was a solicitor's clerk, who had been in a solicitor's office from seven to ten years and he (Mr. Hall) suggested it was extraordinary that he could not qualify to check rate collectors' books.

The Secretary said that most of the candidates passed fairly well in everything except accountancy. The Council did not include accountancy in their requirements for the examination, but the Local Government Department insisted on accountancy being included.

Mr. D'Arcy said that one of the men who sat for the examination had passed an examination for accountancy in technical classes.

The Secretary said that that might be, but anyone that examined the paper set for the examination would see it was a quite fair paper. He certainly would not ask the Superior of the Christian Brothers to prepare examination papers again.

Mr. D'Arcy - It was very extraordinary.

Miss O'Ryan - There is no question about it.

The Chairman said that if the matter was so extraordinary as all that the best thing to do would be to try and arrange in some way for better examinations in future. It was the opinion of the Council, or Miss O'Ryan had said to some extent that the examination heaped ridicule on the Council. He did not agree with that.

Mr. Corish - It is not the opinion of the Council.

Mr. Hall - It is the opinion of a section of the Council anyway.

Chairman - Don't let us have a repetition of this. Let us put up some other proposal for examinations.

Colonel Quin - I don't see that we could get it better done than by the Christian Brothers. They are decent people, and have done it very well. I think it is a horrible insult to decent people.



Colonel Gibbon said he wished to know if the members who objected to the examination in accountancy had read the paper. He had read the paper, and he, personally, thought that several of the questions could be answered by the ordinary man in the street without any great degree of education, and if they were to reduce their examination to such a low standard that anyone who had gone through the lower grades of a national school could pass it, it would be only reducing it to a farce. The reason they held an examination was to see that they would get a man with a little more than average ability to do the work. They wanted a man with more ability than the rate collectors that he was to supervise. If there was to be criticism of the examinations and of the Christian Brothers, with whom the only fault he had to find was that they set too easy a paper, he thought the only alternative was to have the examination papers circulated to the members the day after an examination, and then if they wished to criticise they would have knowledge of what was in the paper.

Mr. D'Arcy remarked that Colonel Gibbon had stated that there were several questions on the accountancy paper that the man in the street could answer, but very clever men could not answer some of the questions.

Miss O'Ryan said she did not want to cast reflection on the Christian Brothers. Accountancy was included in the examination, and the standard should have been mentioned to the candidates. She (Miss O'Ryan) did not hold with reducing the standard of examinations - she held, as a matter of fact, that the standard should be increased - but she held that everyone did not get a fair chance. She was not criticising the Christian Brothers.

The Secretary said that one man got the same facility as another, and there was no favour in any shape or form given to anyone in the Council's office or outside of it.

Colonel Quin - They say they don't cast any reflection on the Christian Brothers. They made a good attempt at it. I think



it is very unfair.

Mr. McCarthy said he thought it was hardly a fair statement to make that candidate did not get the same chance. Every candidate did get the same chance and it was known for two months that accountancy was included in the examination. No matter what examination they had some defeated candidates would say they did not get a fair chance. He thought that in all their examinations every man got a fair chance, and in the last examination he thought they got the pick of the lot.

Mr. Hall remarked that only one candidate qualified in the examination. He had explained what the other candidates were with regard to their education, but Colonel Gibbon came along and said the man in the street could answer the questions, and he (Mr. Hall) did not understand that.

Colonel Gibbon - I ask that the accountancy paper be produced.

The Chairman suggested that they should not spend the whole day discussing the matter.

Miss O'Ryan - The paper was read for us at the last meeting.

Mr. Corish - I think in fairness to the Secretary, the Christian Brothers and everyone else concerned, we ought to be told what was wrong.

Secretary - Exactly. I would like to know how everyone did not get a fair chance.

Mr. D'Arcy suggested that it was possible that some of the candidates did not know that accountancy was to be in the examination and that others did know.

The Secretary said he could tell Mr. D'Arcy that no candidate knew more than another with regard to the examination, and he thought the Council should have sufficient experience of him as their Secretary to know that everything was straight and above board with every candidate. No one but himself, even on the office staff, had any recourse to the papers, and as soon as the papers were finished they were sealed up and sent by him to the Christian Brothers. One

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he wished to say was that he would never have anything to do with an examination held by the Council in future. Accountancy had to be included in the examination under the direction of the Local Government Department.

Colonel Quin - Isn't it the most important subject of the lot.?

Chairman - It is, considering the position you are filling.

Mr. Shannon said that naturally the other candidates had not the experience of Mr. O'Kennedy, because he had at least twenty years' experience of accountancy, and consequently, he was head and shoulders above the others.

Colonel Quin - He was a better man, and, consequently, got the job.

Chairman - Could the Council suggest a better means of holding examinations, and is it suggested that we hold future examinations under other auspices.

Mr. Hall - We suggest there was something wrong with the examination.

Mr. Corish - What was wrong ?.

Colonel Gibbon - I move that the paper be now produced.

Mr. Murphy - I propose it not be produced. We want to do something else to-day.

Mr. McCarthy - I propose we go on with the business of the meeting.

The Chairman said he would like to take Mr. McCarthy's proposition, but members were at liberty to propose an alteration in the manner of carrying out examinations.

Referring to the question of the appointment of a junior clerk, Mr. O'Byrne, said there were a great many suitable candidates in the country, who would not know shorthand and typewriting, and he thought that if such candidates were willing to attend classes in the Technical School after appointment/<sup>they</sup>should get a chance.



Chairman - I agree that would be very fair. You certainly may have very well-educated people not knowing those subjects, and if they are willing to attend a technical school I think they ought to get a chance.

Miss O'Ryan remarked that if they accepted Mr. O'Byrne's suggestion they would have crossed out shorthand and typewriting from the qualifying examination altogether.

Mr. Cummins proposed the adoption of the Finance Committee's recommendation, and Colonel Quin seconded.

Colonel Gibbon said that the examination should include Shorthand and typewriting, for the reason that no matter what school they sent nine out of ten men to they would <sup>never</sup> learn to use their fingers on a typewriter, though they might hop about with one finger, and they might get people to go to learn Shorthand, but how many succeeded in learning shorthand that was of any use to anyone else ?. What they wanted was men suited to clerical work who had gone to a technical school, and who had shown that they were able to take up sufficient knowledge of shorthand and typewriting in order to pass the very easy examination. The standard to be set in shorthand would, he supposed, not be very high.

Secretary - Eighty to a hundred words a minute for shorthand, and fifty for typewriting.

Colonel Gibbon - You aren't going to get one out of ten not already gone into those subjects to get up to that standard.

Mr. O'Byrne said that ~~by~~ insisting on shorthand and typewriting in the qualifying examination they might be doing an injustice. There were places where tuition in shorthand and typewriting was available for students, and there were many other places where it was not available. He thought it would be more just to give students who passed in other subjects a chance of learning shorthand and typewriting in the year of probation.

Colonel Gibbon - Then you do an injustice to the men who have



already spent time and money in getting themselves taught and fitted for an opening.

Chairman - I don't think you would be going any injustice at all. You know yourself there are no facilities for Shorthand and typewriting in the country. Don't you know plenty of well-educated people in the country who with a year's training would compete with any of the candidates in shorthand and typewriting. You are putting in a clause that a man must qualify in twelve months.

Mr. D'Arcy asked why did the Finance Committee recommend a higher salary for the clerk to be appointed than that which the man he was to succeed had.

The Chairman said the salary was not higher, as it commenced at £90 but at the end of twelve years it would be £150.

Mr. D'Arcy proposed that the salary should not exceed £130.

Chairman - Mr. Hawkins had six years' service, and he might have been worth £150 or more at the end of twelve years.

Mr. D'Arcy - But that wasn't in any agreement.

Mr. O'Byrne's proposition that the successful candidate should be allowed twelve months to qualify in shorthand and typewriting was seconded by Mr. Hall, and a show of hands resulted in thirteen members voting for it, and eight against.

The proposition was declared carried.

Colonel Quin → Would I be in order in proposing that the procedure as regards an examination should continue exactly as before ?.

Chairman → I think you would.

Secretary - That the Christian Brothers be asked to continue to do as they did formerly ?.

Colonel Quin - Yea.

Chairman - Have you anything to say to Col. Quin's proposition?

Miss O'Ryan - I have nothing to say to it.

The Secretary said he would like the Council to ask the Finance



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Committee to go into the question of examinations in future. After what Miss O'Ryan alleged it would not be fair to ask him to have anything to do with examinations in future.

Miss O'Ryan said that the Secretary knew very well they did not refer to him.

The Secretary said that the suggestion was there. He was the chief executive officer of the Council, and it was his business to see that everything was conducted properly.

Mr. Hall - We know Mr. Frizelle too well, and have every confidence in him.

Miss O'Ryan remarked that Mr. Frizelle knew that a man working in the office would have a better chance of knowing what the examination would be like than the man in the street.

The Secretary said he was in the office much longer than Mr. O'Kennedy and he (Secretary) had no idea of what the papers would be like no more than the man in the street. It was Mr. O'Kennedy's previous experience that counted.

Mr. O'Byrne - It was his experience.

Mr. Murphy - The most brains.



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Mr. Cummins moved and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following resolution which passed unanimously:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 7th November, 1929, be and are hereby confirmed."

APPLICATION FROM MR. ENNIS, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR.

The following, under date 9th November, 1929, was read from Mr. R. J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor (Enniscorthy District):-

"I am thinking of applying for the part-time position of Town Surveyor of Enniscorthy, which position is now vacant. Before doing so I wish to ask for your approval. I may say that in any case a considerable proportion of the Enniscorthy streets will be in my charge next year under a main road reconstruction grant."

The Chairman said that as Mr. Ennis was a whole-time officer the application was out of order.

Mr. McCarthy pointed out that as all the main roads in Enniscorthy Urban District were under Mr. Ennis' charge at the moment, and the other streets required very little supervision there would not be much encroachment on his time as an officer of the County Council. The meetings of the Urban Council were held at night.

Chairman - He is our "whole-time" officer and you cannot give service to two people. It is the most dangerous thing you ever attempted.

Mr. O'Byrne said if an Assistant Surveyor had two or three farms of his own to look after there was no objection raised as to his being a whole-time officer of the Council.

Mr. Culleton proposed:-

"That Mr. R. J. Ennis be permitted to take up the position of part-time Town Surveyor for Urban District of Enniscorthy, subject to approval of Local Government Department."

Mr. Shannon seconded.

The Chairman said if the Urban District were going to pay a salary to Mr. Ennis he could not be regarded as a "whole time"



Officer of the County Council as he was bound to do something for the salary paid by Enniscorthy Urban Council.

Mr. Hall - But Mr. Ennis is supervising the greater part of the Streets of Enniscorthy town for the County Council at the present time.

Mr. D'Arcy said that five or six months ago he had proposed that the number of Assistant Surveyors should be reduced by one and the very men who were in favour of allowing Mr. Ennis to take up this position were the very men who then said they were not able to reach on their work. Now these men come forward and say one of the Surveyors can take up another job.

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

For:- Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Culleton, Cummins, Doran, Hall, Meyler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Roche and Shannon.....13.

Against:- Messrs Brennan, D'Arcy, Gaul, Gibbon, Hayes, O'Ryan, Quin, Smyth and the Chairman.....9.

Messrs Corish, Keegan and Walsh were not present when division was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

RATE COLLECTION DISTRICT No.4

Under date 7th November, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.79599-1929 Loch Garman Fa) sanctioning the appointment of Collector Quirke No.1 District as temporary Collector to close the 1929/30 Rate in District No.4 provided that he was adequately secured.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES)  
ACT 1926

Under date 6th November, 1929 (S.78857/1929 Loch Garman Sg) the Local Government Department wrote that all other Public Bodies had paid the amounts assessed in pursuance of above Act and it was again requested that Wexford County Council take steps



at their next meeting to discharge this liability. Otherwise it would be necessary to have the amount deducted from Local Taxation monies payable to the Council.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed the following resolution:- "That the sum of £113: 0: 11d assessed on this Council under Local Authorities (Officers & Employees) Act 1926, be paid."

Colonel Quin seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Brennan, Clince, Colfer, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin, Roche, Shannon, Smyth and the Chairman.....15.

Against:- Messrs Armstrong, Culleton, Cummins, Gaul, Hall, Hayes, Meyler.....7.

Messrs Corish, Keegan and Walsh were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted.

#### ROADS' COMMITTEE

The following minutes of Roads' Committee in respect of meeting held on 4th November, 1929, were submitted:-



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The monthly meeting of the Roads' Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 4th November, 1929.

Present:- Messrs P. Colfer, James Hall, P. Hayes, Wm. P. Keegan, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, M. Smyth, James Shannon and John J. Culleton.

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.

The Chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Smyth.

Under date 1st November, 1929, letter was read from Colonel Gibbon stating that he would be unable to attend the meeting as he had to go to London on business.

#### COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT

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The following report was read from County Surveyor:-

"As directed by the County Council I have communicated with the Insurance Company with reference to the continuance of Third Party Insurance, including Cherryorchard Quarry, as formerly, but have not yet had a decision from them.

'On the 19th instant I met the County Council Committee in Duncannon, and submit report giving their recommendations.

'I beg to report that the clearing of the Drain at Kilmannock has been carried out down to the Railway culvert and is a satisfactory job. The lower reach is fairly open at present, and I believe there will be no undue flooding now. For next year's Estimate I shall bring forward a proposal for clearing the drain thoroughly.

'As directed by the Council I have instructed the Assistant Surveyor to make good crossings in Gorey Streets, and I shall bring forward a proposal for thorough work in my next Estimate.

'I have notified all the Assistant Surveyors in regard to the Council's decision in connection with slippery roads, and I have directed them, where possible, to use sand or screenings



on bad hills. I may note that I have examined hills that have already been so dealt with, and find that the screenings are thrown to one side, or worked into the surface so that any effectiveness is merely temporary. A thorough coating of coarse screenings would undoubtedly prevent slipperiness, but would run to a great expenditure, and would have to be redone in short intervals.

'By direction of the Council I have communicated with the Commission on Coast Erosion with reference to dealing with County Wexford when sitting opens.

'I have copy of the Engineer's report in regard to Courtown Harbour. When the Council dealt with this matter formerly it was on the understanding that 50% Grant towards the work would be made by the Department of Lands & Fisheries, and it was decided by the County Council that the dredging of the inner basin should not at present be undertaken. In regard to the new gates I have estimated for the making of the gates at a figure which is considerably less than Mr. McNeill's estimate, and, as I pointed out to Mr. McNeill, this was owing to my being in a position to get oak beams at a very low cost, and having the work done locally. There is no doubt a good deal of uncertainty in regard to the damming and pumping of the gate chamber, but in any case I do not believe the cost will run to the amount set out. Otherwise I am in agreement with the report.

'Subsequent to the letter from the Minister of Finance in regard to the reconstruction of Courthouse, etc., I communicated with the Quantity Surveyor, and hope to have the typed Bill of Quantities, and specification for submission to the Minister during the week.

'As directed by the Council I have altered the line of fence at Strand Road Rosslare, and have made new arrangements for the lighting. I have communicated with the Insurance Company with regard to having the County Council covered against Third Party



Claims, and have explained the circumstances to them. An acknowledgment of my letter has been received with note that they will communicate again in a few days.

'The Courthouse Keeper in Gorey has applied to have electric light laid on to his premises. I find that there will be at least four lights required, and the cost of installation will be about £5. Of course, the Council would be responsible for the electricity used.

'During the past week I have been going through list of Contract roads with the Assistant Surveyors, and have certified for payment where due. In a number of cases, however, Contractors are not carrying out their work in a proper manner, and I submit list of these defaulters with request for authority to take proceedings if they continue defaulters'

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman:- "That the report of the County Surveyor, submitted to this meeting, be received and considered."

Duncannon Streets: The County Surveyor presented the following report:-

"On the 19th October, 1929, the County Council Committee met in Duncannon, and there were present:-

Messrs Cummins, Colfer, Cooney, Murphy and Walsh. Mr. Gaul, M.C.C., was also present as well as Rev. J. O'Connor, C.C., and a number of representatives of the local residents. Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, and the County Surveyor were also in attendance.

'The Committee discussed the Street improvements with the local people, and took careful note of their requirements and views. The Streets were examined and note was taken of their defects. It was finally decided to recommend to the Council that the part of the Street from the corner at Civic Guard Barracks to the turn to the Fort - in all about one-quarter of a mile - should be rolled with water bound macadam, and surface dressed with bitumen. Also that a sufficient sum should be put aside for repair and dressing



of Strand Road - in or about 160 perches - with tarred screenings or fine sea gravel, and that tarred screenings should be used to make up the footpath on part from hotel turn to turn at Civic Guard Barracks. The road down to the Sea is in a bad condition, and it was recommended that this should be levelled up with tarred stones or screenings. The County Surveyor estimated that this work would cost £500, and the Committee considered, in view of the importance of Duncannon, as a watering place, that the County Council should provide for the work in next year's estimate.

'It was pointed out by the local people that the open gates from the barracks to the Sea were a great source of nuisance in dry weather, as they were in direct communication with the new sewage system. It was decided that the County Council should ask the Health Board to put in at least five heavy large gulleys with proper traps. In dry weather the seal of these traps should be maintained by local people filling up with water as might be necessary.'".

The County Surveyor stated that he had supplied each member of the Committee with a copy of the report.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That we recommend the County Council to carry out improvements to the Duncannon Streets on the lines of report of Committee submitted to this meeting by the County Surveyor, cost to be approximately £500.

"That the attention of County Board of Health be directed to the paragraph in the report of Duncannon Streets' Committee as to the necessity for putting down gulleys with proper traps in these streets to effect a much needed improvement in local sewerage system".

The County Surveyor said that the question of easement of dangerous corner at the gate of Mr. Townsend would be dealt with at the meeting of the County Council to consider allocations for



works of improvement and reconstruction. He did not think this work should cost more than £10. The widening of the road at this place was out of the question; some paring could be done at the toe of the bank but nothing beyond that.

Slippery Roads.

In connection with this matter letter, under date 23rd October, 1929, was read from the Secretary of the Dublin Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Incorporated) stating that from the report in the Press of 19th October it appeared the Chairman of the Council had advocated the use of rubber frog pads to prevent horses slipping on tarred roads. The Society did not advocate the use of such pads as they found from experience they are often the cause of foot trouble in horses. Acting on the advice of their Veterinary Surgeon, Mr. Fred. A. Heney, and of their Hon. Farrier Adviser, Mr. Wm. J. Colman, A.F.C.L., the Society recommend rational shoeing of all horses for modern road surfaces, the principle of which was to shoe flat, allowing the frog to touch the ground. The frog would develop by use and would prevent slipping as well as absorbing concussion. Leaflets as to the recommended method were enclosed and it was pointed out that if more detailed and technical information about rational methods of shoeing were requested, Mr. Colman, A.F.C.L., 14, Rugby Road, Ranelagh, Dublin, would be pleased to furnish a reply to queries. The question of the danger to horse traffic from slippery road surfaces was of great interest to the Society but as it appears impracticable to make roads to suit horses the only solution which the Society had been able to arrive at was that of shoeing horses in a manner to suit the new roads.

Several members considered that flat shoeing would not meet the difficulty in rural districts and, after further discussion, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Colloton:-

"That the Department of Education (T.I.B) be requested to



arrange for the attendance of their Farriery Instructor at next meeting of Roads Committee in order to allow of the Committee discussing with him what are the most advisable steps to be taken to have horses shod in a manner that will enable them to travel with safety over tar or bitumen dressed roads."

Mr. Keegan said that some people blamed the Surveyors for the slippery condition of the roads but it should be remembered the Surveyors only carried out the work according to the directions and specifications of the Department of Local Government.

Courtown Harbour

The following, under date 23rd October <sup>1927</sup> (D/5/2), was read from the Department of Lands & Fisheries:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Lands & Fisheries to enclose, for the information of the Wexford County Council, a copy of the report of the Boards of Works' Engineer who inspected the harbour at Courtown on behalf of this Department.

"It will be observed that the dock gates are estimated to cost considerably more than has been provided in the estimate of the County Surveyor.

'The alternative plan for dredging the basin and channel of the harbour submitted by the Engineer commends itself to the Minister in preference to the proposal of the County Surveyor which depends on the willingness of the fishermen to do the hand dredging without remuneration.

'Assuming that the suction plant indicated in the accompanying report could be hired for £250, it is estimated that the 8,000 cubic yards of material to be dredged could be removed from the dock at a cost of £550. The cost of suitable suction plant, if purchased, would be £1,400 complete. This plant can remove sand, mud or gravel and could, therefore, be utilised in dredging both the entrance channel and the dock at Courtown.

'The Minister for Lands & Fisheries would be glad to have the views of the Council upon the suggestion put forward by the



Government engineer."

The following report of Mr. McNeill, Engineer, Office of Public Works, referred to in letter from Department of Lands & Fisheries, was read:-

Engineer

"I inspected Courtown Harbour in May last. Although the tide was favourable the river was flooded and the water so charged with fine alluvial matter that I was unable to see anything under the water level.

Sluice Gates

'The existing gates are in a bad condition and require to be replaced with new ones. Assuming that these will be constructed of seasoned hard-wood and be fitted with two or three paddles apiece, I estimate their cost at £350 per gate or £700 for the pair. To this must be added the cost of erection, temporary dams, pumping, etc., and also the repairs required on the sill or roller path - the condition of which I could not ascertain. The total cost of the work I estimate at £1,000, which is twice the amount allowed by Mr. Barry.

Grab Dredger

As regards the provision of a hand grab to work along the piers and keep the approach channel clear, there is no doubt that it would assist the scour in maintaining the channel, but I doubt if the grab would be successfully or expeditiously worked by the fishermen or receive proper attention and maintenance. Provided the gravel which would be lifted could be sold, the provision of a grab might be an economical proposition, but as there appears to be a large supply of gravel on the shore south of the piers, from which the County Council and others draw their requirements, I think it is unlikely that a market for the dredged gravel could be obtained.

'The most pressing needs at the Harbour are (1) the provision



of new gates and (2) the dredging of the basin. The former will assist in increasing the scouring agency in the channel, and the latter (by enlarging the amount of storage water) will make it more prolonged and hence more effective. I would, therefore, recommend that the clearing of the approach channel by a grab be left in abeyance until these other works have been executed and the results carefully observed and checked.

#### Dredging of Basin

'Extensive silting has taken place all round the walls of the basin and there is now at low water only a channel in the centre which is kept clear by the river.

'Owing to restricted depths in the approach channel, none of our dredgers could be utilised; and as the average width of the basin is 150', a grab working from the Quays would be ineffective as it could not reach any materials lying 40' or so beyond the face of the Quay wall. The excavation could be done by a steam grab working on a pontoon and either placing the spoil on shore, where it can be removed by carts, or having barges in attendance to convey the spoil to the sea. The cost of a steam grab and pontoon will exceed £1,000, so that, if the capital cost of the plant is to be charged to the work, the cost of dredging will greatly exceed the sum estimated by the County Surveyor, namely £1,200. If the grab, however, were purchased by the County Council for use on other works besides that at Courtown and the price cost be spread over these works or over a period of, say, 10 years working, I consider that the silt could be removed from the basin at a cost not exceeding 3/- per c.yard.

'An alternative method of removing the silt would be by a motor suction pump placed behind the sea wharf of the basin and discharging direct on to the foreshore north of the slipway. As the material is composed of mud mixed with a small quantity of sand I think this method of removal would be practicable and prove more economical than any other. Great care would require to be exercised, however, to see that neither the foundations of the quay walls are undermined by the pump or the foreshore



injured by the discharged mud and water. If successful, and the necessity arose, the pump might be used subsequently to remove the shoal of sand and gravel from the approach channel."

The County Surveyor stated he understood that the Department of Fisheries were negotiating for the purchase of a suction dredging plant and proposed starting it at one of the Donegal harbours. It would be ridiculous for the County Council to purchase a plant of this kind as it would be utilised by them very occasionally. They had considered procuring a different sort of plant for Kilmore and for their drainage work but finances did not allow of its purchase. The Department were in a position to provide a suction dredging plant and could hire it to Councils. Regarding the sluice gates Mr. McNeill was astonished at the price at which oak timbers were offered to the Council and discussed the matter with the Engineer of the Grand Canal who stated that for lock gates he used native timber which was about 18 months felled. The stuff for the gates at Courtown was selected timber and had been felled well over 12 months now. It was only about half the price mentioned by Mr. McNeill.

Mr. Shannon said it was very unfair to the man who offered the timber that the County Council were not in a position to take delivery. He could sell it any day but did not wish to go back of his offer to the Council.

The County Surveyor said the first estimate for the improvement of Courtown was made up as follows:- New gates and sluices £480; Grab Dredger £450 and Dredging Inner Basin £1,200. The Council considered that the latter work could hold over but passed a resolution agreeing to the expenditure of £930 for the gates and dredger, half to be contributed by Department of Fisheries. Subsequently (in order to meet points raised by the Department of Fisheries) he (County Surveyor) went further into the matter and estimated the cost of gates and erection at £507: 15: 0d. They had obtained tenders for grab dredger, one (for what was considered an efficient machine) being given at



£238. This revised estimate of £745: 15: 0d was adopted by the Council also on the understanding that a moiety of the cost would be forthcoming from the Government.

Mr. O'Byrne said that the only objection which had previously been made by the Department was to the working of the grab dredger and to satisfy them the signatures of a number of fishermen who agreed to work the dredger when required were obtained on a form of agreement prepared by their Solicitor and this had been forwarded to the Department.

The following resolution was (after further discussion on the figures submitted by the County Surveyor) adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That we recommend the County Council to agree to the expenditure of £950 on Courtown Habbour, viz., £700 on sluice gates and erection and £250 for dredging. We are of opinion that, in order to develop the fishing industry of the small harbours in An Saorstad, the Department of Lands & Fisheries will find it essential to purchase a suction dredger plant for hiring out at reasonable figures to County Councils concerned. The recommendation to expend this £950 is contingent on a moiety of the amount being contributed by the Government.

"That as regards the cleaning out of the inner basin this Committee are of opinion that practically the entire work could be carried out by hand labour. We hereby instruct the County Surveyor to submit to next meeting of the Roads' Committee a report in detail as to the feasibility and cost of this proposal".

Reconstruction of County Courthouse

The following, under date 19th October, 1929 (404/296) was read from the Department of Finance:-

"With reference to your letter of the 15th instant regarding an award of compensation made in respect of damage to Wexford Courthouse, I am directed by the Minister for Finance to say that



you should, in the first instance, arrange to have the amended plans, Bills of Quantities and amended specification transmitted to this Department. If it is subsequently found necessary, the Minister will consider your Council's request that the County Surveyor and Quantity Surveyor should have an interview with an Architect acting on the Minister's behalf."

The County Surveyor submitted letter under date 21st October, 1929, from Mr. A. Edward Smith, 16, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, Quantity Surveyor, pointing out that he was sending on Bills of Quantities.

#### Rosslare Strand Road

The County Surveyor said that since last meeting of the Council he had made a thorough inspection of this road. He had taken away the barricades and brought out the fences at the points at which the road had slipped and put lamps on them.

#### Lighting Caretaker's Apartments - Gorey Courthouse.

John Valentine, Caretaker Gorey Courthouse, wrote, under date 6th October, asking to have the electric light installed in his apartments. He was always allowed for the gas.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That electric light be installed in apartments of Caretaker, Gorey Courthouse, cost not to exceed £5".

#### Defaulting Road Contractors

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Colloton:- "That the following Road Contractors be prosecuted for neglect in carrying out their Road Contracts should the County Surveyor consider this course necessary, or in the alternative that the County Surveyor take over said roads".

#### MR. CULLEN'S DISTRICT

|                                         |         |                |
|-----------------------------------------|---------|----------------|
| Joseph Hyland, Coolgarrow, Enniscorthy  | - Roads | 423, 425 & 426 |
| William McGill, Ballingowan, Blackwater | - "     | 442 & 444      |
| Richard Ormonde, Blackwater             | - Road  | 449            |
| Thomas Mangan, Ballyconigar, Blackwater | - "     | 447            |
| Joseph Kelly, Coolgarrow, Enniscorthy   | - "     | 412            |



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MR. ENNIS' DISTRICT:-

Patrick Dillon, Curraghduff Street, Buncclody - 157

MR. KEHOE'S DISTRICT:-

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| Thos. Phelan, Junior, Duncannon | - 851  |
| Robert Sheridan, Blackhall      | - 914  |
| John Furlong, Knocktown.        | - 917  |
| Thomas Sinnott, Heavenstown     | - 936. |

MR. O'NEILL'S DISTRICT:-

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| Thomas Keating, Ballinvegga, Ballywilliam | - 460 & 461  |
| Patrick Kennedy, Ballyvergin, Adamstown   | - 606        |
| Samuel Elmes, Rochestown, New Ross        | - 663 & 664  |
| Thos. Whitty, Fisherstown, Campile.       | - 666        |
| James Boyle, Arnestown, New Ross          | - 669        |
| Joseph Nolan, Ballintestock, New Ross     | - 685 & 686. |

MR. TREANOR'S DISTRICT:-

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|----------------------------------------|--------|
| Michael Sullivan, Custodium, Kilanerin | - 90   |
| Richard Doyle, Deerpark, Carnew        | - 113  |
| Michael Redmond, Ballyoughna, Clonevan | - 351. |

Payments to Road Contractors

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

"That the several proposals for payment of Road Contractors, in respect of Quarter ended 30th September, 1929, as appearing on Form 22 submitted to this meeting, and as certified by County Surveyor, be adopted and County Council recommended to issue Pay Orders for same subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

The following resolution was passed on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That the report of County Surveyor as submitted to this meeting be and is hereby adopted."

NEXT MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr. O'Byrne proposed, and Mr. Culleton seconded, the following resolution:- "That the next meeting of the County Council be held on 25th November, 1929."

As an amendment Mr. Hall proposed, and Mr. Keegan seconded, the following resolution:- "That the next ordinary meeting of the County Council be held on Monday, 11th November, 1929, and that a special meeting to consider the various proposals of Councillors



and County Surveyor for works of reconstruction and improvement on roads and public works be held on Monday 25th November, 1929, No other business beyond this to be transacted at said meeting.

After considerable discussion a show of hands was taken with result that five voted for the amendment and three against.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

On being put as the substantive motion it passed without dissent.

#### CEMENT BOUND ROADS

The County Surveyor stated he was arranging to bring the Assistant Surveyors to Limerick City on 7th November, 1929, in order to make an inspection of cement bound road as it might be found most advisable in future road construction that this method should be generally adopted.

The following resolution was passed on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman:- "That the necessary leave of absence from duty be granted the County and Assistant Surveyors for 7th and 8th November, 1929, to enable them to make inspection of cement bound road in course of construction at Limerick City".

#### WEXFORD-FERRYCARRIG ROAD INSPECTION COMMITTEE

Mr. Shannon proposed the following resolution:- "That the Inspection Sub Committee appointed to deal with Wexford-Ferrycarry Road cease to function until next meeting of the County Council." Mr. Shannon said he did not see the necessity for such a Sub. Committee. A great number of special works had been carried out throughout the County in a very efficient manner without such a Sub Committee. It was only causing a division of responsibility and in the wind up if things did not go well it would not be possible to fix any responsibility on the County Surveyor when they had this Sub Committee interfering with him. They spent over three hours on the 28th October listening to a discussion by inexperienced men who knew very little about concrete. They



found the spokesman of the Committee trimming the sails for the Contractor to look for time and asking the Council to grant an extension of time to the Contractor for the performance of the Contract - an extension which the Contractor's representative said they did not want. If the Council would drop the Sub Committee and hold the Surveyors responsible they would have the job properly carried out. Colonel Gibbon had moved to go into ~~the~~ Committee as regards the work on this road but from the public point of view it was dangerous to go into Committee at all, as it was almost certain something would leak out and this would invariably put the Council in a wrong light and lead the public to believe that the Council were not acting in a straightforward manner. There would be such suspicion created in the minds of the public that it would be better if the whole thing was published. He considered, unless it was definitely stated that some legal point was involved, the Council should not go into Committee. There appeared, on the recent occasion, no reason for going into Committee except to hide Colonel Gibbon's remarks. Therefore, he moved his motion for the Sub Committee to cease <sup>to</sup> function until next meeting of the Council. It was unfair to the Press and to the public that the discussion of a week ago took place in Committee.

Mr. Hall seconded.

The Chairman agreed with the motion and said he could not understand what the Council were brought together for on 28th October. The whole discussion led to nothing. The Council were given to understand that the Contractor wanted a concession but when his Representative came before the Council he said he did not want any concession at all. A proposal was made to grant the Contractor an extension of time for six weeks and which he never applied for. He (Chairman) was a member of the Sub Committee but its meetings were held on days on which he could not attend but he did not consider there was any necessity for it at all. As



Mr. Shannon had pointed out important works had been carried out without a Committee. His experience of these Committees was that they led to unnecessary discussions and hampered the Surveyors to a certain extent. In addition to their own officers they had to satisfy the Surveyors of the Local Government Department that the money given by grants had been properly spent.

Mr. O'Byrne also spoke in favour of the motion which on being put was passed unanimously.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the County Surveyor call the attention of Contractors for reconstruction of Wexford-Ferrycarrig Road to the fact that the road cannot remain closed under the Order of the Minister for Local Government beyond the 1st December, 1929."

HIRE OF MACHINERY TO CONTRACTOR FOR WEXFORD-  
FERRYCARRIG ROAD

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At the meeting of the County Council on 28th October, 1929, Mr. D'Arcy asked for particulars of the machinery and charge for same hired by the County Surveyor to the Contractor for reconstruction of Wexford-Ferrycarrig Road. In reply to this the following letter, written by the County Surveyor to the Contractor, under date 6th August, 1929, was read:-

"In connection with your Contract for this road and the hire of machinery to you by the County Council, I, herewith, give you particulars. I have gone very carefully into the figures, and I cannot see my way to cut the prices any lower.

'First as regards Roller and Scarifier, in this case I propose supplying you with a 12 ton Aveling and Porter Roller, and Thackery Scarifier. As I find that heavy scarifying work is not very efficiently done with the Roller I propose also letting you have on the ground, a 6 H.P. Fowler Traction Engine which will run the Scarifier. Of course, the two engines would not be working at the same time. The charge for the plant,



including Driver and Attendant who would work the Scarifier, would be 45/- per day. This also includes the Machinery Overseer's time in keeping the plant thoroughly efficient - in fact the entire cost of the outfit. If, from any cause, you find it necessary to leave the plant idle for any period there would be no charge provided you can give alternative work to our two engine men.. The Driver to be paid at the rate of 6/8d per day, and the Attendant @ 6/-. This is necessary as we must keep the men on hands. Regarding the Compressor Drill plant for Kerlogue Quarry I find that I cannot let you have this less than our usual charge against our own works, viz., £4 per day. For this we supply the Air Compressor Drill and two Jack Hammer Drills, and all steels necessary for the job. Also we have our own Workshop Van with special steel sharpener driven with compressed air, and there would be three men with the outfit who are competent to work the drill and do the sharpening work. I have looked up the records for the last work we did in Kerlogue in March and April last, and find it was about the worst result we ever got in any quarry. Working out the charge for drilling and blasting I find it cost 1/2d per cubic yard, and I believe you would have no real difficulty in getting the work done at 1/- per cubic yard which includes the supply of gelignite and carrying out the blasting work by my Assistant.

'As regards the breaker I would supply a Hadfield 16 x 9½" machine with elevator belt and overhead screen and hoppers discharging into carts. The cost of this plant with two men - we supplying coal, oil, grease, etc., and also providing new screens and replacements as might be necessary with the Machinery Overseer's time in looking after the Plant, and covering ordinary wear and tear - would be 45/- per day. This charge would be continuous while you have the plant working. You would have to provide jaws which we could supply at Makers' price. I find that one-and-a-half sets @ £12 per set will last about two weeks, which works out at £1: 10: 0d per day, so that you may take the cost of the



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breaker @ 75/- per day. Allowing for wages of men @ 30/- per week, and other charges I think you should easily get the material @ from 5/- to 5/6d per c.y. As already pointed out to you the cost of our own is greater, but we have to bank the material after blasting, but you would not need to do this as you could feed after blast direct to machine and would save 1/6d to 2/- per cubic yard.

'We have a concrete mixer 7 cubic feet - 5 cubic feet, and could let you have this at cost of £4: 10: 0d per week, but you would have to supply petrol and oil. Our own men would run the machine, and our Machinery Overseer would keep it and all the other plant in thorough order.

'Steam Drill £3: 15: 0d per day (£3.Co.Charge).".

ROAD 790 - CAMPILE-BALLYSALLAGH

The following letter, under date 26th October, 1929, was read from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor:-

"In reply to yours of the 17th re above I wish to state that the ordinary tonnage for the repair of this road has been out about three months; some of it has been used for filling pot holes. The extra tonnage ordered to be put out has been on the road for the past three weeks. It is scarcely correct for Mr. Murphy to convey the impression that nothing has been done."

In reply to the County Surveyor, Mr. O'Neill said that it would be necessary to put out extra material on this road at once at a cost of £55.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That a sum of £55 be withdrawn from Contingencies Fund (County Roads) to provide extra material for Road No. 790."

CONTINGENCY FUNDS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That a sum of £40 be withdrawn from County Contingencies Fund for work carried out on Road leading to



County Hospital, Wexford.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That a sum of £71: 2/- be withdrawn from Main Road Contingencies Fund for work carried out at Chilcomb Bridge, New Ross. This amount is to be repaid by Great Southern Railways and when it comes to hand is to be passed over to Main Road Contingencies Fund as Recoupment!"

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That a sum of £37: 10: 0d be withdrawn from Main Road Contingency Fund for repair of sewers in Gorey Streets and which are constantly breaking down."

WALL AT CONVENT OF MERCY WEXFORD

The following letter, under date 21st October, 1929, was read from Rev. Mother M. Agnes, Convent of Mercy, Wexford:-

"I wish to notify the County Council of my intention to have Convent field opposite Park enclosed by a wall eight feet high and to obtain sanction for same. The County Surveyor has inspected the place and is satisfied that no obstruction to view will be caused as the work will be carried out according to his instructions. Hoping the Council will have no objection and thanking you for an early reply to enable work to proceed as quickly as possible."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That permission be granted the Convent of Mercy Community, Summerhill, Wexford, for erection of wall adjoining road opposite Convent; work to be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor!"

ROAD GRANT

The Secretary reported the receipt of State Grant:- For maintenance of Main roads £2208 and link roads £948.

FORD-OF-LYNG

With reference to the proposal to indemnify land owners who



are to act as co-plaintiffs with the County Council in proceeding against the Slob Company to obviate road flooding at Ford-of-Lyng, the Department of Local Government wrote under date 15th October, 1929, (F.68,698 - 1929 Ilgh,B.C.T.) that the Minister has no functions in regard to indemnification in this matter. The Council must act on their own responsibility, guided by the advice of their Solicitor.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hayes seconded the following resolution:- "We recommend the County Council, at their next meeting, to grant the required indemnity to land holders in connection with the flooding at the Ford-of-Lyng."

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, said he did not think the Council had power to grant this indemnity and he wished this statement to appear on the minutes of the meeting.

#### FAIRFIELD FLOODING

In reply to Mr. Shannon, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, said he had no further information as to the flooding at Fairfield.

The Chairman said that when Mr. Davis got a letter from the County Council last March or April he went to Mr. O'Flaherty, Solr., who was to communicate with the Council but, in the meantime, Mr. O'Flaherty died.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee correspond further with Mr. Davis in the matter with a view to having the decision of the County Council carried out.

#### KILMORE HARBOUR DREDGING

The following, under date 18th October, 1929, (19018/29), was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"We have to inform you that the dredger "Cara-na-gCuan" arrived at Kilmore Quay on the 2nd July and on the following day commenced dredging at the harbour entrance, which was partly blocked by boulders.

'At the commencement, progress was very slow on account of



number of large boulders that had to be man handled, the foul ground and the strong currents and tides which set across the harbour entrance. It was hoped that better progress would be made when the dredger had reached the area which appeared to consist of sand within the pier heads; but on this being opened up, it was found to be an accumulation of heavy boulders and rocks covered over with fine sand. Consequently the work all through was heavy and the rate of progress slow. When the work ceased on the 14th September 7335 tons of material had, it is estimated, been removed, of which approximately 6,600 tons were of boulders or rock and 735 tons of sand. The accompanying print shows the extent of the area dredged and the depths of water at low water of Spring tides.

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| The charge for the work is 34½ days @ £14 | - | £483: 0: 0        |
| Overtime                                  | - | <u>112: 6: 3</u>  |
|                                           |   | <u>£595: 6: 3</u> |

The contribution of your Council towards this work is 50% viz., £287: 13: 2d. We shall be glad if your Council will have this amount lodged to our credit at any Bank as soon as possible. A Receivable Order is enclosed to enable the lodgment to be made.

'It is regretted that this information could not be communicated to you earlier.'

It was decided to refer this report to next meeting of the County Council as Mr. Roche (who is the local County Councillor) is anxious to raise a question as to the manner in which the work had been carried out.

#### ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR

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

"That the Department of Lands & Fisheries be requested to furnish the County Council with a copy of the report of Mr. McNeill, Engineer, as to his inspection of St. Helen's Harbour."



# DEFAULTING LAND COMMISSION ANNUITANTS

The following, under date 18th October, 1929, (Corr No. 1060/29 County Wexford Defaulting Land Annuitants) was read from the Irish Land Commission:-

"With reference to your letter of the 9th instant, I am directed by the Land Commission to state that as the Schedule of Defaulters was not sent to you at the usual time, a new Schedule is in course of preparation and it is hoped to let you have it in about three weeks' time."

## ASKINVILLAR LANE

Correspondence in connection with the proposed taking over of the above, as a County Road, was referred to County Council meeting of 25th November, 1929.

## WORKING OF TARA HILL QUARRY

At the County Council meeting on 10th October, 1929, Mr. Keegan asked the County Surveyor to supply for Roads' Committee meeting the comparative cost between Tara Hill Quarry material at Kildermot Cross roads and Ballinacarrig and sea gravel.

The County Surveyor said this query referred to Road 134. The Kildermot end was 360 perches (the whole length of contract being 840 perches) while the average haulage 780 perches or 2½ miles to Ballymoney and 1½ miles to Ballinacarrig. Tara Hill Quarry material would be 7/- per cubic yard at the quarry and 2/- for haulage: Total 9/-. The cost of sea gravel on the road was 6/-. The total difference was £9 per annum on the contract. Sea gravel costing £18 and Tara Hill Quarry Material £27.

Mr. Keegan contended that it was not economic to close down Tara Hill quarry even though the price of material there was higher than sea gravel. The latter was worthless on the road in question and over which a certain amount of heavy traffic was passing.

The County Surveyor said that the Road between Kildermot and the Main road was better now than it had been for years.



After further discussion, Mr. Keegan proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted:- "We recommend the County Council to continue the working of Tara Hill Quarry if feasible and possible"

INSURANCE OF WORKMEN

The following, under date 21st October, 1929, was read from Messrs P. J. O'Flaherty & Son, Wexford:-

"We are instructed by Mr. Joseph Merriman, Greenlake, Murrintown, that he was employed by the County Surveyor in March 1922 quarrying and breaking stones, and remained in constant employment in the service of the County Council up to August 1928. During this period our client instructs us that although he made repeated applications for National Health Insurance Cards no cards were ever stamped for him. In December 1928 he made a further application and was then handed one year's stamps without any card. Our client is entitled to Insurance benefit and unemployment benefit, and by reason of the attitude of the County Council Official concerned he has lost his benefit and our instructions are to take proceedings against the County Council"

The County Surveyor submitted the following memo, under date 28th October, 1929, from Mr. D. Radford, Clerical Assistant in charge of Insurances of Workmen:-

"By verbal agreement Joseph Merriman (together with other Seaview Quarry Workers) agreed to supply the County Council with road material from this quarry on the Mountain.

'No set hours were worked by these men, nor were they ever asked to work to set time, nor was the work carried out in a County Council Quarry. It was simply agreed that whatever amount of stones were prepared by each would be measured and bought for a set price. They were recognised as Contractors by the County Council, and, therefore not eligible for Insurance.

'In December, 1928, an application for Unemployment Insurance stamps, 54 in number, was received from the Department of Industry



and Commerce, and the County Council were given to understand that the Commissioners had decided that these men were piece workers, and were, therefore, entitled to Insurance benefits.

'Health Insurance Cards were obtained for Joseph Merriman, and the same number of stamps were affixed to Health Insurance Cards as were affixed to Unemployment Insurance Cards. The Health stamps were affixed to National Health Cards, and not loose stamps given to him as stated.

'This man afterwards complained to Insurance Company as to number of stamps affixed for as he stated "Continuous work from March, 1922, to August, 1928.". It was proved to the satisfaction of the Insurance Inspector who dealt with this case in September last, that for period from January, 1925 to August 1928, the total number of days worked by him was 166 or 28 full weeks taking his average breaking as  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cubic yards per day.'"

Mr. Hayes said that so long as the men referred to worked as a relief to unemployment the County Council had nothing to say to their insurance but subsequently the Council exercised supervision over the work and over the ~~men~~ men, and he contended that the Council were responsible as from that date, the employment was a matter of charity in the first instance. It was he said, speaking on another point, very unfair that poor men who had a few acres of land were debarred from benefit altho' insured.

Mr. O'Byrne said if insurance was not insisted on in such cases it would be an inducement to employers to employ such men as against ordinary labour.

It was decided that the Solicitor to the Council be instructed to defend any proceedings taken on behalf of Joseph Merriman as regards Workmen's Insurances.

#### POUND AT SALTMILLS

Mr. Colfer said he had made enquiries into this matter and the local Garda Siochana believed it was necessary to have a Pound there. Mr. Costello was the previous pound-keeper for 25



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years but he would not be satisfied to pay £2 a year for the privilege of acting. He had carried out certain repairs and he wished to be paid for them.

It was decided that Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, report as to the repairs and cost of same to next meeting of Roads' Committee. Also to recommend the County Council to fix the contribution of Mr. Costello, under section 19 (1) of the Summary Jurisdiction (Ireland) Act 1851, at 2/6d per annum.

#### INJURY TO CLOTHING AT TARRING WORK

Under date 2nd November, 1929, the following was read from Wm. Redmond, 24, Lower Esmonde Street, Gorey:-

"I see by the Press the Road Board have compensated those employed at the tarring of the Clough-Gorey, Gorey-Arklow and Giles Corner to Monument Gorey for their clothing destroyed by the Tar. I was employed on these jobs and suffered the loss of my clothing same as those compensated.

'I would thank you to lay my case before the Road Board on Monday next for their consideration'"

Referred to County Surveyor for report to next meeting of the Roads' Committee.

#### ERECTION OF BUILDING AT FERNS LOWER

Mr. Edward Kehoe, Blackwater, wrote, under date 26th Oct., 1929, for permission to renovate and reconstruct an old building now in ruins on the roadside at Ferns Lower.

Mr. Ehnis, Assistant Surveyor, produced a plan of the site.

The County Surveyor said he had no objection to the erection of new building provided the structure did not approach within 36 feet of road corner and that the wall at the corner leading to Doran's Hill Quarry should be not more than  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet high over footpath.

It was decided to inform Mr. Kehoe that the Council would not offer any objection to the erection of the building provided he <sup>is</sup> prepared to carry out the suggestions of the County Surveyor.



### MILLRACE AT BALLYWISH, CASTLEBRIDGE

The following, under date 2nd November, 1929, was read from the County Surveyor:-

"On Thursday last, 31st ultimo, I met Mr. Nunn, Castlebridge, by appointment, and inspected this Millrace. It runs immediately outside road fence for a length of some eight hundred feet, and in a number of places the sides have slipped in. Some repair work has been done by Mr. Nunn, but he now points out that the heavy road traffic is apparently causing the damage, and that at any time lengths of the road fence and side may slip into his Millrace. I am in doubt as to the liability of the Council in this matter, and I shall be obliged if you will bring it up before the Roads' Committee at their meeting on Monday next, and have the whole question referred to the Solicitor for his opinion."

The County Surveyor said the cost of doing the whole length of the road would be £320. What he suggested (if it was found they had to do any of it) was - provided Mr. Nunn was prepared to go halves in the expenditure - to do one-third of it at the start. This would cost £100.

It was decided to refer the report of County Surveyor to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, for his advice.

### COUNTY ROAD MAP OF 1818

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the County Surveyor be empowered to purchase official Road Map of County Wexford published in 1818 and now in the possession of Mr. John Handcock, London, at a cost of three guineas."

### BOAT DAVITS AT CAHORE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Smyth, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That permission be given the fishermen at Cahore to erect davits for the hoisting and lowering



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of fishing boats from and on to the pier, work to be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor and davits to be removed by a month's notice from the County Council at any time"

#### HAWKERS IN GOREY STREETS

Mr. Keegan complained of the nuisance and obstruction caused by travelling hawkers occupying pitches opposite the doors of merchants in Gorey Main Street. They could carry on their trade in the Square. At the moment they were blocking the market place and people trying to sell potatoes and market produce were greatly hampered. On Saturday last when there was a fair in Gorey one merchant who pays a big rent and high rates had his doorway completely blocked up. The footpath was so crowded that pedestrians could not use it.

Mr. Smyth bore out the statement of Mr. Keegan. The whole street had been taken over on Saturday last by hawkers.

It was decided to call the attention of the District Superintendent Garda Siochana, Gorey, to the nuisance and obstruction caused in Gorey Main Street by travelling salesmen and hawkers and that he be asked to have these people moved on so that the ordinary traders of the town can carry on their business without interruption.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Minutes of Roads' Committee in respect of meeting held on 4th November be received and considered.":-

#### Duncannon Streets

Mr. Gaul proposed, and Mr. Colfer seconded, the following resolution:- "That the recommendations of Duncannon Streets Committee be approved!"

Colonel Quin proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following amendment:- "That the recommendations of Duncannon Streets<sup>7</sup> Committee be adjourned for consideration at meeting of the County Council to be held on the 25th November, 1929!"

On a show of hands eleven voted for the amendment and ten against.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

#### Slippery Roads

The Chairman called attention that there had been nearly a dozen "falls" of animals on the road between Wexford and Kerlogue within the past eight or ten days and particularly on the hill up to Rocklands.

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor.

#### Courtown Harbour

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Cummins seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the special attention of the Fisheries Department be directed to the recommendation of the Roads' Committee relative to Courtown Harbour and that we request they should sanction the proposal as to provision of new sluice gates without further delay"

Colonel Gibbon said that it would be advisable if the Council would point out to the Board of Works or the Fisheries Department that it would greatly help County Councils if they procured suitable machinery for drainage work for the various drainage schemes. They could not lose very much on the hiring and it would be advantageous



to County Councils to utilise such machinery.

It was decided that the attention of the Departments concerned be called to the suggestions made by Colonel Gibbon.

The Courtown Harbour Committee wrote under date 5th November, 1929, calling the attention of the County Council to the fact that there was nearly another drowning accident on 25th October at the place where the late Mrs Maguire was drowned two years ago. At that time the County Surveyor promised to erect chains for protection but he had not fulfilled his promise. The herring fishery was now in progress and to prevent a repetition of these sad occurrences the Courtown Harbour Committee recommended that these chains should be erected without delay.

The County Surveyor said that he expected to have had some spare chains over from the work at New Ross bridge but was disappointed.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed, and Mr. Cummins seconded, the following resolution:- "That protection chains to safeguard the lives of the public be laid down at Courtown Harbour, cost not to exceed £25, amount estimated by County Surveyor."

#### Reconstruction of County Courthouse

The County Surveyor stated he had received the Bills of Quantities and amended specification - Some minor alterations had to be made on the plans and when he had these effected he would forward all the necessary documents on the 12th November to the Department of Finance.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Quin, to ask the Department of Finance for their observations in connection with amended plans, etc., for reconstruction of County Courthouse, at as early a date as was possible.

#### Defaulting Road Contractors

Under date 4th November, 1929, Mr. Thomas Whitty, Contractor for Road 666, wrote asking for an enquiry into the allegation of the County Surveyor that he was a defaulting road Contractor. He



repudiated this statement. During his 33 or 34 years as Contractor no fault had been found with him. He called on the County Surveyor to withdraw the statement that he was a defaulting contractor; any fault or default was on the side of the surveying staff. He asked the Council to have a re-measurement of the material on his contract and that the Council should go fully into his Contracts for the last four years. He called on the Surveyor to put him in a position to carry out his haulage contract from Ballykelly at the same price as the stones from his own quarry four and fourpence and one-eighth of a penny delivered on road.

The County Surveyor stated that no reflection was made on Mr. Whitty's character. The statement about getting material at four and fourpence and one-eighth of a penny was ridiculous. The County Quarry was specified in the specification and the cost of the material given at 7/-.

No order.

#### Ferryarrig-Wexford Road

The County Surveyor stated he had been informed by the Contractor that the latter wanted the road closed for a further two months beyond the 1st December and accordingly the Council would have to apply to the Minister of Local Government for an extension of the present Order. It was supposed to be open after the 1st December. He advised the Council to make this application to the Minister without prejudice to any rights of the County Council between them and the Contractor.

In reply to Colonel Quin, the County Surveyor said that the work was very slow in starting but since concreting began the work appeared to be perfectly all right. However, there were only a few days work laid.

Colonel Gibbon said that as regards the statement that he moved to have the discussion at Council meeting on 28th October in Committee this was the recommendation of Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council. It was from the legal view that the recommendation was made. He (Colonel Gibbon) was always quite prepared to



discuss everything in the open but he was advised that it was in the interests of the Council that the matter should be dealt with in Committee. The Contractor had stated he would require further time to finish the Contract and in his (Col. Gibbon's) opinion it would have been better if time had been given and if arrangements had been made to have the work done under the conditions which had arisen. The County Surveyor would tell the Council that the report he (Colonel Gibbon) made to him was quite correct and that the road would not be finished in time and his idea in getting a meeting was to get a new arrangement made to deal with the situation which would result in the saving of expense to the Council by curtailing the time of traffic on the back roads and to secure the authority of the County Council to action in that direction. So far as regards the Committee which had been set up he had no wish to be on it and would resign from it right away. It only caused him a lot of extra work.

Mr. O'Byrne supported the recommendation of the Roads' Committee. It was the case of the contractor that had been put forward at the recent meeting. If anything was wrong with the work (which he did not believe) it should have been the Council's case and not that of the Contractor which should have been put forward. He believed it would be more businesslike if they left this work in the hands of their Survey Staff and hold them definitely responsible for its execution. He considered the Council should not ask for extension of the Order closing the road. The Contractors were well aware of the time set out in the Order of the Local Government Department. They had not asked for any extension of time and why then give it to them.

The County Surveyor said that the fact that the Council applied for this extension of the Order for closing the road for a further period did not in any way waive their claim against the Contractors for any delay which may occur in not finishing the



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contract on time. If they did not apply for an extension - no matter what condition the work was after the 1st December the road would have to be opened.

Colonel Quin proposed, and Mr. Brennan seconded, the following resolution which passed without dissent:-

"That application be made to the Minister for Local Government to extend the Order closing Wexford-Ferryarrig Road to the 1st February, 1930."

Mr. O'Byrne proposed, and Mr. Shannon seconded, the following resolution:- "That the Sub Committee appointed to deal with Wexford-Ferryarrig Road cease to function as from this date."

Colonel Gibbon pointed out that this Sub Committee acted in connection with the big concrete work on Ferryarrig to Enniscorthy road and when certain matters occurred they were made right. As regards the last recommendation of the Committee to have two sections laid in ferrocrete this was approved by two members of the Sub Committee (Messrs Gaul and Corish) and was proposed in the interests of the people of the town and would shorten very considerably the time during which the road would be closed. When the Council turned down the other recommendation which he made he thought they were in error in thinking they would protect the interests of the Council by arguing with the Contractor. They might have come to an arrangement instead of having the Contractor out against them. If they decided to enforce the penalty of £10 per day they would have to go to legal extremes. He did not wish to be on the Inspection Sub. Committee but he thought that in ~~works~~ works of this description some members of the Council should be able to go round with the Surveyor and explain what was being done to the Council in the same way as the Roads' Inspection Committee was supposed to go over the whole roads of the County before consideration of the annual road estimate.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, said that on account of the slow manner in which the work was going forward he had advised on last day that



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the matter should be considered in Committee as it was likely some legal point would crop up.

Miss O'Ryan held that Committees of the kind under discussion had done most useful work and the Council, instead of suspecting ulterior motives, should be grateful for the services of the Committees.

Mr. Corish held that the action of the Committee did not in any way prejudice the rights of the Council.

Mr. McCarthy said that dissatisfaction was expressed at last meeting ~~with~~ the amount of time spent in considering an extension of time for the Contractor which the latter did not want.

Mr. Culleton proposed as an amendment:- "That the Committee in charge of Wexford-Ferrycarrig road function as usual".

Mr. Meyler seconded.

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

For:- Messrs Brennan, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Doran, Meyler, Murphy, O'Ryan, Quin, Roche, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman (13).

Against:- Messrs Cline, Colfer, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne and Shannon (8).

Messrs Armstrong, Corish, Gaul and Gibbon (4) did not vote.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

On being put as the substantive motion it was adopted without dissent.

#### Hire Machinery Wexford-Ferrycarrig Road

Mr. D'Arcy, who raised this matter at a previous meeting, said that in his opinion the charges made by the County <sup>Surveyor</sup> Council were fair.

#### Road 790 - Campile-Ballysallagh

Mr. Murphy said it was six months ago when he raised this matter and he was given a promise that it would be looked after. Nothing was done until he brought up the matter at last meeting.



He asked if it were possible that this road could be included in the link road class as it had four times more traffic than the parallel link road.

It was decided that the question as to whether Road 790 should be brought into the link road class should be dealt with at next meeting of the Roads' Committee.

#### Ford-of-Lyng

Mr. Corish said he had put in a question in An Dail in regard to this matter but it would not be accepted. The law in the matter was there for the County Council's guidance and they should see it was carried out.

In reply to Mr. O'Byrne, Mr. Elgee said he had not been able - so far - to ascertain the names of the Drainage Commissioners.

Mr. Corish proposed:- "That proceedings be taken against the owners of the South Slob lands to compel them to take such steps as regards drainage as will prevent the flooding of the County roads.

Mr. Keegan seconded. Passed.

#### Flooding at Fairfield

Mr. Elgee said he had written to Mr. Davis to arrange to discuss with him and the County Surveyor the arrangements proposed in his former letter.

#### Kilmore Harbour Dredging

In reply to Mr. Roche, the County Surveyor said that the entrance to the harbour was to be dredged to a depth of six feet, and the depths were to reduce gradually to four feet at the slipway.

Mr. Roche - Was that done ?.

County Surveyor - Oh, no.

Mr. Roche - Didn't the Board of Works Inspector agree to do that for the amount of money ?.

County Surveyor - I won't say he agreed to it. He said he expected that would be done for the money.

Mr. Roche - Wasn't it put up to us that that would be



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done if we contributed £200 ? . It was not done.

County Surveyor - It was <sup>not</sup> because the work would have meant a lot more expenditure than the engineer contemplated, on account of the amount of stones in the harbour.

Mr. Roche said that the engineer gave them a report first that if they laid down £200 he would do a certain amount of dredging in the harbour.

The County Surveyor said the Council agreed originally to contribute £200 out of £400, the Department to contribute the other £200, and then the Council contributed a supplementary £100 making their contribution £300.

Mr. Roche - My point is that he said if we gave £200 he would do a certain job on the harbour.

Colonel Quin - Did you get that in writing ?.

Secretary - No.

County Surveyor - I don't think he ever said they were going to expend anything beyond fifty-fifty.

Mr. Roche - I voted for a £200 job to get a certain job done. Was that job done ?.

County Surveyor - It was not done. The amount was not equal to what was originally set out.

Mr. Roche - Who is responsible for that, we or the Board of Works.

County Surveyor - I suppose it is a case of fifty-fifty.

Mr. Roche - I personally voted under a misapprehension. I would not have voted £200 to do the job that is done. I hold the job is practically useless.

County Surveyor - I don't agree.

Mr. Roche said that the local coal merchant's vessel had its bows and stern resting on heaps of sand, leaving all the weight on the centre of the vessel. He wished to know if the County Surveyor would consider that satisfactory ?.



County Surveyor - I would not, but where was that.?

Mr. Roche - Above the slip.

The County Surveyor said it was not contemplated to dredge that place at all.

Mr. Roche - It was between the slip and the mouth of the harbour. They dig holes eight or ten feet deep and leave banks of sand around it.

County Surveyor - I was not aware that that was done. It certainly was not done any time I was there.

Mr. Roche - Wasn't it agreed to have a supervisor to see the work done ?. Was that man appointed. ?

County Surveyor - There was a man on the boat - a pilot

Mr. Roche - Did he receive any instructions from the Council with regard to his work ?

County Surveyor - He had no control over the work at all. He had only control with regard to the safety of the plant.

Mr. Roche suggested that that had nothing to do with the Council and that it was not the intention of Mr. Corish when he proposed the appointment of the man that his duties should be confined to that of pilot.

Mr. Corish said that that was not his object in bringing forward his proposition.

Mr. Roche - Mr. Corish proposed that the man should be appointed to see that the work was carried out.

The County Surveyor said that a couple of times they took depths in the harbour and the depths were certainly as set out.

Mr. Roche - Are they now.

County Surveyor - I don't know. Of course the sand is coming down in the harbour.

Mr. Roche - Did they dredge from a depth of six feet graduating to four feet ?.

County Surveyor - No. They did dredge six feet at the entrance, but they did not go up as far as the slip.

Mr. Roche - It was intended that certain work should be



carried out there for £400, and they agreed they could not carry it out for £400, and asked for an extra grant.

The County Surveyor said that at first it was estimated that about 8,000 cubic yards of stuff would be removed, and that would bring them up to the slip, but owing to the large amount of stones in the harbour they were not able to go to the slip - the money was exhausted before they reached it. It was a surprise to everyone, because the harbour was supposed to have been dredged before. If it had been dredged before it would not have been like that. It never could have been dredged. With regard to what Mr. Roche had said about deep holes, he (County Surveyor) did not see any deep holes. He made checks here and there on depth figures submitted, and found them correct within a few inches one with the other, and allowing for the coming down of the sand from the upper harbour that had happened since, they were correct. With regard to the holes, stones lifted up might have caused a hole, but certainly it was never down ten feet. He wished to know if Mr. Roche meant ten feet in depth.

Mr. Roche - A captain of a schooner told me.

County Surveyor - I don't think they could have done better than they did under the circumstances.

Mr. Roche - Was it a satisfactory job for the money?

County Surveyor - As far as it went - you could not do any better.

Mr. Roche - You consider it a good job for £480.

Secretary - It was more than £480.

Mr. Roche - It is all the worse if it is.

Secretary - It is £595: 6: 3d.

Mr. Roche - Do you consider that good value for money.

County Surveyor - I do.

Mr. Roche - If you do, that's enough about it.

The County Surveyor said that Mr. Roche should remember that there was a bank of rubble at the harbour entrance, and there was



a lot of delay about a cable. The cable was got out, and it was expected once they got around the bend in the harbour they would have had straight sand dredging, but they had not, as there were sharp-edged stones that must have been there always. Having heard that the harbour was dredged before, he certainly did not think the stones would have been there. They caused delay, and the delay meant money.

Mr. Roche - Who was responsible for a contract being entered into ~~do~~ do a certain job which is not done.

County Surveyor - I don't see how you could say there was a contract, I am absolutely certain the Fishery Department would not enter into a contract. They estimated it would cost a certain amount, and if they could not do it for that money they would stop short, as they did.

The Secretary said that his recollection was that there was a question of the work being taken on with the guarantee that a certain depth of dredging would be carried out by the Department of Fisheries. The County Council passed a resolution to that effect, and that was what went to the Ministry, and they did not repudiate that or say they were not going to do it. It was understood that that amount of dredging was to be done, and the cost to the Council was to be £200.

Mr. Roche - If that's so I hold we are not liable for the payment of the £200 or our share of the cost.

Secretary - Of course, they raised the point that they did not expect those boulders to be there, and that if they had had straight sand dredging they would have finished within the time and money.

Chairman - Could the Fishery Department's engineer, with the examination he made, know those boulders were there ?.

County Surveyor - No.

Chairman - Did he get any intimation from the local people that they were there .H



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Secretary - No; they did not know either.

Mr. Roche - I suggest it is not for a local fisherman to go around the harbour prodding for boulders.

Mr. Borish - If what the Secretary says is correct that doesn't arise. They guaranteed to give a certain depth and didn't do it.

In reply to Colonel Gibbon, the County Surveyor said that before the work began he did not plot a scale chart of the harbour, but he plotted the depths when the work was finished.

Colonel Gibbon - Because it does seem a serious allegation of Mr. Roche's that there are holes sixteen feet deep.

Mr. Roche - Ten feet deep.

Mr. Corish - No matter what they are, if there are two banks and a hole a vessel is liable to break her back.

Mr. Gaul - It seems rather a strange statement by Mr. Roche that a vessel is aground at the two ends, and afloat in the middle.

Mr. Roche - That's right.

County Surveyor - The dredger is the biggest vessel going in there, and it swung on its moorings right across.

Secretary - I saw the dredger working there, and it could not have been digging holes all the time.

Colonel Gibbon said he asked the County Surveyor if he had prepared a chart before the work began, and he said he had a chart of the work when finished. He wished to know how the County Surveyor checked the statements of the master of the dredger as to what the cubic capacity was ?.

The County Surveyor said it was a question of the number of hoppers filled.

Colonel Gibbon said he thought, in view of what Mr. Roche said, they should hold back the money for the time being at any rate, and that before the next meeting of the Roads' Committee the County Surveyor should visit Kilmore and take soundings, and arrange to have Mr. Roche, the local fishermen, and the coal boat



owner present to point out where the holes and shallows were that they were complaining about.

Chairman - At the close of the dredging did you consider this a fairly good job - that it was the best dredging ever done there ?.

Colonel Gibbon said he stated from what the County Surveyor told him it was the best dredging ever done. He could not attend on the date of the final inspection - the day that Mr. McNeill, Department's engineer, was present. Personally, he considered that, for the time the dredger was there, and in view of the difficulties met with, good work was done. But at the same time they did not do anything like the work Mr. McNeill said they would do, and if the Secretary's statement was correct he did not see that the Council should be responsible for paying.

In reply to Mr. Corish, the County Surveyor said the captain of the dredger kept a rough log which he sent to the Fishery Department, and he (County Surveyor) checked that with figures he got from the harbour master.

Mr. Corish - Did the man he had on board supply other things in this connection ?. Did he send a return to you of the number of loads per day or per week ?.

County Surveyor - He didn't.

Mr. Corish - Oh, sure the thing was absolutely loose.

Chairman - What had we the man there for - paying him £3 a week ?.

County Surveyor - For pilotage. They would not work there at all without that man on board.

Chairman - His business was to look after the ship ?.

County Surveyor - Practically, I suppose.

Colonel Gibbon asked if it were not a fact that the Roads' Committee passed a resolution that Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, was to go to Kilmore at least three times a week and obtain an



independent record of what was being done.

County Surveyor - Mr. Kehoe was there.

Colonel Quin said they heard a lot of talk about what Mr. McNeill, Department's engineer, promised, but he understood they had nothing in writing, and that it was only hearsay evidence that was worth nothing at all.

The Secretary remarked that they had the resolution of the Council that so much was to be done for £200.

Colonel Quin suggested that if they had not a contract in writing they had no legal redress.

The Chairman said he wished to state that the Council were not to blame in the matter at all because the Council, on the understanding of Colonel Gibbon and the County Surveyor, were told that a good job was done.

Mr. Hall - We were told when the £200 from the Council and the Department's £200 was spent that there was a really good job done, and we were told that if we did not pass another £100 all that was done would be no use.

Chairman - That's the reason I hold the Council is not culpable at all. It was the County Surveyor's report, which I think, was supplemented by Colonel Gibbon, that induced us to give this extra money.

Colonel Gibbon said he went to Kilmore and had a look at the ~~work~~ work with the County Surveyor, and met Mr. McNeill. The money had run out before anything was done except the dredging of the entrance to the harbour. He (Colonel Gibbon) came back to the Council and recommended, in order to get the dredging of the first berth completed, that the extra money should be granted, and he got the assurance of Mr. McNeill and the County Surveyor that that part of the work would be done. He was told by Mr. McNeill, and he told the Council, that it would be impossible in the present season to do the dredging of the harbour up to the slip, because the dredger could not be left there after the 15th. September.



He thought that if the dredger was left to that date, and the extra money was granted, the dredging up to the second steps would be completed. He reported and he believed it was correct to spend money on that. They would have no berth at all unless that was done, and if the Council had the undertaking the Secretary said they had, he believed the Council were correct in holding back until they got a settlement.

Colonel Gibbon proposed the following resolution:-

"That the amount claimed by Department of Fisheries for dredging at Kilmore Harbour be held back and that, pending next meeting of the Roads' Committee, the County Surveyor take soundings over the dredged area and arrange with Mr. Roche, County Councillor, to have the local fishermen and the owner of coal carrying schooner in attendance in order to point out the situation of the holes and shallows referred to at this meeting. That a copy of this resolution be furnished the Fisheries' Department and that they be requested to arrange for the attendance of Mr. McNeill, Engineer, on the occasion."

Colonel Quin seconded the resolution which was adopted.



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Working Tara Hill Quarry

The County Surveyor said that on a soft, bad bottom road one cubic yard of Tara Hill material was equal to three yards of sea gravel.

Mr. Keegan pointed out that nine families were starving owing to the shutting down of Tara Hill Quarry.

The County Surveyor pointed out that where they had a good road the amount of Tara Hill material which the estimate allowed would not be sufficient to deal with the whole road. He was quite willing to spread Tara Hill material on the roads under discussion if the Council would give him the money. One yard of Tara Hill would only cover 16 perches whereas the second class material would cover 24.

Mr. Keegan proposed:- "That work at Tara Hill Quarry be resumed!"

Mr. D'Arcy seconded.

Mr. Gaul asked the reason for such a resolution in view of the statement of the County Surveyor that he had no money to carry out the proposal.

Colonel Quin proposed, and Mr. Culleton seconded, the adoption of the Recommendation of the Roads' Committee.

After some further discussion, Mr. Keegan withdrew his motion and the recommendation of the Roads' Committee was agreed to.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Quin:- "That the minutes of Roads' Committee, in respect of meeting held on 4th November, 1929, except in so far as same have been altered or amended by resolutions adopted at this meeting, be and are hereby confirmed."

BREE LANE  
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A memorial was received relative to having Bree Lane put in order and repaired. There were, the memorial pointed out, several large ratepayers living on the lane and a great deal of traffic on it.



Should the Council agree to the prayer of the memorial the people concerned would give the necessary land to widen the lane, make suitable turns and do the necessary work which the Council would require. (Messrs M. Fortune, Sparrowsland, Joseph Wickham and James Cogley, appeared as a deputation in connection with the matter).

Mr. Fortune, who acted as the spokesman of the deputation, said there were 22 families living on the lane which was a connecting link between two roads. A small part of it leading to the school was a public road; it was about a mile and a half in length.

The County Surveyor said that the lane was only 11 ft wide in parts. There was no through traffic on it and it was purely and solely for the local residents.

Mr. Fortune said if it were put in repair it would be used for through traffic.

The County Surveyor denied this and said that, in his opinion, it would be used by the local people only.

Mr. Doran said the lane was used by the whole village of Bree.

It was decided the matter be adjourned to the meeting of the County Council on 25th November and, in the meantime, that Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, be directed to furnish a report on the application.

#### REPAIR OF ROADS

Mr. Culleton said he thought that more useful work could be given roadmen than cutting grass on the tops and sides of ditches.

The County Surveyor said that he regarded this work as most essential. Unless briars and grass etc., on ditches were cut back there would be trouble with the drainage afterwards. The work cost very little.

The Chairman thought it was money thrown away. It seemed to be quite unnecessary to cut the tops of the ditches; clearing



drains was another matter. The County Surveyor should give instructions to his Assistants that the kind of work referred to my Mr. Culleton was not necessary.

The County Surveyor disagreed. He found the work very essential. If this matter was not attended to the grass etc., grew a little more out every year and cost more in the end to remove than if the little necessary were done every year.

#### ROAD SCARAWALSH TO BUNCLODY

It was decided, on the suggestion of Colonel Gibbon, that the County Surveyor should make a detailed report to next meeting as to the condition of above road. It was rapidly deteriorating under heavy lorry traffic and if not seen to immediately would go to pieces.

#### ROAD GRANT

The Secretary reported that since the meeting of the Roads' Committee the following Road grants had been received:-

Trunk Roads £1823 and link roads £1162.

#### MALICIOUS INJURY TO BRIDGE AT PALLIS CREAMERY

The following report was read from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor:-

"Parapet of above for a length of ten feet and to almost six inches of road level has been pulled down and thrown into river leaving place rather dangerous. As this sort of thing happened before I will have to take down remainder of parapet and replace with concrete in fact it would be advisable to do all of parapets in concrete for which a sum of £7: 10: 0d will be required."

Mr. D'Arcy said it would be only two days' work to put back the stones. It would not cost more than £2: 10: 0d at the outside.

Mr. Corish proposed that the recommendation of Mr. Treanor be carried out.

Mr. Armstrong seconded.

Mr. O'Byrne pointed out that if the repair was not carried out



in concrete the stones would be again thrown down. This was the usual experience in such cases.

After further discussion it was decided, on the suggestion of Colonel Quin, to refer the matter to the Roads' Committee.

ROAD CAMBLIN-CAMPILE -DUNCANNON

Mr. Murphy asked if the County Surveyor had been recently the road New Ross to Campile. He had nothing to say about the work but the stones had been drawn from one end, and another £4000 would be required to repair the road from the quarry to where the road under reconstruction ended. It was in an appalling state.

WEXFORD-ROSSLARE ROAD

The following, under date 4th November, 1929 (R/RG/32) was read from the Local Government Department (Roads):-

"With reference to previous correspondence, relative to a grant for the improvement of the Wexford-Rosslare Road, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that on the 29th ultimo the road was inspected by Mr. Courtney, Engineering Inspector of this Department, accompanied by Mr. Barry, County Surveyor, and Mr. Birthistle, Assistant County Surveyor. As a result of his inspection Mr. Courtney reports that an expenditure of £8,195 will be necessary for the improvement of the road and the following is a brief outline of his recommendations as regards the work to be carried out for this sum -

Kerlogue to Ashfield  
5½ miles long.

to be resurfaced where necessary with a light coat of tarred limestone at a cost of £300 per mile. Total cost.....£1,650 (Council to provide for surface dressing in next year's Road Works Scheme).

Ashfield to Rosslare  
Village, 2¾ miles long

Improvement in cement bound macadam 16 ft. wide. Improving corners etc. Total cost..... £5,295

Rosslare Village Road  
1000 yards long

Resurfaced in cement bound macadam. Total cost £1,250

As indicated above the scheme will cost £8,195.



"Wexford has already received their full share from the Road Fund for the current year on the basis applicable to all counties. If, however, the Council are willing to contribute £4,000 the Minister is prepared to recommend to the Minister for Finance the making of a grant of £4,195 from the Road Fund towards the cost of the undertaking.

The Secretary said it would be advisable to adjourn the consideration of this letter until the 25th November as the County Surveyor and his staff had an opportunity on the 7th and 8th November of inspecting (in great detail) a long length of cement bound macadam road which is being laid down in Limerick City.

Their report would have been presented to this meeting but the County Surveyor is awaiting a full copy of the specification under which the work is being carried out.

The Council will recognise the importance of giving the fullest consideration to the report when it is pointed out that cement bound macadam roads are being put down in several counties in lieu of ordinary water-bound macadam with a substantial saving in maintenance costs, even for a short period, and with a surface which allows horse traffic in a manner that shows little difference over the old fashioned County road.

It was decided that letter from Local Government Department and report of County Surveyor re cement bound macadam be considered at the meeting of the County Council on 25th November.

NOTICE OF MOTION  
Loan £1,000 Water Supply Clonroche  
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The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. Hall:-

"That the Wexford County Council hereby consents to the borrowing by County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of the sum of One Thousand Pounds (£1,000) for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the installation of a water supply in



the village of Clonroche; area of charge to be the Clonroche  
 Dispensary<sup>District</sup>. (This motion was circulated to Councillors on  
 27th September, 1929.).

Mr. Corish seconded.

Mr. D'Arcy opposed. He considered Mr. Hall should be  
 very careful. He knew the condition of the country as well  
 as any one else. Many farmers were not able to keep a decent  
 roof over their heads. He proposed the following amendment:-

"That the County Council refuses to consent to the Board  
 of Health borrowing £1,000 for installation of water supply in  
 Clonroche!"

Mr. Brennan seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the amendment:- Messrs Brennan, D'Arcy and Smyth (3).

Against:- Messrs Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, Doran, Gaul,  
 Gibbon, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, Mayler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne,  
 O'Ryan, Quin, Roche and Shannon. (18).

Did not vote - Chairman (1).

Messrs Armstrong, Cline and Walsh (3) were not present when  
 poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

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

NOTICE OF MOTION: LOAN £2,600 SEWERAGE SYSTEM  
 GOREY TOWN

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Mr. Hall moved the following motion of which he had given  
 previous notice:-

"That the Wexford County Council hereby consents to the  
 borrowing by the County Wexford Board of Health and Public  
 Assistance of the sum of Two Thousand, Six Hundred Pounds, (£2,600)  
 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the installation of  
 a Sewerage System in the town of Gorey, the area of charge for the  
 repayment to be Gorey Rural District." (This motion was circulated  
 to County Councillors on 7th October, 1929.).



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Mr. Keegan seconded.

Mr. D'Arcy opposed. He said that the advocates of the Clonroche water supply had used the argument that the local people were almost unanimous in their request for the work. The Gorey ratepayers did not ask for this. He proposed the following amendment:-

"That the Council refuse to consent to the borrowing by County Wexford Board of Health of £2600 for provision of a sewerage system in Gorey Town."

Mr. Brennan seconded.

Mr. O'Byrne pointed out that a water supply had been provided for Gorey and on this £1700 had been saved so that a very small amount extra was required for the sewerage system. The latter had been discussed and agreed to when the water scheme was adopted.

The Chairman said if the Gorey people did not want the system it was on a very different footing from the motion regarding Clonroche water supply.

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

For the amendment:- Messrs Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Mayler, Murphy, Roche, Smyth and the Chairman (10).

Against:- Messrs Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan and Shannon (11).

Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Quin and Walsh (4) were not present when vote was taken.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The resolution was then put and adopted nem.con.

#### NOTICE OF MOTION - UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

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The following motion of which he had given previous notice was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That the University Scholarship awarded Mr. James Kelly, 10, North Main Street, Wexford, be held over until he has completed



his training as a primary school teacher."

#### AUDITOR'S REPORT - MENTAL HOSPITAL

The Report of Local Government Auditor, in respect of two half years ended 31st March, 1929, with abstracts of accounts, were submitted.

#### COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE

Report of Librarian on Centres for half year ended 30th September, 1929, was submitted to the meeting.

#### OLD AGE PENSION SUB.COMMITTEE NO.7

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

"That Mr. E. Colfer, South Street, New Ross, be appointed a member of No.7 Old Age Pension Sub. Committee vice Mr. Sam Hill, resigned!"

This appointment was recommended by the Sub-Committee.

#### ANALYST'S REPORT

The report of Miss Ryan, County Analyst, for quarter ended 30th September, 1929, was submitted. The number of articles analysed were:- Foods 66; Drugs 36; Waters 3 and Sheep Dip 4. The number adulterated were:- Butters 2 and Drugs 1.

#### HOME GROWN GRAIN AND FOREIGN FEEDING STUFFS

The following resolution received from Offaly County Council was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Miss O'Ryan:-

"That we respectfully urge the Government to immediately enact the necessary legislation to make compulsory the admixture of fifteen per cent home-grown Grain with foreign Feeding Stuff, before being offered for sale.

"That copies of this resolution be forwarded to President Cosgrave to Mr. Eamonn de Valera; to the Leader of the Labour Party - Mr. J. T. O'Connell; to the Grain Growers' Association and to the Secretary of each County Council in An Saorstát."



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Miss O'Ryan:-

"That Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman of this Council, be appointed to give evidence before the Commission of Inquiry as to compulsory admixture of 15 per cent of home grown grain with imported maize."

#### DE-RATING AGRICULTURAL LAND

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The following resolution was submitted from a special meeting of Dublin County Council and representatives of five district Councils and six Urban Councils:-

"That the T. D.'s., for County Dublin and the other County Councils' in An Saorstát, be requested to make representations to the Minister for Finance to introduce, and have passed at the earliest possible moment, a De-rating Bill, that will place the Agricultural and Manufacturing Industries in the Free State on an equal footing with those of Northern Ireland, and to prevent the confusion and discontent that would otherwise arise, if the wealth-producers of Northern Ireland were relieved and encouraged, and those of the Free State left staggering under unjust and intolerable burdens as at present, which relief could be early given by adopting the Scheme approved by the General Council of County Councils' at their meeting held in March, 1929, and that copies of this resolution be sent to the Finance and Local Government Ministers, the eight County Dublin T.D.'s, and to the Local and Metropolitan Newspapers."

The Chairman said it was up to the Council if in favour of de-rating to put in evidence in favour of the proposal. With very little extra taxation the Government could put in force the scheme put forward by the General Council of County Councils wherein it was shown where the money could be obtained. If they believed that de-rating was not satisfactory to Wexford then there was no necessity to give evidence before the Commission but in his opinion, which, however, he did not wish to force on



anyone - de-rating was quite necessary and incumbent ~~to give~~  
~~them de-rating~~ as it had been given to the farmers in Northern  
 Ireland if they were to survive at all. A great deal had been done  
 for every class in the Community except agriculturists. An  
 attempt might be made to give a double Agricultural grant but  
 considering the way things had gone this was only a ~~fleabite~~  
 now. They wanted the same facilities as had been given to  
 farmers of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and they, as a  
 Council, should voice their opinion in this direction and insist  
 on de-rating.

Mr. Cummins proposed, and Mr. Keegan seconded, the adoption  
 of the resolution which was agreed to.

Miss O'Ryan said the farmers required urgent relief and  
 should get it <sup>they should</sup> ~~and~~ urge on the Government to bring in a De-rating  
 Bill at once. There was no reason for ~~setting~~ up a Commission  
 of Inquiry into this matter. A great many Commissions had sat  
 on other matters without result. The findings they had brought  
 in were never put into effect. To allow farmers to compete with  
 those in Northern Ireland and in England de-rating should be  
 adopted at once.

Mr. Corish said it was obvious to everyone that de-rating  
 was necessary and - as Miss O'Ryan had pointed out - at once.  
 A great many people thought that the Labour Party had no  
 sympathy with the farmer but they recognised his poor position  
 to-day and they should agitate and keep up all pressure possible  
 to have the findings of the Commission brought in before consideration  
 of the National Budget. Their farmers could not compete with those  
 who had the advantage of de-rating. They were entitled to what  
 they were asking and should neglect no pressure to obtain it without  
 delay.

Colonel Gibbon said if something was not done at once to help  
 the farmer an enormous amount of land would go into grass and  
 with consequent unemployment and increase of taxation - probably



heavier than what de-rating would cost. The Government should give their attention and not only attention but immediate attention to this matter.

Chairman - The Government have been able to find money for other things not half as important.

After further discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Corish:-

"That in view of the serious situation created by the low prices obtainable for corn in the present year and the prospect of considerably reduced tillage and increased unemployment in 1930 we urgently recommend the Government to take immediate action in regard to de-rating and include proposals to that effect in the forthcoming National Budget in order that we can compete with our neighbours in Northern Ireland and with the farmers of Great Britain.

"That a copy of this resolution be furnished the Minister for Finance."

*Michael Doyle*

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

M I N U T E S

SPECIAL MEETING 25th NOVEMBER, 1929

N. J. FRIZELLE,  
SECRETARY.

FORTVIEW,  
WEXFORD.

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A SPECIAL MEETING of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 25th November, 1929, for the purpose of considering "Provisional Road Works' Scheme" for 1930-31.

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 Maylor, 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 the Six Assistant Surveyors and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, were also present.

Under date 7th November, 1929, the Department of Local Government, (Roads), wrote, (RGM/201/30), that the Minister was anxious to be in a position to notify to Councils as early as possible the grants which may be made from the Road Fund in respect of main road upkeep grants for financial year 1930-31. To allow of the matter being dealt with at once County Councils should take an early opportunity of framing estimates of the sums which they are likely to allow for the upkeep of (a) Trunk roads (b) Link Roads, (including (a) and (b) in Urban Areas) (c) County Roads- for next financial year on receipt of which, and after examination, the Minister would indicate what upkeep grant (if any) would be allowed. The figures supplied should correspond as nearly as possible to the final figures. For several reasons it was preferable to place the upkeep grant on the basis of a flat rate for all main roads and in future the grant would be calculated on the basis of 40% of the cost of the up-keep of all main roads (including those in Urban Districts) instead of a grant of 50 per cent of the cost of Trunk Roads and 30 per cent of the cost of link roads. This grant is contingent on the estimates of



the Council showing that a reasonable sum is proposed for the upkeep of all roads. The grant was to be taken in as a credit and was not to form the basis of a supplementary scheme. If Councils, as a whole, dealt with this matter without undue delay the Minister would be in a position to notify early the amount of the grants for improvement purposes which could only be fixed after the amounts required for upkeep have been ascertained.

Colonel Gibbon said that the total amount of the County Surveyor's Estimate for next financial year was £78732 while the amount raised last year was £50436, an increase of £28296, which would mean practically an increase of  $1/6\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £. The £78,000 was an ideal figure but it represented a quite impracticable sum. He wished to know if they would go through the list of works in the provisional scheme, item by item, or would the Council say what they would allocate for roads and then see what could be allowed for improvement works; they would have to cut their coat according to their cloth. He thought it would be better if they adopted the same procedure as last year. Tell the County Surveyor what the cut should be and let him apportion this, the County Council at a further meeting to consider the new allocation.

The County Surveyor suggested that the meeting should look through the improvement works and consider the special letter from the Local Government Department in connection with the proposed improvement of the Wexford-Rosslare Road. These were items in regard to which he was not really in a position to give a decision. It would not be fair to put the onus on him as to what works should be rejected and what retained.

Mr. Corish suggested they should deal with the improvement works. If they indiscriminately cut down the estimate it would mean that some roads might suffer for the inclusion of a certain improvement work which could perhaps be held over for a year. He proposed the following resolution:-



"That the meeting consider proposed improvement works before dealing with amount to be allocated for road maintenance."

Mr. Gaul seconded.

In reply to Colonel Gibbon, the County Surveyor stated that if the amount of his estimate for main roads was reduced considerably the upkeep grants from Local Government Department would probably be withheld.

Mr. D'Arcy proposed that a rate of 2/6d in the £ to cover road and improvement works be agreed to but after discussion this was withdrawn.

A poll was taken on Mr. Corish's proposal with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, Meyler, O'Byrne, Miss O'Ryan, Roche, Shannon and Walsh.....16.

Against:- Messrs Brennan, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Murphy, Quin, Smyth and the Chairman.....10.

A number of improvement works were then considered (particulars of which appear later in these Minutes) after which Colonel Gibbon said they had now agreed to improvement works costing £1450. If the meeting was to examine these, in detail, and left them unfinished it would be a very bad thing and <sup>he</sup> therefore proposed that:- "Including the amount of £1450 for improvement works, already agreed to, the total amount for all improvement works shall not exceed £2000, in addition to amounts necessary by way of loan to cover cost of improvement of Rosslare and Courtown roads. And that if this proposal be accepted the Council proceed to fix a figure for the maintenance of roads"

Colonel Quin seconded.

This resolution was adopted.

Mr. D'Arcy then proposed the following resolution:- "That a sum of 2/6d in the £ to include £2000 for special improvement works but to exclude the amount necessary for loans for Rosslare



and Courtown Roads be agreed to in order to meet all maintenance and improvement works on Roads.

Colonel Gibbon seconded.

As an amendment Mr. Gaul proposed:- "That we approve of the estimate of County Surveyor for maintenance of roads and for improvement works for financial year 1930-31".

Mr. Shannon seconded.

Mr. Keegan proposed:- "That a rate of 3/- in the £ be agreed to for the purposes of road maintenance and works of improvement."

This proposal was not seconded.

The County Surveyor said his estimate was prepared after a full discussion with each of his Assistants and he had allocated the money to the best advantage giving every part of the County a fair chance. He honestly believed that the figures he had put in were essential for the proper maintenance of the roads. The Council with reduced estimates could carry on for a short time but the roads would be deteriorating and he knew who would get the blame. There was no doubt but a considerable number of roads with cut price would go back.

The Chairman said the estimate would have to be cut down; the agricultural community were quite satisfied with them.

Mr. Keegan - Those are the people who are growling.

Chairman - They are not growling.

The County Surveyor said they (farmers) were satisfied collectively in getting a low rate but the individual is dissatisfied that he is not getting a bigger portion of the allocation for his district. He (County Surveyor) had tried to spread the amount as equitably as he could taking into consideration the needs of the roads.

Mr. Hayes said the roads were in a bad state and were deteriorating and if that was the case now at the first of the winter he would like if the County Surveyor would give a forecast as to what condition they would be in next March.



Chairman - Probably a lot better.

Mr. D'Arcy said no one in Gorey would be justified in complaining of the condition of the roads in that district - either Main, County or by-roads.

Colonel Quin - The roads are very much improved within the past five years.

Mr. Hall said the Council should remember they would have an increased estimate from the County Board of Health. The latter had done everything in their power to effect economies but they were not able to prevent increased expenditure which had been found necessary.

Mr. Gaul asked what was the financial position now as regards the roads compared with this time last year.

The County Surveyor said they had considerably less to spend at the moment than at the same period last year.

A vote was then taken on Mr. Gaul's amendment with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Armstrong, Clince, ~~Glinne~~, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, O'Byrne, O'Ryan and Shannon ....12

Against:- Messrs Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Meyler, Murphy, Quin, Roche, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman(14)

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

Mr. Corish proposed the following resolution:- "That we agree to an amount representing  $2/8\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £ for road maintenance and improvement works in addition to allowing £1450 for road improvement works agreed to at this meeting and also the amount necessary to repay loans for improvement of Courtown and Rosslare roads."

The roads, Mr. Corish pointed out, had deteriorated and they had the statement of the County Surveyor that it was absolutely necessary he should have at least the same amount as was allocated last year. This winter was going to be worse than the winter of last year. The rainfall in November was abnormal and had cut up a great many roads. Drainage must be attended to and the roads built



up in the centre. The Council would do a good day's work for the County if they agreed to the same estimate as last year. The Labour Party had been accused of trying to keep up the rates but if they gave employment on the roads it was a far better proposition than supporting men out of poor relief. They were - in his opinion - getting an increased estimate from the Board of Health on account of cutting down the road estimate last year as they had a greater number of people on the rates on that account.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded.

Mr. Culleton held it was much better to do their roads out of revenue and save the waste of money paid in Interest to the Bank.

A vote was then taken on Mr. Corish's proposal with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Roche and Shannon (14).

Against:- Messrs Brennan, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Meyler, Murphy, Quin, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman .....12.

The Chairman declared the proposition carried.

On being put as the substantive motion it was adopted  
nem.con.

#### WEXFORD-ROSSLARE ROAD

For above Road the County Surveyor made the following estimate:-

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|------------------------------------------------|------|
| <u>Ordinary repair</u> - Spraying 1015 perches | £540 |
| resurfacing same                               | £470 |
| spraying 920 perches                           | £540 |
| Resurfacing                                    | £437 |

Improvement Work - Resurfacing in cement bound macadam  $2\frac{3}{4}$  miles  
(half cost) £2468; resurfacing in cement bound  
macadam 1000 lineal yards £625 (half cost)

TOTAL .....£5080.

The County Surveyor explained that if the amount for



Spaying was deducted the special amount to be raised by the Council in accordance with the letter of the Department of Local Government (Roads) (RRG/32 - 4th November, 1929) - appearing on Minutes of meeting of 11th November, 1929, would be £4000 to be raised by loan repayable in ten years.

The following report, which was prepared as the result of a visit to Limerick City by the County Surveyor, the Assistant Surveyors and the Secretary was read:-



## CONSTRUCTION OF CEMENT BOUND ROADS

The problem of making suitable roads to withstand existing fast and heavy traffic has been heartbreaking to Surveyors and road makers.

The fast traffic brought water bound macadam, treated with tar and bitumen and so long as the question of weight did not enter, this class of thoroughfare was fairly effective. The speed of the motor car did not suck the binding and the road stood up to the traffic for a fair period. Then came the bus and heavy lorry. Water bound macadam broke down badly under this traffic as the stones were driven out of position and the fast traffic following produced pot-holes and the surface quickly went from bad to worse. To hold the steamrolled road it became necessary to treat it with tar or bitumen - an expensive and continually recurring work. But no one was satisfied. Farmers with horses, and even many owners of motor cars, complained of the slippery nature of the new surface and many accidents occurred to "man and horse".

The position became a duel between the traffic and the Surveyors; many experiments were tried.

The concrete road certainly solves the difficulty but it is impossible for local authorities to provide the funds for its construction.

Surveyors carried out many experiments in the use of cement and stone by a method of sandwiching cement mortar between two layers of stone. Eighteen miles of this class of road have been laid down in An Saorstát in the Counties of Donegal, Meath, Mayo, Offaly, Dublin and Cork City, within the last three years - all successful.

At the moment Mr. Peacocke, Municipal Engineer, Limerick City, is laying down something over a mile and is confident that this method of road construction will replace waterbound macadam tar-sprayed. Some of the County Surveyors who put down this class



of road three years ago speak highly of its wearing properties. In a midland County about five miles (over a mile and a half of which there is heavy bus and lorry traffic to and from Dublin) laid down in 1926-27 has cost nothing for maintenance up to the present. For three miles laid down in another County there is a similar experience for  $2\frac{3}{4}$  miles. If these roads had been done in tar macadam there would have been carried out for maintenance two tar dressings costing approximately £350 per mile or a total maintenance on the  $7\frac{3}{4}$  miles of over £2700 as compared with a practically zero figure for cement bound macadam.

It must be remembered that the new system is not to be regarded as an alternative to concrete. It is not and never was intended to be.

The following figures are illustrative:-

|                                                                                                          | £     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Tar Bitumen grout road as already carried out in the County: Costs for 18 ft.wide road per mile.....     | 1600  |
| Taking a ten year period to above must be added for bitumen surface dressing a sum of approximately..... | 900   |
|                                                                                                          | <hr/> |
| TOTAL                                                                                                    | £2500 |

Cement Bound road 18 ft. wide.....£2200.

For ten years the maintenance cost should not exceed £300 but very probably would be less.

Subsequent to the ten year period the bitumen road would require re-surfacing at a cost of at least £1000 per mile and in this second ten year period the maintenance for redressing would be a further £900, making a total cost for this period of £1900.

The cement bound macadam road in the second ten year period would probably require minor repairs and possibly a surface dressing with an asphalt carpet. The cost of this should not be more than £500 or £600.

These figures are conditional on no abnormal traffic such as extra heavy lorries &c being run over roads never built



to deal with it. It must be remembered that the life of both systems of road making referred to depends entirely on this point.

The cement bound macadam road has really passed beyond the experimental stage and Surveyors who have adopted it speak most highly in its favour.

The system is roughly as follows:-

The sub-base must be properly formed and solidified and be free from mud and dust.

On this a layer of approved broken stone of about 2 inches in depth is laid and consolidated with a light tandem roller. Over this is placed a layer of cement mortar (2 to 1) and over this again is evenly laid a further two inches of approved broken stone. The whole is then consolidated by the roller, working the mortar both down and up and really forming a concrete slab four inches thick. Special attention is given to provision for jointing and the surface is finished to approximate with the ordinary concrete road now familiar to the Council.

The work can be carried out by contract or by direct labour. If by the latter special plant will be necessary. The advantage of Council owning the plant would be that short isolated lengths could be dealt with and which a Contractor would refuse to take up.

The particulars of additional plant would be as follows:-

|                                           |       |
|-------------------------------------------|-------|
| Tandem Roller                             | £800  |
| Tractor and Wagons<br>for transport       | £250  |
| Concrete Mixer                            | £150  |
| Timber for screeds,<br>spikes, rammers &c | 50    |
|                                           | <hr/> |
|                                           | £1250 |
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The County Surveyor mentioned that if the road were not reconstructed it would cost £2000 a year for maintenance and they would not have a good road then. The only work necessary for the cement bound portion of the road for maintenance would be the drainage and the side work, costing about £250 for five years as against from £1600 to £1700 for a tar macadam road on the same section.

Mr. Keegan proposed:- "That the County Council agree to the method of improvement of Wexford-Rosslare Road as suggested by Local Government Department (Roads) in their letter of 4th Nov., 1929, (R/RG/32), and that the Department of Local Government be requested to accept from the County Council a contribution of £2000 towards the entire cost, this amount to be raised by loan."

Mr. O'Byrne seconded the motion which was adopted.

Mr. Corish proposed, and Mr. Clince seconded, the following resolution which was adopted nem.con. :-

"That on completion of negotiations with Local Government Department (Roads) as to amount of contribution of the County Council relative to the improvement of Wexford-Rosslare Road the amount agreed on as the contribution of the Council be raised by loan."

#### CLOHAMON-BUNCLODY ROAD

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. Armstrong:- "That a sum of £1500 be agreed to for the relaying in cement bound macadam of 230 perches of Clohamon Bunclody Road subject to Local Government Department contributing 40% of this amount and to a loan, repayable in ten years, being obtained for the balance."

Colonel Quin seconded the resolution which was adopted.

#### SCOLLAGH GAP ROAD

Mr. Shannon moved:- "That a sum of £2000 be agreed to for improvement of main Road to County Bounds at Scollagh Gap from the turn at Kiltaly by resurfacing, provided Local Government



Department agree to contribute 40% of the £2000, the balance to be raised on a ten year loan, the annual charge for which would be approximately £186 and Interest being calculated at 5%.

Mr. Gaul seconded.

The County Surveyor pointed out that the continuation of this road on the Carlow side was considerably better than the portion in County Wexford. The condition of the latter would have a very bad effect on securing payment of their maintenance grant. Last year he applied for a sum of £260 for maintenance on this road but the Council allowed only £78 with the result that it was going down. He had put in £260 for this year and if Mr. Shannon's proposal was accepted it would be a good proposition as the £186 for repayment of loan would replace the £260.

Colonel Gibbon said he was absolutely against spending the amount of the proposal on this road which was in the nature of a luxury instead of a necessity. He had been recently over nine counties, and, as regards their by-roads, Wexford would compare favourably with any of them. There was no justification in spending a huge sum of money on this road which was quite suitable for ordinary motor traffic.

Mr. Shannon said that he had been urged by the people of the district to bring forward this proposal.

a vote was taken on the motion with the following result:-  
 For:- Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, O'Byrne and Shannon.....11.  
 Against:-Messrs Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Mayler, Murphy, O'Ryan, Quin, Roche, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman.....15.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

#### BLACKWATER STREETS

A memorial signed by the Parish Priest, the Curate and 31 other ratepayers was read. This called attention to the very bad



condition of the streets in the village of Blackwater which had worn down so much that the paved water-tables were now higher than the centre of the roadway and at the bridge the key stones were practically stripped. The memorialists asked the County Council to give serious attention to the proposal to steam-roll about 600 yards as they believed it was waste of money to keep on patching work as at present. Steam rolling was now most essential owing to increased traffic.

The County Surveyor brought forward a proposal for £500 for the resurface of the portion of the streets which were main roads and £110 for the rolling of the portion on the County Road. He pointed out that if the Local Government Department paid the 40 per cent of maintenance grant the job would cost the rates £300.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded:- "That the proposal submitted by the County Surveyor for improvement of Blackwater streets be agreed to."

Mr. D'Arcy proposed as an amendment:- "That a sum of £500, in all, be set aside for the improvement of the streets of Blackwater Village on condition that the Local Government Department contribute 40% of the cost of the work on the main road section."

Mr. Brennan seconded.

Mr. O'Byrne withdrew his motion in favour of the amendment which was put and passed without dissent.

#### GOREY-COURTOWN ROAD

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The County Surveyor brought forward a proposal for £870, being 60% of sinking fund and Interest on cost of relaying 980 perches of the Gorey Courtown road in cement bound macadam, total cost of £6780, the proposal to be subject to the Local Government Department contributing 40% of the cost.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed:- "That the County Council approve the proposal of the County Surveyor."

Mr. Keegan seconded.

Mr. Hall said the road was impassable at the moment.



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After further discussion, Mr. Keegan withdrew his motion and proposed the following:- "That a sum of £6000 on the lines submitted by the County Surveyor to this meeting be provided for improvement of Gorey-Courtown road, amount to be raised by Loan repayable in ten years!"

Mr. Hall seconded.

A vote was taken with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hall, Hayes, Jordan, Keegan, O'Byrne, Miss O'Ryan, Quin, Shannon and Smyth.....16.  
Against:- Messrs Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Meyler, Murphy, Roche, Walsh and the Chairman.....10

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

#### COPER LANE

The following motion stood in the name of Mr. Shannon:-

"That £125 be provided for the purpose of repairing Coper Lane (Enniscorthy District)!"

The following attended as a deputation in favour of the proposal:- Messrs J. S. McDonald, William McDonald and Wm. Dunne, all of Ballyeden.

Mr. J. S. McDonald said there were ten families concerned. The lane had a sound bottom but required widening in one part only. If put into repair others besides those living on it would use it as a public thoroughfare. Clergy and Doctors attending on the people living on the lane were obliged to leave their motors on the main road.

Colonel Quin proposed, and Mr. Brennan seconded, a resolution to reject the proposal.

After discussion, the deputation agreed to widen the lane to the specified width and give the necessary land for this purpose, also to ease the corners and carry out all work to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor.

A poll was taken on the motion of Colonel Quin with the following result:-



For:- Messrs Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Hall, Quin and Gibbon (6).

Against:- Messrs Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Doran, Gaul, Hayes, Jordan, Keegan, Mayler, Murphy, O'Byrne, Roche, Shannon, Walsh and the Chairman (18)

Miss O'Ryan was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

Mr. Gaul proposed, and Mr. Cummins seconded, the following resolution:- "That the Council agree to expend £125 on repair of Coper Lane on condition that those concerned provide the necessary land for widening said lane, carry out widening and ease the corners, all to be done to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

The resolution was adopted without dissent.

ASKINVILLAR LANE  
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The County Surveyor brought forward, for discussion, by direction of the Roads Committee, a proposal for the expenditure of £60 to repair Askinvillar Lane.

In connection with this matter letter under date 22nd Oct., 1929, was read from Rev. W. Fortune, C.C., Kiltaly, stating that the surface of the lane was so bad it was even dangerous for pedestrians and its narrow width made it impassable for the carting of farm produce. The hardships inflicted on the people concerned in consequence of the dangerous condition of the lane called for immediate redress. It was only through the kindness of a neighbour that the people were able to carry on their business.

Dr. O'Neill, Killanne, wrote that the lane was impassable for car traffic of any kind. He had been to some of the houses on the lane and on each occasion he ~~walk~~ had to go across Country as he could not walk the lane.

Mr. Henry King wrote that the people living on the lane could not get to their houses except by travelling over his right of way



and passing through his yard or crossing his fields. This was becoming an awful nuisance and it was up to the County Council to have something done. He was quite willing to give the necessary land to have the lane widened.

An extensively signed memorial pointed out that it was necessary to have about 70 perches of the lane widened and repaired. It was used by five families and was at present more like the bed of a river than a road while the people using it were too poor to repair it. Unless they got some help from the County Council it would have to remain as it was.

Mr. Brennan, Solicitor, appeared, in support of the proposal and examined Thomas Cowman who resided on the lane.

Mr. Jordan said there was not a single lane in the County in regard to which there was more necessity to have repaired. He considered the people living on the lane were entitled to have at least a passable way to their houses.

After further discussion, the following resolution was proposed by Mr. Jordan, and seconded by Mr. Gaul:- "That a sum of £70 be provided for repair of Askinvillar Lane in addition to sufficient material ~~to~~ being supplied by the County Council for surfacing, costing approximately £20, provided that Mr. King agree to give the necessary land and that all work in connection with the matter is carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Doran, Gaul, Hayes, Jordan, Keegan, Meyler, Murphy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Roche, Shannon, Walsh and the Chairman.....(14)

Against:- Messrs Culleton, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Quin and Smyth (6).

Mr. Brennan did not vote.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

BREE LANE  
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At the meeting of the Council on 25th November, 1929, a



deputation consisting of Messrs M. Fortune (Sparrowsland); Joseph Wickham and James Cogley attended in connection with the repair of Bree Lane. It was then pointed out there were 22 families living on the lane which was a connecting link between two roads. A small part of it leading to the school was a public road; it was about a mile and a half in length.

The County Surveyor, at the meeting of the Council referred to, said the lane was only eleven feet wide in parts. There was no through traffic over it and it was purely and solely used by the local people.

The Chairman said that with 22 families living on the lane if they all did a little it should not be difficult to put it into repair.

Mr. D'Arcy said there were hundreds of similar lanes all over the Country - three or four in his own locality and the people were keeping them in order.

Mr. Hall proposed:- "That a sum of £210 be provided for repair of Bree Lane on condition that the requisite land to widen be given and that those concerned make suitable turns and do any necessary work required by the Council; all work to be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

Mr. O'Byrne seconded.

Mr. D'Arcy proposed:- "That the question of repairing Bree Lane be adjourned for twelve months."

Mr. Culleton seconded.

On a poll, the following voted in favour of the amendment:-  
Messrs Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Meyler, Murphy, Quin, Smyth, Roche and the Chairman.....9.  
Against:- Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, O'Byrne and Shannon.....11.

The following were not present when poll was taken:- Messrs Cooney, Doran, Gibbon, Jordan, O'Ryan and Walsh.....6

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.



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Mr. D'Arcy then proposed:- "That a sum of £175 be set aside for repair of Bree Lane."

Mr. Brennan seconded.

Mr. Hall withdrew his resolution in favour of this proposal which was adopted nem.con.

#### BLACKHALL LANE

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Mr. Meyler moved:- "That a sum of £15 be set aside for the purpose of repairing road at Blackhall leading from Road 895 to Scar!" Mr. Meyler said the lane was about 300 yards long and was as wide as any main road. The place was becoming very popular with bathers and, as the Council could see, the amount asked for was small.

Mr. Colfer seconded the motion which was unanimously adopted.

#### IMPROVEMENT DUNCANNON STREETS

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The County Surveyor brought forward a proposal for £500 for the steam rolling of quarter of a mile and the improvement with tarred stones of half a mile and also the improvement of footpaths in Duncannon village.

Mr. Cummins proposed, and Mr. Colfer seconded, the following resolution:- "That the work of improvement on Duncannon streets as recommended by Sub Committee, which met on 19th October, 1929, be agreed to, and that a sum of £500 be set aside in next year's Road Works Scheme for the purpose."

Mr. Murphy pointed out that the Sub Committee had gone into the matter and after the most careful examination came to the conclusion that it would require at least £500 to do anything like a decent job.

Mr. Walsh pointed out that it would be very difficult to keep the streets in anything like decent order except by steam rolling. The water tables also required attention. One of the principal streets was on a very steep hill and the water ran with great force down the thoroughfare. If the proposal of the Sub Committee was



carried out the place would need very little attention for a long time. Duncannon was a very popular seaside resort and deserved to have decently kept thoroughfares.

Mr. Cooney supported the recommendations of the Sub-Committee.

Mr. D'Arcy proposed and Mr. Brennan seconded, the following amendment:-

"That a sum of £400 be provided for the improvement of Duncannon streets."

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the amendment:- Messrs Brennan, D'Arcy, Hall and Smyth (4)

Against:- Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Doran, Gaul, Gibbon, Hayes, Jordan, Keegan, Meyler, Murphy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Roche, Shannon, Walsh and the Chairman (20).

Did not vote - Mr. Culleton and Colonel Quin (2).

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

A poll was then taken on the original motion with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Doran, Gaul, Hall, Hayes, Jordan, Keegan, Murphy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Shannon, Walsh and Meyler (18).

Against:- Messrs Brennan, Colloton, D'Arcy, Roche, Smyth, Quin, Gibbon and the Chairman (8)

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

#### WILLIAM STREET(WEXFORD) MAIN ROAD

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The County Surveyor brought forward a proposal for £300 for the purpose of laying 300 lineal yards of cement bound macadam (cement to be supplied free by the makers).

The County Surveyor said the value of the cement would be about £90.

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution:- "That a sum of £300 be set aside for improvement of portion of William Street, Wexford (Main Road) provided the necessary cement for the purpose be offered free of cost by the manufacturers."



A poll was taken with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Shannon and Walsh (12)

Against:- Messrs Brennan, Culleton, Doran, Gibbon, Jordan, Meyler, Murphy, Quin, Roche, Smyth and the Chairman (11).

Mr. D'Arcy declined to vote and Messrs Hall and Keegan were not present when vote was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

#### MAIN ROADS NEW ROSS URBAN

Mr. Walsh proposed the following resolution:- "That a sum of £95 be provided for the following items of improvement:- £15 to rebuild wall at entrance to Mr. Hearne's yard; £20 to remove wall for a distance of 20 yards and erect railing and £60 to replace 300 lineal yards defective cobble stone water channels in Portland cement.

Mr. Corish seconded the motion which passed without dissent.

#### RAHEENGURREN FORD

Mr. O'Byrne moved the following:- "That a sum of £200 be set aside for the purpose of building bridge at Raheengurren Ford!"

The memorial submitted to a recent meeting of the Council in respect of this matter was read. This pointed out that all vehicular traffic had to go through the river and during a wet season this was rendered almost impossible by floods.

Mr. Keegan seconded.

The Chairman said if this was so important as the promoters claimed it was extraordinary it was not remedied before now.

Mr. Keegan said that if the people had the same power in the past as they had now they would have moved in the matter.

The Chairman said that the place was in the same condition for the last 30 years and the Gorey District Council could have carried out the work were they so inclined. He could not understand (if the matter was so pressing) why it had not been seen to long ago and at the expense of the ratepayers in Gorey Union.



Colonel Quin said that the County and Assistant Surveyor of the district were against the proposal.

A poll was taken on the resolution with the following result:- For:- Messrs Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, O'Byrne, Shannon (12). Against:- Messrs Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Jordan, Meyler, Murphy, O'Ryan, Quin, Roche, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman (14).

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

#### KILLINCOOLEY ROAD

The County Surveyor brought forward a proposal for £75 to raise road at Killincooley in order to obviate flooding.

The motion was allowed to drop.

#### TINNEBERNA HILL

The County Surveyor brought forward a proposal for £25 for repair of hill at Tinneberna in view of a memorial from a number of road contractors who pointed out that it was impossible to haul full loads on account of the condition of the place.

No action was taken and the matter dropped

#### CAMPILE-BALLYSALLAGH ROAD

The County Surveyor brought forward a proposal for £300 to strengthen and roll Campile-Ballysallagh Road.

Mr. Murphy moved the provision of £150 for the work. He said they only wanted a road which would not break the springs of motor lorries carrying milk etc., to and from the creamery. The £55 spent recently on this road merely filled the slump holes.

Mr. Cummins seconded the motion which was adopted.

#### CORNER &c at Scarnagh

The County Surveyor brought forward a proposal for £20 to lower dangerous corner and fence at Scarnagh.

No action was taken and the proposal dropped.

#### TRUNK BRIDGE AT SCARNAGH

The County Surveyor brought forward a proposal for £50 to



to trunk bridge at Scarnagh.

No action taken and the motion dropped.

MACADAM CROSSINGS MAIN STREET GOREY

The County Surveyor brought forward a proposal for £45 to lay nine tar macadam crossings in Main Street, Gorey.

Mr. Keegan proposed a resolution that the Council accept the proposal of the County Surveyor.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded.

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

For:- Messrs Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, O'Byrne, Shannon (11).

Against:- Messrs Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Meyler, Murphy, O'Ryan, Quin, Roche, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman (15).

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

Mr. Keegan said he could promise the Council would hear more about the matter.

FOOTPATH McCURTAIN STREET, GOREY

The County Surveyor submitted a proposal for £35 for provision of kerb and surfacing footpath in McCurtain Street, Gorey.

Mr. O'Byrne moved and Mr. Keegan seconded the acceptance of the proposal.

A poll resulted as follows:-

For:- Messrs Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, O'Byrne, O'Ryan and Shannon (12).

Against:- Messrs Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Meyler, Murphy, Quin, Roche, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman (14).

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

CORNER AT COOLISHAL

The County Surveyor brought forward a proposal for £10 for



lowering corner and erecting standard and wire fence in Coolishal.

Mr. Keegan proposed, and Mr. Colfer seconded, the acceptance of the proposal.

A vote was taken with the following result:- For:- Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, O'Byrne, Quin, Shannon (12).

Against:- Messrs Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Meyler, Murphy, O'Ryan, Roche, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman (14).

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

#### ACCIDENT AT DUNCANNON

Mr. Murphy said that about a week ago a man named Laurence Furlong had been drowned at Duncannon and, in the course of the inquest, the Deputy Coroner implied almost that the County Council were responsible for the accident as there was no protection at the part of the quay where the man fell in. He said that bodies like the County Council never moved until an accident happened. He (Mr. Murphy) found, on enquiry, that the place at which Furlong was drowned was private property and that the County Council had nothing whatever to do with it. The public should be given to understand clearly that the County Council had no responsibility for the accident.

The County Surveyor said that the place at which the accident happened was private property.

Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, pointed out that the portion of the quay over which the County Council had control was properly protected.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Colonel Quin:- "That it be pointed out to the Deputy Coroner for South Wexford, relative to his remarks at Inquest, that the portion of Duncannon quays at which the recent fatal accident to Laurence Furlong happened is private property over which the County Council have no control."

*Michael Doyle*



CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I certify the foregoing to be a correct record of  
the Minutes of Proceedings of Wexford County Council in  
respect of Special Meeting held on 25th November, 1929.

(Signed) N J Kuzelle

Secretary Wexford County Council.

Dated this 2nd day of December, 1929.



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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M I N U T E S

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MEETING HELD ON 9th DECEMBER, 1929.

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N. J. FRIZELLE,  
SECRETARY.

FORTVIEW,  
WEXFORD.



The monthly meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in Co. Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 9th December, 1929.

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, James Gaul, Col. C. M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, 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, the Assistant Secretary, the County Surveyor and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, were also in attendance.

The Minutes of ordinary meeting of 11th November, 1929, and of Special meeting of 25th November were examined and signed.

THE LATE MOST REV. DR. CLEARY, BISHOP OF  
AUCKLAND

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Mr. Shannon, in proposing a vote of condolence with the relatives and friends of the late Most Rev. Dr. Henry W. Cleary, Bishop of Auckland, a native of Oulart in County Wexford, said that the late Dr. Cleary was not only a great Churchman but a very able Journalist. He was devoted to the Irish exiles in New Zealand and did a great deal for them in every way.

Mr. Hall seconded the resolution.

The Secretary also expressed the sympathy of himself and his staff.

The Chairman, in putting the motion (which was adopted in silence) said that Dr. Cleary had been a class fellow of his in St. Peter's College for five or six years. He was a brilliant man who loved his country faithfully and well and did honour to himself and his country in New Zealand. All the members of the Council sympathised most heartily with Dr. Cleary's friends and relations.



# ROAD ESTIMATES - ROAD WORKS SCHEME

The County Surveyor submitted Road Works' Scheme with amendments suggested by the Special meeting of the Council on 25th November, 1929.

The amount set out for Main Roads (maintenance and improvement) was £28,465. From this was taken the following amounts agreed to by special meeting:-

Gorey-Courtown Road (first instalment of loan of £6000) £930; amount for main road portion of Wexford-Rosslare Road £825 and for Urban works of improvement also agreed to at meeting of 25th November, 1929, £395. Total £2150. Deducting this from £28,465 left £26,315 for ordinary maintenance and which represented a rate of 16.046d in the £ on the County at Large.

The amount appearing in the Scheme for Rural Roads (maintenance and improvement) was £28,634. Deducting from this £3,175 - amount for improvement of Wexford Rosslare Road rural portion - and £1055 improvement works in Rural area, the net figure was £24,404 which represents a rate on the rural area of the County of 16.524d in the £. The total proposed rate, therefore, excluding amounts covered by loan for Gorey-Courtown Road, Wexford-Rosslare Road and improvement works would be 32.57d or  $2\frac{1}{8}d$  in the £, the amount suggested by meeting of 25th November, 1929.

Assuming that the Local Government Department accepted the figure of the Council for the maintenance etc., of main roads at £28,465 leaving out certain special items amounting to £2370 the balance of £26095 would qualify for State grant of 40% which would yield £10410. Last year the grant for maintenance of Main roads was £7873. Comparing those figures for a net road rate the figure for financial year would be  $2\frac{1}{2}d$  in the £ as compared with  $2\frac{1}{4}d$  for the current year.

The Chairman pointed out it had been stated to him that at the previous meeting the argument had been used if they did



not pass a certain amount the Council would not become entitled to grants. Such was not the case.

Mr. M. M. Roche said that he was not influenced by such an argument in voting for the rate that was passed.

The Chairman stated that he was only stating what was put up to him.

Mr. Roche stated he had been speaking to farmers who told him that if the roads were allowed to become any worse than they were at the present time they would be practically impassible. If it were the idea of some members that it would be economical to allow the roads to get into that condition it was not his idea. The least they might do was to keep the roads in such a condition as to make them passable. If the roads were to be neglected it might be economy for a year or two, but eventually the county would suffer very sharply.

The Chairman said he was not alluding to the voting of any of the members at the previous meeting. It had been put up to him subsequently that if the Council did not fix the rate at a certain figure their grants would be curtailed, which was not the case. That was put forward as an excuse to justify the voting.

Mr. Colloton stated that he did not believe that a rate of 2/6d in the £ was sufficient.

Mr. Roche asked how the road rate for the County compared with that in Waterford and also the mileage of roads in both counties.

The County Surveyor replied that the mileage in Waterford was 1,350 and in Wexford 2,000. The amounts struck for roads in both counties were similar. The Waterford County Surveyor asked for £103,000 and was voted £50,000. He pointed out that the following road rates had been struck for financial year 1929-30 in other Counties:- Carlow 2/4d; Cavan 2/11d; Cork 2/7½d; Donegal 4/8½; Dublin 3/5½; Kerry 4/1d; Kildare 2/3d; Kilkenney 3/4½; Leix 3/4d; Limerick 2/9d; Longford 2/1d; Louth 2/1¼d;



Mayo 3/-; Meath 3/4½d; Monaghan 2/9½d; Offaly 2/10¾; Roscommon 2/10d; Sligo 2/5½; Tipperary North 3/6d; Tipperary South 3/3d; Waterford 2/6d and Wicklow 2/8d.

After considerable discussion the following resolution was moved by Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Council allocate a sum of £28,465 for improvement and maintenance of main roads and a sum of £28,633 : 14: 8d for improvement and maintenance of rural roads for financial year 1930-31!"

Mr. Colloton said there was great dissatisfaction in the district at the decision of the Council to spend £500 for the steam rolling of Blackwater streets. The road from Wexford to Blackwater was in very bad condition. He proposed that the amount set aside for steamrolling Blackwater streets, viz., £500, be applied to the maintenance of the road from Wexford to Blackwater.

Mr. Mayler seconded the resolution which was adopted.

The resolution of Mr. O'Byrne setting out the allocation for road maintenance was then put and passed.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Keegan, that the proposed loan of £6000 for improvement of Gorey-Courtown Road be for a ten year period.

The following resolution was read from Courtown Harbour Development Committee:-

"That, we, the members of the Courtown Harbour Development Committee, express our very grateful appreciation of the action of the County Council in passing the sum of £6000 for the reconstruction of the Gorey-Courtown Road."

#### DANGEROUS CORNERS

Colonel Quin said that as regards the easement of dangerous corner at Borleigh, work at which, he understood, could be carried out for £15, he would give the necessary land and contribute half the cost, £7: 10: 0d, if the Council would agree to the work which was recommended by the County Surveyor.



Mr. Keegan proposed, and Mr. Murphy seconded, the following resolution which was adopted:- "That work of easement of dangerous corner at Burleigh be carried out provided cost to the Council does not exceed £7: 10: 0d"

Colonel Quin then filled cheque for £7: 10: 0d and handed it to the Secretary.

Mr. W. H. Lett, Balloughton House, Bannow, wrote, under date 3rd December, 1929, calling attention to the very dangerous turn on the Balloughton road where there had been a good many accidents, four of which he had seen. The obstruction could be obviated by an outlay of about £5. He would give the land free on condition that the work be done within three months.

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor for report.

#### EMPLOYMENT OF MEN ON ROADS

In reply to Miss O'Ryan, the County Surveyor said he had very little money left to carry on road work until the end of March next.

Miss O'Ryan asked that the Road Staff should be employed for the balance of the month of December. The County Surveyor was able to do this last year and she asked that the same apply to the present year.

Mr. Gaul asked how did the money available for roads stand.

County Surveyor - Most of the road funds are almost depleted.

Mr. Gaul - It is only fair then to the County Surveyor to ask how he can carry on the work unless he has funds.

The County Surveyor stated he was asking for an allocation for a number of roads from the Contingency Fund. That fund was nearly exhausted owing to having to meet the amount for insurance cards that were burned.

Chairman - Has that amount not yet been recouped ?

County Surveyor - We can't get any word about it.

The County Surveyor stated the money was not available to



carry out Miss O'Ryan's suggestion.

Miss O'Ryan submitted that the money which had been spent on the roads during the summer should be kept over for the winter. The unemployed roadmen would be hungry during Christmas if something were not done for them in the meantime.

The County Surveyor said he was keeping a few pounds in reserve as there might be abnormally necessary repairs on certain roads which would be quite unforeseen at the moment. Certain roads in consequence of sudden bursts might become impassable if not seen to at once and it was necessary that money should be retained for the purpose. So far as employment was concerned the system of maintenance on main roads was completely altered from what it was. Heretofore the work was done in the winter months but now the major portion was done in the summer. It was not possible to spread ordinary patches of stones on the main roads to any great extent as the stuff would be scattered all over the place. In consequence these roads had to be levelled up and road treated with tar and screenings in the summer. If they waited till the winter the roads would become impassable. There would be an absolute uproar if stones were spread on the leading roads in winter. Consequently most money had to be spent in the summer.

Mr. Hayes stated that there were nine men who only started work four weeks ago under Mr. Kehoe, deputy surveyor, and they were now under a week's notice.

Miss O'Ryan asked could any money be allocated for work forthwith to assist the men she referred to.

Colonel Quin stated there were other men besides the roadmen to be considered. He regretted the amount of unemployment, but the Council could not make specific cases of the men referred to.

Miss O'Ryan - Those people happen to be unemployed and that is why I ask for it.

Miss O'Ryan - What you did last year was to put men into the quarries.



County Surveyor - That could be done. We'll want a big stock of material next year.

Chairman - I think the recommendation of the Council should be that Mr. Barry should give employment if possible.

Mr. Corish suggested that the County Surveyor could place some men in the quarries to prepare material for the Rosslare road.

The County Surveyor stated he had notified the contractors for the work on the Ferrycarrig-Wexford road that he should get a surrender of Kerlogue quarry from them early in the new year, as he wanted to place men in it to prepare material for the Wexford-Rosslare road so as to have the job finished by the end of May.

Miss O'Ryan then proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor employ, for quarry work, as many Road workers as possible for Christmas period!"

Passed unanimously.

#### CAMBLIN-NEW ROSS ROAD

Mr. Cooney enquired why the men had been held up on the Camblin New Ross Road.

The County Surveyor said that the work on this road could not be done in the winter; he had carried it on to the last possible date.

Mr. Cooney - You had dry weather and the men were stopped.

The Chairman stated there were very bad reports as to the manner in which the money allowed or borrowed for the work on that road was being spent, and he wished to know how the work was going on. It was referred to him by two or three people.

The County Surveyor stated he was satisfied that a good job was being done on the road. The section nearest to New Ross had been expensive on account of its twisty character. He would



be able to carry on the work as far as Slaught Cross with the money on hands but this would not allow of the full length as proposed. There had been complaints about little portions of the road holding water. It should be remembered that the road had to be re-surfaced and re-sprayed, and when that was done the job would be a good one. The holes where the water lodged were not sufficiently deep to be dealt with. They were so shallow that nothing could be put into them.

Replying to Mr. Murphy, the County Surveyor stated that the surface of a portion of the road appeared to have been made too flat. The first section had got a good camber, but it could possibly be better with a bigger amount. When raised it would be all right.

Mr. Murphy - Don't you think it is a bad thing to have a traction engine and two lorries working on one part of the road while making another portion ?.

County Surveyor - The traction engine did not do any damage until the road softened.

Mr. Cooney - I advised Mr. Barry about that and he tabooed it. Everybody is complaining whether, rightly or wrongly, that the money got for the road is not being spent judiciously on it and that the job is not a good one.

The County Surveyor stated the improvement work done adjoining New Ross was absolutely essential. He was satisfied that at the end of six months the job would be a satisfactory one.

Mr. Walsh stated he had seen the road and heard a lot of discussion about it. The County Surveyor might know the road better than he from the engineering point of view. He did not agree with the County Surveyor's description of the water-holes and he believed the road would be in a very bad state after the winter. He considered the work was not being <sup>properly</sup> carried out and he, therefore, suggested, that a Committee of the Council would inspect the road and the work that had been done. The road was



anything but a good one. It might be the fault of the road or of the material but the work should be seen to. He proposed that the road be inspected by a Committee of the Council.

Mr. Cooney seconded.

Mr. Murphy suggested that the Committee should comprise members from outside the New Ross area.

Mr. Walsh's proposition was adopted and Colonel Gibbon, Messrs Corish, Cummins, O'Byrne and Hall were appointed to act on the Committee to meet on Friday, 13th December at 11 o'clock a.m., to be accompanied by the County and Assistant Surveyors.

#### MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

##### Finance:-

The Minutes of Finance Committee, in respect of meeting held on 21st November, 1929, were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 21st November, 1929.

Present:- Messrs Sean O'Byrne, James Hall, Thomas McCarthy and John J. Colleton.

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

On the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Hall, the chair was taken by Mr. O'Byrne.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2451: 10: 7d was examined and signed.

#### STATE OF RATE COLLECTION

The following shows the percentage of first moiety of Rate for 1929-30 collected to date:-

|        |                |     |
|--------|----------------|-----|
|        | E. J. Murphy   | 97% |
|        | J. J. O'Reilly | 94  |
|        | J. Curtis      | 93  |
|        | T. Bolger      | 91  |
|        | John Doyle     | 91  |
|        | A. Dunne       | 90  |
|        | J. Cummins     | 90  |
|        | S. Gannon      | 89  |
|        | P. O'Byrne     | 89  |
| (No.1) | J. Quirke      | 88  |
|        | Thomas Rowe    | 86  |
| (No.4) | J. Quirke      | 84  |
|        | J. Deegan      | 84  |
|        | Philip Doyle   | 84  |
|        | W. Cummins     | 84  |
|        | J.J.Sinnott    | 83  |
|        | P. Carty       | 80  |
|        | P. Donohoe     | 69  |
|        | Thomas Sutton  | 62  |
|        | J. J. Kelly    | 55  |
|        | M. J. Culleton | 50. |

Under date 21st November, 1929, Mr. John O'Kennedy, Rate Inspector, wrote that his fidelity guarantee bond with New Ireland Assurance Co., had cost him £5 as he had been charged at the same rate as the Rate Collectors. He would feel grateful if Council would pay half the premium.

It was decided to refer this communication to the County Council.

#### FIDELITY GUARANTEE BONDS FOR RATE COLLECTORS

The following under date 19th November, 1929, was read from



the New Ireland Assurance Co. Ltd:-

"We enclose herewith Fidelity Guarantee bonds in respect of all the Rate Collectors for the Wexford County Council with the exception of Collectors S. Gannon and Culleton. In the latter cases Surety Bonds have not been completed and we, therefore, enclose a cover note herewith extending cover for a further ten days in these two cases.

"All Bonds have been brought up to 31st May in conformity with the closing dates of the current warrant. We shall require the full Premium of £9 per Collector in respect of each Bond by reason of the fact that we have accepted to carry the Council's liability in respect of arrears of Collections due as at the commencement date of the Bonds, and that, therefore, although the bond period is one of ten months we have in this period to carry a full twelve months' risk. Again, both your Collectors and Council will appreciate that we have gone to considerable expense to facilitate them and the enclosed Bonds are issued and forwarded on this express condition. In the event of the Collectors' or Council's non-acceptance of this arrangement the Company reserves to itself the right to cancel the enclosed Bonds forthwith notwithstanding anything expressed or contained to the contrary in the enclosed Bonds."

In conclusion the New Ireland Company pointed out that Pay Order for £189: 10/- in their favour should be forwarded.

It was decided that form of fidelity guarantee bond, forwarded by the New Ireland Company, should be submitted to Mr. Elgee, Solr., and also to the Local Government Department and that the necessary amount to cover cost of bond be forwarded the Company on receipt of approval of form of bond and that the deductions for cost of bond be made in each case from poundage of Rate Collectors having regard to the cases in which the Council have agreed to make a contribution of £3 towards cost of bond.

Under date 20th November, 1929, Mr. M. J. Culleton, Rate Collector, for No.5 District, wrote that acting on medical advice



he had reluctantly decided to resign his position as Rate Collector. He regretted the inconvenience that this step might occasion the Council.

Medical certificate from Dr. Brady, Bannow, that Mr. Culleton was still incapable of discharging his duties and would be confined to bed for a further two weeks, at least, was read.

The amount outstanding in the district was - for first moiety of current rate £1782: 13: 3d and for arrears £1590:10:0d - Total £3373: 3: 3d.

An application was read from Collector John Doyle (No.19 District) to take over the district in order to close the collection was read.

Messrs A. Forest, Wellingtonbridge and Philip E. Mayler, Harristown, Ballymitty, personal sureties for Mr. Culleton wrote that they wished to have Mr. Doyle appointed as temporary collector for No.5 District.

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

"That, subject to sanction by County Council and Local Government Department, we hereby accept the resignation of Martin J. Culleton as Rate Collector for No.5 District, and appoint as temporary Collector, to close warrant for said District, John Doyle, Collector for No.19 District. This resolution to be effective on receipt of intimation from New Ireland Assurance Co., that they agree to the proposal. That the appointment of Mr. Doyle as temporary Collector for No.5 District be at once advertised in the local newspapers.

Under date 18th November, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.82349/1929 Loch Garman Fa) that, as already pointed out, there was no legal authority for the proposed payment of a gratuity in respect of the termination of Mr. Jasper Whitty's employment as checker of Rate Collectors' Accounts for Enniscorthy District, but, at the same time, the Minister would not object to



the recoupment to Mr. Whitty of reasonable vouched expenses.

It was decided that copy of this communication be forwarded Mr. Whitty for his information.

#### DEFAULTING LAND COMMISSION ANNUITANTS

Under date 12th November, 1929, the Irish Land Commission wrote (Corr No. 1060/29 Co. Wexford Defaulting Land Annuitants) forwarding lists of defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants in Co. Wexford against whom legal proceedings had been directed to be taken for the recovery of the instalments due on the 1st May and 1st June last in respect of advances made under various Land Purchase Acts. As these instalments were in course of collection thro' the State Solicitor it was probable that in a number of cases the arrears had been paid since the lists were prepared.

The members present examined the lists.

#### SANCTION TO OVERDRAFT

Under date 6th November, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote (G. 78997/1929 Loch Garman Fa) that the Minister had sanctioned overdraft accommodation not exceeding £40,000 to the 31st December next; Interest thereon to be paid at the usual rate.

#### PUBLIC LIABILITY POLICY - INSURANCE

The County Surveyor submitted the following communication, under date 19th November, 1929, from Messrs McDonagh & Boland, Insurance Brokers, 51, Dame Street, Dublin, relative to Public Liability Policy 280281:-

"Referring to ours of the 26th ultimo we regret it was not possible to write you further before now as Mr. McHale, Accident Manager of the Hibernian Company, was out of town. We have now discussed the matter fully with this Official.

'It seems almost inevitable that damage to crops and property in close proximity to quarries must suffer each time blasting operations are carried out. If the Council could insert a Clause in their Renting Agreements with the various quarry owners making each owner treat the first £5 of such claims as surface damage



no question would arise as to rating or conditions of this Policy. Alternatively, the company suggest that if this procedure is not adopted the Policy would remain as it stands but they would require the Council to accept liability for damage to buildings or crops owned by farmers on whose lands the quarries are situated occurring inside a radius of 50 yards from the nearest point of a quarry edge.

'In view of the number of claims which occurred the Council, by adopting the first suggestion would be taking a precaution which would prevent any alteration in the present premium or terms of Policy.

'We agree that your Employer's Liability Insurance for the past few years has been profitable to the Company but the general experience of County Councils' risks has not been so for some years past. Where quarrying is carried on to any great extent a series of accidents might occur at any time which would easily convert a good experience into a very bad one.

'We shall be glad to hear from you when your Council have considered the suggestions put forward!'

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by the Chairman:- "We recommend the County Council to inform Messrs McDonagh & Boland, Insurance Brokers, that as regards the proposals set out in their letter of 19th November, 1929 relative to the public liability Insurance Policy of the Wexford County Council, if the Hibernian Insurance Company are dissatisfied with the present position the County Council will endeavour to effect insurances with another Company as the Finance Committee must decline to make a recommendation to the County Council to accept the proposals submitted by Messrs McDonagh & Boland in this matter."

#### REFUND OF RATES

Under date 8th November, 1929, the Accountant, Great Southern Railways, wrote (N.223/3) asking for paying order for £719: 4/- refund of rates in consequence of decrease in valuation of the



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the property of the Company.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Railway Company be informed the amount claimed by them is being raised by the Council in rate estimate for year 1929-30 and amount will be discharged as soon as Rate Collection in respect of period ending 31st March, 1930, has been closed.

#### ENNISCORTHY COURTHOUSE

Under date 21st November, 1929, the following was read from the County Surveyor:-

"The District Justice Clerk, in Enniscorthy, has complained to me of the great dampness of his Office in the Courthouse, Enniscorthy, and he points out that his records and books are getting destroyed. He has had to remove some of the papers already. He suggests and asks permission to use the upper rooms in the Courthouse which are not required under present circumstances for other purposes. I made an inspection of the Courthouse on yesterday, and consider that his request should be acceded to. The changes that will be necessary in moving counter and erecting shelves, and so forth and providing press will not, I estimate, exceed £10. I shall be glad if you will bring this before the Finance Committee to-day as Mr. Doran is pressing the matter."

It was decided that the Enniscorthy District Court Clerk be allowed to use, as a temporary measure, the large room in the first floor of Enniscorthy Courthouse, the County Surveyor to see what can be done to counteract the dampness in his present office.

In connection with this Courthouse it was decided that the question of the appointment of permanent caretaker for the Courthouse be considered at next meeting of the County Council.

#### BUNCLODY COURTHOUSE

The Chairman called attention to the fact that there were no fittings or furniture in Bunclody Courthouse.

Mr. Elgee said he was not aware what arrangements had been



made with Dr. Dormer, the landlord, in this matter but he wished to point out that the County Council had not the exclusive right to the use of the place.

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hall, that Dr. Dormer be requested to provide the furniture for the necessary accommodation in Bunclody Courthouse.

#### GOREY COURTHOUSE

An application was received for permission to use Gorey Courthouse for a lecture by Fr. Dudley on 3rd December, 1929.

After a long discussion, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That use of Gorey Courthouse be allowed to the Committee in charge of lecture by Fr. Dudley for 3rd December next but that, in future, the use of all courthouses be restricted to Court purposes, County Council business or to classes of Lectures arranged for by County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

#### ANTHRACITE COAL FOR COURTHOUSE STOVES

Under date 21st November, 1929, the County Surveyor wrote:-

"I ask for authority to order a supply of Kilkenny Anthracite Coal for use in all our Courthouses. The coal available locally is, in my opinion, not at all suitable for the stoves and moreover it is impossible that it can be burned in an open grate. If Anthracite coal be used in the grates as well as in the stoves in Enniscorthy Courthouse it would go a long way to drying out the place."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That the County Surveyor be empowered to order a wagon load of Anthracite coal for use in County Courthouses."

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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 21st November, 1929, be received and considered".

Enniscorthy Courthouse

In connection with the proposed appointment of permanent caretaker for Enniscorthy Courthouse the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Quin:-

"That the attention of the Minister for Justice be called to letter of 12th August last (216/67) from his Private Secretary, on the subject of the holding of Circuit Court sittings at Enniscorthy, Gorey and New Ross, and that he be asked to state if he is in a position to deal definitely with the request of the Council in this matter."

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee of 21st November, 1929, be, and are hereby, confirmed."

The minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 5th December, 1929, were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 5th December, 1929.

Present:- Messrs John Colloton, James Hall, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, James Shannon and James E. Walsh.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary and Rate Inspector were in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Shannon, the chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2271: 16: 3d was examined and signed.

(Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman to the Council, then attended and presided for the rest of the meeting).

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 2nd December, 1929 (2173/29) from the Commissioners of Public Works:-

"We have to remind you that you have not yet lodged to our credit the sum of £287: 13: 2d, being the contribution of your Council towards the cost of carrying out the necessary dredging operations at Kilmore Harbour. We shall be obliged if you will have this amount lodged to our credit at any bank as soon as possible."

It was decided that the Commissioners of Works be informed that the matter of payment of amount in question was still under the consideration of the County Council.

RATE COLLECTION

The following shows the percentage of the amount of first moiety rate collection up to 30th November, 1929:-

|                |    |
|----------------|----|
| E. J. Murphy   | 99 |
| J. J. O'Reilly | 98 |
| T. Bolger      | 95 |
| John Curtis    | 94 |
| John Doyle     | 94 |
| A. Dunne       | 93 |
| J. Cummins     | 91 |
| P. O'Byrne     | 91 |



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|--------|----------------|-----|
|        | Sean Gannon    | 90  |
| (No.1) | James Quirke   | 89  |
|        | W. Cummins     | 88  |
|        | Thomas Rowe    | 87  |
|        | J. Deegan      | 86  |
|        | J.J.Sinnott    | 86  |
| (No.4) | James Quirke   | 86  |
|        | P. Doyle       | 86  |
|        | P. Carty       | 82  |
|        | P. Donohoe     | 80  |
|        | Thomas Sutton  | 65  |
|        | M. Kelly       | 60  |
|        | M. J. Culleton | 50. |

The Rate Inspector said that Collector Sutton did not (owing to the backwardness of his previous collection) get his books until about two months ago and Kelly only six weeks ago for the same reason. Sutton was working hard since, and Kelly was improving in his methods of collection.

Letters were read from the personal sureties of Collector James Quirke (No.1 District) that they had no objection to this Collector undertaking the extra work in connection with the closing of Rate Collection in No.4 District.

Under date 28th November, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.85272/1929 Loch Garman Fa) that the Minister would raise no objection to the appointment of Collector John Doyle (No.19 District) to complete the collection in No.5 District consequent on the resignation of Collector Culleton. It was noted that Collector Culleton's sureties had agreed to the arrangement.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That as regards acceptance of resignation of Collector M. J. Culleton (No.5 District), the Finance Committee are of opinion this should not become effective until the collection of rates in his district has been closed."

It was also decided that Collector Doyle (No.19 District), should submit approval from his personal sureties to his undertaking Collection in No.5 District.

Cover Note for £900 in connection with Collector Doyle's extra work in No.5 District was received from New Ireland Assurance Co., pending issue of Fidelity Guarantee Bond.



In connection with form of Bond issued by New Ireland Assurance Co., for all the Collectors, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, wrote that the Bond was not in the form provided by the Public Bodies Order and, this being so he suggested that the approval of the Local Government Department to the bond should be obtained.

According to the Bond the Company would be responsible only for any embezzlement etc., which was discovered within three months after the death, dismissal or retirement of the Collector from the service of the Council and that in the conditions annexed to the Bond that any salary or commission which for the acts of fraud or dishonesty on which claim on the Company was founded would have been payable to the Collector, or any money due to the latter should be deducted from the amount payable under the bond. He (Mr. Elgee) did not know if the Council had power to agree to this proposal without the <sup>san</sup>ction of the Local Government Department and the attention of the Local Government Department should be also called to this clause. Otherwise the bond in his opinion sufficiently covered the Council.

The Secretary stated that the bond had been forwarded to the Local Government Department for their approval.

In connection with proposed payment of gratuity to Mr. Jasper Whitty, Ex-Deputy Checker of Rate Collectors, Mr. Whitty submitted particulars of expenses incurred during the 15 year period of office as Deputy Checker of Rates in Enniscorthy area, amounting to £15: 17: 6d.

It was decided to ask Local Government Department for approval to payment of Mr. Whitty's account for out-of-pocket expenses.

#### IRRECOVERABLE RATES

Lists of Irrecoverable and temporary uncollectable rates were submitted by Rate Inspector who stated he had made full enquiries in connection with same and had consulted Councillors resident in the various areas.

The amounts for the various districts were as follows:-



|                      | <u>Irrecoverable</u> | <u>Uncollectable</u>  |
|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Wexford District     | 269 : 15 : 8         | 651 : 12 : 3          |
| Enniscorthy District | 320 : 12 : 8         | 1567 : 5 : 8          |
| Gorey District       | 204 : 16 : 5         | 110 : 13 : 11         |
| New Ross District    | 106 : 19 : 1         | 330 : 2 : 3           |
|                      | <u>£902 : 3 : 10</u> | <u>£2659 : 14 : 1</u> |

The amounts for the Collectors were as follows:

|     | <u>Name</u>      | <u>Irrecoverable</u> | <u>Uncollectable</u>  | <u>Total</u>           |
|-----|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1.  | James Quirke     | 43 : 16 : 4          | 28 : 13 : 7           | 72 : 9 : 11            |
| 2.  | Thomas Sutton    | 48 : 17 : 2          | 296 : 12 : 9          | 345 : 9 : 11           |
| 3.  | Philip Doyle     | 37 : 10 : 9          | 159 : 0 : 0           | 196 : 10 : 9           |
| 4.  | James Quirke     | 139 : 11 : 5         | 167 : 5 : 11          | 306 : 17 : 4           |
| 5.  | M. J. Culleton   |                      |                       |                        |
| 6.  | Matthew M. Kelly | 94 : 6 : 2           | 434 : 9 : 6½          | 528 : 15 : 8½          |
| 7.  | John Deegan      | 93 : 6 : 9           | 137 : 17 : 11         | 231 : 4 : 8            |
| 8.  | Joseph Cummins   | 22 : 16 : 11         | 212 : 15 : 8          | 235 : 12 : 7           |
| 9.  | Patrick O'Byrne  | 70 : 18 : 3          | 295 : 9 : 10½         | 366 : 8 : 1½           |
| 10. | Sean Gannon      | 14 : 3 : 1           | 37 : 10 : 7           | 51 : 13 : 8            |
| 11. | Walter Cummins   | 6 : 16 : 6           | 316 : 4 : 8           | 323 : 1 : 2            |
| 12. | Patrick Donohoe  | 18 : 5 : 0           | 132 : 17 : 5          | 151 : 2 : 5            |
| 13. | J. J. O'Reilly   | 21 : 19 : 1          | 11 : 12 : 1           | 33 : 11 : 2            |
| 14. | Thady Bolger     | 13 : 3 : 1           | 28 : 18 : 3           | 42 : 1 : 4             |
| 15. | Art Dunne        | 159 : 7 : 2          | 9 : 5 : 3             | 168 : 12 : 5           |
| 16. | J. J. Sinnott    | 10 : 7 : 1           | 60 : 18 : 4           | 71 : 5 : 5             |
| 17. | E. J. Murphy     | 4 : 2 : 3            | 162 : 13 : 4          | 166 : 15 : 7           |
| 18. | Thomas Rowe      | 12 : 16 : 9          | 59 : 18 : 10          | 72 : 15 : 7            |
| 19. | John Doyle       | 9 : 14 : 2           | 22 : 1 : 10           | 31 : 16 : 0            |
| 20. | John D. Curtis   | 11 : 18 : 11         | 69 : 11 : 0           | 81 : 9 : 11            |
| 21. | Patrick Carty    | 68 : 7 : 0           | 15 : 17 : 3           | 84 : 4 : 3             |
|     |                  | <u>£902 : 3 : 10</u> | <u>£2659 : 14 : 1</u> | <u>£3561 : 17 : 11</u> |

On the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne it was agreed that sums amounting to £902: 3 : 10d and £2659: 14: 1d be struck off as Irrecoverable and temporary uncollectable respectively.



APPOINTMENT CLERICAL ASSISTANT IN CO.COUNCIL  
OFFICES

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The following, under date 22nd November, 1929 (G.82373/1929 Loch Garman Sa) 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 14th instant, relative to the vacancy on the clerical staff of the County Council created by the dismissal of Mr. P. Hawkins, and I am to state that the Minister would be willing to consent to the filling of the position at the remuneration proposed, £90 by £5, to £150, per annum, as the result of an open competitive examination in the subjects mentioned.

'The Minister sees no reason to anticipate that candidates suitably qualified in Shorthand and Typewriting would not be available.'".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Colloton:- "That the direction of the Minister for Local Government in letter of 22nd November, 1929, (G.82373/1929 Loch Garman Fa) as to appointment of Clerical Assistant in County Council Offices be accepted. That standard for examination be the Intermediate Certificate of the Department of Education. That Shorthand speed be 100 words per minute with 40 words per minute for typing from Shorthand note.

"That the Minister for Local Government Department be asked to set the papers and also make provision for the supervision of the examination."

COUNTY COURTHOUSE RENOVATION

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By directions of Circuit Judge Devitt, Mr. Elgee submitted a statement which the latter had made at last Circuit Court sittings calling attention to the inadequacy of the present Courthouse in Wexford. The Legal Practitioners agreed with him that the time had come when sufficient accommodation should be provided for carrying on the business of the Courts.



Under date 23rd November, 1929, the following letter (Ref. 404/196) was read from the Department of Finance:-

"With reference to your letter of the 12th instant regarding the award of compensation for the destruction of Wexford Courthouse, I am directed by the Minister for Finance to say that he is having an examination made of the plans, specification, etc. He regrets that it will not be possible to have the result of the examination communicated to the Council by the 25th instant, but the matter will be expedited as far as possible.

It was decided that copy of Representations from the Circuit Court Judge be furnished the Department of Finance and that copy of letter from the Department of Finance, that they were examining the plans etc., be furnished Circuit Court Judge Devitt.

#### ROADS ACT - RECOUPMENT OF EXPENSES OF ADMINISTRATION

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The following, under date 9th November, 1929, (R/MT/209/32) was read from the Department of Local Government (Roads):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to this Department's Circulars M.T.209 of the 13th March, 1924, and 15th September, 1925, relative to the above-mentioned subject, and to state that it has been decided to reduce the maximum amount recoupable in respect of Supervisory and Clerical duties in connection with the work of motor registration and licensing as from 1st ultimo. On and from that date and until further notice the maximum amount which can be recouped in respect of the duties in County Wexford is £360 per annum, or  $1\frac{1}{2}\%$  of the net amount collected and lodged to the credit of the Motor Tax Account of the County Council, whichever is the lesser.

"In view of the increase in the rates and amounts of motor licence duties collected, the sums named in Guarantee Bonds generally require revision. Arrangements should accordingly be made to have the Bond entered into by Mr. Richards increased to £1,000. Full particulars of the premium, etc., should be communicated



to this Department before the transaction is completed."

It was decided that consideration of this communication be adjourned to next Finance Committee meeting, Mr. O'Byrne remarking that an arrangement might be come to by which Mr. Richards would have the services of Junior Clerk during rush periods and that Mr. Richards services would be available for portion of ordinary County work at other times.

It was also agreed that Mr. Richards be directed to enter into a Bond of £1000 as instructed by the Minister.

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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 5th December, 1929, be received and considered!"-  
Irrecoverable &c., Rates

The Chairman stated he did not know if there was any district which called for special attention. Regarding Mr. Colloton's collection, he stated that the collection in that district was not good for a long time. The district had met nothing but misfortune for the past six or seven years. They had collectors who would not collect the rates and they had men who tried to collect them and between getting new collectors almost every second week the amount uncollected was stated to be £660. That should not have been so if the collection had been properly looked after. He was not suggesting that Mr. Colloton was to blame. Mr. Colloton found he was unable to collect them and when <sup>his</sup> health failed him he gave up the position.

Mr. O'Byrne stated that in all the cases which came before the Finance Committee reasons were given why the money was not able to be collected at the present time and as to the possibility of it being collected later.

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

"That the decision of Finance Committee, relative to irrecoverable and temporary uncollectable rates be confirmed. That the sum of £26: 8 : 0d be struck off as Irrecoverable for No.14 District and sums of £234: 17: 5d as irrecoverable and £660: 9 : 5d as temporary uncollectable in No.5 District, these amounts not having been ascertained in time for meeting of Finance Committee."

Proposed Appointment Clerical Assistant, Co. Council Offices.

Mr. Hall said the Finance Committee agreed to the proposal



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of the Minister for a competitive examination under protest.

Miss O'Ryan - Hitherto we did not have competitive examinations. We had qualifying examinations.

Chairman - It is hardly fair for the Ministry to take those appointments out of the Council's hands, and I say they are exceeding their duty in the matter. Continuing he said there were three members of the Finance Committee who were not favourable to the Ministry's recommendation, but they were out-voted by the others. The Ministry seemed to be taking over all authority from the Council as far as appointments were concerned. The Council agreed to appoint a man on a qualifying examination, and that he could learn typewriting and shorthand after appointment, but the Ministry had ruled that out.

Mr. Corish said he was very doubtful if the Minister had any right to rule the Council out in the matter. In a competitive examination they might easily get a young boy out of school who would be at the top in the examination, but might not be worth a hang as far as the Council was concerned. Another candidate out of school for some time, while not at the top in the examination, might be qualified for the ~~position~~ position the Council wanted him to fill.

The Chairman said he did not think the Ministry or Appointments Commission had any authority over examinations outside examinations in connection with appointments of executive officers.

Colonel Quin said he thought every law had some faults, and competitive examination was the best and fairest way of dealing with the matter.

Miss O'Ryan suggested that they should not allow the matter to go without a protest. They should say that they agreed to the standard laid down for the examination, but wanted to have it a qualifying examination instead of competitive.

Colonel Quin proposed the following, which was seconded by



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by Colonel Gibbon:- "That examination for Clerical Assistant in County Council Offices be competitive."

Mr. Corish proposed that the Council carry out the resolution of last meeting and have a qualifying examination and that they include qualifications in Shorthand and typewriting as suggested.

Miss O'Ryan seconded.

Colonel Quin - We can't do that, can we ?.

Mr. D'Arcy - Surely we can. We must begin somewhere. We can't be put down everywhere.

Mr. O'Byrne said there was a difference between the Council's resolution at the last meeting and Mr. Corish's proposition. The Council decided to give time for the learning of typewriting and shorthand.

Mr. Corish - Of course, I voted against the proposal last day to give time for Shorthand and typewriting.

Colonel Gibbon said that as Mr. Corish was going to include Shorthand and typewriting in the examination he would withdraw his seconding of Col. Quin's proposition.

Colonel Quin - But it is much better and much straighter to have competitive examinations.

Mr. Corish - It may be an anomaly to say so, but a qualifying examination is also competitive. It is an anomalous statement, but if you examine it you will find it is true.

Mr. Colloton then seconded Col. Quin's proposition.

A poll on Mr. Corish's proposition resulted as follows:-  
For:- Miss O'Ryan, Colonel Gibbon, Messrs Armstrong, Brennan, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gaul, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, Mayler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Shannon and the Chairman (19).

Against:- Colonel Quin, Messrs Colloton and Roche (3).

Mr. Corish's motion was declared carried.

Messrs Cooney, Smyth and Walsh were not present when poll was taken.



### County Courthouse Renovation.

The following from the Department of Finance, under date 6th December, 1929, (404/296), addressed to the County Surveyor, was read:-

"With reference to previous correspondence regarding an award of compensation made in respect of the destruction of Wexford Courthouse, I am directed by the Minister for Finance to inform you that he will be prepared to pay within the limit of the amount of the conditional award in respect of a building erected on the Old Jail site in accordance with the plans, specification, etc., submitted with your letter of the 12th ultimo. It is to be understood that payments can be made only on certificate furnished by the Office of Public Works. Applications for payment by instalments of substantial amounts may be made according as the work proceeds.

'The Specification and Bill of Quantities are returned herewith; the plans are being transmitted under separate cover'."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That advertisement of application for tenders for renovation of Old Jail, Wexford, as County Courthouse, be advertised in "Irish Independent", "Irish Times"; "Irish Builder" and three local papers; said tenders to be considered at the meeting of the County Council on 13th January, 1930."

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 5th December, 1929, except where same have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting be, and are hereby, confirmed."

### SUB COMMITTEE ROAD MAINTENANCE

It was decided on the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Hall, that the Minutes of Special Sub Committee, in respect



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of Road maintenance be considered at the February meeting of the Council.

#### TOURIST TRAFFIC

Mr. Barry, of the Irish Tourist Development Association, came before the meeting and said that in asking the Council to contribute as much as last year towards the work of the Association he was hopeful of their generous consideration. From the national point of view it had been calculated that tourists spent £3,000,000 in the country this year, roughly an increase of half a million over the previous year. To gain that increase they spent something like £10,000, so that they had had a fairly good return. The money spent by the tourists naturally went a long way to relieve unemployment and increase the prosperity of the country. If hotels were prosperous it meant that farmers, shopkeepers and traders generally got their share. It was estimated that in Co. Wexford tourists spent something like £85,000 in 1929, an increase of from £8,000 to £10,000 on the previous year. The amount contributed by the County Council was roughly £410, so that he thought there had been a very handsome profit for the amount expended. In comparison with 1927 the increase was something like £25,000. That was certainly an important consideration where the relief of unemployment was concerned. They found that in hotels and boardinghouses there were something like 850 hands, and if they added to that the number of people in motor garages and other industries, indirectly concerned with the tourist industry, they would find that there were about 1,200 people concerned with the tourist traffic. One point he would like to make was that the fact that Wexford County Council had contributed to the Association for the past couple of years, had, he thought, something to do with the number of tourist road grants got in the past couple of years. He would say that the fact that the Council struck a rate for tourist development was a



very important consideration with the Roads' Department, and the sums contributed in road grants for tourist roads was something like £4,000. He understood that the Council had been making application for road grants for the coming season, and, as in the past, they could rely on the Association to do everything possible to get those grants through. Rosslare road was an important road from the tourist point of view, and the Council could rest assured that the Association would do everything possible to help the Council to receive what was their due in the matter.

Mr. O'Byrne - At the moment we are making arrangements to have two very big schemes carried out on two important roads - the Rosslare Wexford road and the Gorey-Courtown road - and we look to your Association to help us.

Mr. Barry - Certainly.

Secretary - The principal thing to get them to do is to try to get <sup>the</sup> Department to agree to the extra £2,000.

Mr. Barry said the Association could send a deputation to urge the necessity of the schemes.

Mr. Cooney said he wished to know if any grant could be got for the New Ross-Wexford road. That road was at present in a scandalous condition, and if they wanted to encourage tourist traffic they should at least make that road passable for tourist traffic. If the representative of the Tourist Association went over that road he would say it was not a road at present, but an atrocity.

Mr. Walsh said that Mr. Cooney was quite correct with regard to the New Ross-Wexford road. Tourists entering the country <sup>for</sup> ~~from~~ the South of Ireland or leaving it from the South of Ireland had to cross the Barrow, and had to travel on that road. If they were expecting visitors to their houses they would endeavour to have the precincts of their hall clean, and with regard to the tourist



traffic, if they had the doorstep to the country dirty they were not going to have anyone in the county.

In reply to a query with regard to hotel charges, Mr. Barry said the Association had got very few complaints this year as compared with other years. If there were complaints it was the business of the Association to inquire into them, and if the complaints were well founded, and if the cause for complaint was not removed, the hotels concerned did not appear on the Association list, and, accordingly, lost valuable publicity.

In reply to Mr. D'Arcy, Mr. Barry said that there was such a demand for the hotel list that the Association had to increase their publication four times this year.

Mr. Cooney proposed that the New Ross-Wexford road should be included as a road on which the Association should be asked to endeavour to have improvements carried out.

Mr. Cummins said that he wished to remind Mr. Barry that there was such a place as Duncannon. He would like Mr. Barry to go to Duncannon and have a look at it, and he would find that he was never in such a place in his life before.

Colonel Quin said they could also ask for grants for Kilmore and Carne Pier, and other places. If they once started they would never stop.

Mr. Cooney - Col. Quin wants to ridicule every place only Gorey.

Colonel Quin remarked that they could consider the New Ross-Wexford road next year.

Mr. Colloton was against contributing anything to the Tourist Association.

The Chairman said that Mr. Colloton's objection did not arise at present.

Mr. Colloton said that last year Mr. Barry promised to use his influence with regard to the Rosslare road, and nothing was done.



Mr. Barry said they could not do more than they did. The entire grants were reduced to more than half, and out of that sum Wexford got £1,000, and it went to Courtown.

Mr. Cooney remarked that Courtown now wanted more money. The sooner they realised that the county was bigger than North Wexford the better.

Mr. Barry said he wished to inform Mr. Cummins that he was in Duncannon no later than a month ago.

Mr. Corish gave notice of motion that the Council should strike a tourist rate of a farthing in the £.

Colonel Gibbon said he wanted Mr. Barry to get something done with regard to Rosslare Pier, owned by the Great Western Railway' Company. It was to Wexford's advantage, he thought that as many tourists as possible should come by the Rosslare route instead of through Dublin. Cars would not be carried if the weather was at all bad, and he thought the Association should press for better facilities for the carrying of cars on the boats coming to Rosslare. Secondly, an enormous number of tourists objected to having to put their cars on rail when they got to Rosslare. The Association should press the Railway Co., to erect a carway which would allow of motors being driven directly off the Pier.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Quin:- "That the Tourist Association be asked to use all the influence at their command to induce the Government to agree to the proposals of the County Council as to improvement of Wexford-Rosslare and Gorey-Courtown Roads so that they can be carried out at once; also to endeavour to secure a State grant for the improvement of Wexford-New Ross Road.

#### SALARIES OF CO.COUNCIL OFFICIALS

The following motion, of which he had given previous notice, was moved by Mr. Corish, and seconded by Miss O'Ryan:-



"That letter from Local Government Officials' Union as to increments of salaries to members of County Council staff be considered, and, if agreed to, that said increments be fixed".

The following are the recommendations of the Local Government Officials' Union:-

- (a) That Mr. J. H. Cadogan, Chief Clerk, Secretary's Office, and Mr. Moore, Chief Clerk, County Surveyor's Office, be placed on a scale of £220 per annum by annual increments of £10 to a maximum of £350 per annum.
- (b) That Messrs Stephen Hayes, John Moloney and D. Radford, Miss M. Frizelle and Miss E. M. Norton, and any future entrants to the Clerical Staff, be placed on the following scale:-
- (c) Minimum on entrance £90 per annum (subject to a minimum of £120 per annum at 21 years of age) rising by annual increments of £5 to £150 per annum; thence by annual increments of £7: 10s to £210: 5s; thence by annual increments of £10 to a maximum of £260. The existing Staff to be absorbed on the scale, receiving credit for past service.

Under date 7th December, 1929, the Local Government Officials' Union wrote (B/38) that the Central Council was pleased to note that the County Council had approved of the principle of the incremental scale and had applied it in the case of the proposed appointment of Clerical Assistant. At the same time the Central Council noted, with regret, that the County Council had altered in two important respects the scale suggested by the Union. The Union's scale was submitted as a scale for a junior entering the service without experience and as a scale that would afford the County Council a certain measure of economy. The condition of a minimum salary of £120 per annum at 21 years old was an essential feature of the scale to ensure a fair living salary when the junior reached 21. The reduction of the maximum of the scale £260 to £150 per annum left the whole scale little better than the previous flat salary of £130. The County Council appeared to have accepted the full measure of economy which the Union indicated the scale to offer, but had not given the quid pro quo which the proposal embodied for the officer. The hope was again expressed



that when the Council were considering the proposal of the Union regarding the remuneration of the Clerical Staff in general they would deal more magnanimously with it and take into due consideration the fact that a considerable saving had been already effected on the amount allocated by the County Council for salaries for the current financial year - a greater amount than would be involved by the adoption of the Union's proposal.

Mr. Corish said that, as the members of the Council were aware, he gave notice of motion at the last meeting to have the matter considered, and he did so with a certain amount of reluctance, because of the fact that it was not as easy to get money now as in the past, but at the same time an amount of discontent prevailed amongst the members of the County Council staff owing to the fact that they had nothing to look forward to. Some members of the staff were paid salaries not at all commensurate with the work they had to do. The work in the office of any public authority was of a very intricate nature, and varied from day to day. With every Act of Parliament passed more work was involved, and it required a certain time for the staff to acquire a decent knowledge of what was required to be done under the new Acts passed from time to time. He had with him particulars of what was paid to the staffs of other Councils in Ireland. With regard to Kerry, he did not think that anybody present would say it was a rich county. It was looked upon as one of the poorest counties, but exclusive of the County Surveyor, County Secretary and deputy surveyors, the wages paid to the clerical staff in Kerry amounted to £2,778. In Clare the aggregate amount paid to the staff was £1,962, and he thought everyone would agree that Clare was also a very poor county, where land was under water practically half the year. In Limerick the amount paid the Clerical staff was £2,120. In Wexford the wages were only £1,020. Those figures went to show



that Wexford County Council were not paying their staff as they should be paid, because it was recognised in poorer counties that the staff was entitled to more money for the highly technical work they were called upon to do. The figures went to show that in Wexford they had been neglectful of the interests of their staff.

Mr. Corish then referred, in detail, to the work and service of each of the officers concerned and asked the Council seriously to consider increases of salary and agree to them, and then he would ask them to put into operation what was asked for by the Union. If they agreed he believed the Council would be doing a good day's work, not alone for the people directly concerned, but for the Council itself. It was hardly necessary for him to stress the point that it was absolutely necessary where public monies were involved, and where it was necessary to get work done properly, that they should not have people discontented. It might be said that the farmers were not in a position to meet increases. The money that would eventually be involved would be £900. That sum would not materialise for 22 years and he hoped by then something would have been done for the farmers. Everyone present was in favour of having something done for the farmers, and he believed that something would be done in the very near future. He asked the Council to look at the matter from the point of view of better service. He did not say that good service had not been given, but he held that they had to have content in a public office. When Galway could start ordinary clerks at £150, rising by increments of £6: 13: 4d to £250, Wexford, a far richer county, should be in a better position to do so. He asked the Council to consider the matter in a cool and calm atmosphere, and do what they considered best for the Council as a whole.

Mr. Hall said he would be inclined to increase everyone's salary if possible, but the country was only an agricultural country,



and could only produce a certain amount each year which they had to spread amongst thousands and thousands of workers, and if they gave too much to one worker they would have to take it off another. Only for that he could agree with Mr. Corish.

The portion of Mr. Corish's motion that the letter of the Local Government Officials' Union be considered was then put with the following result:-

For:- Miss O'Ryan, Colonel Quin, Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Cooney, Colloton, Cummins, Gaul, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, Mayler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Shannon, Walsh and the Chairman (20)

Against:- Colonel Gibbon Messrs Brennan, D'Arcy, Roche and Smyth (5).

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

After further discussion, Mr. Corish moved the following, which was seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That the salary of John Maloney, Clerical Assistant in County Council Offices be fixed at £3 per week - an increase of 5/- per week; That the salary of Denis Radford, Clerk in County Surveyor's Department be fixed at £2: 10: 0d per week - an increase of 5/- per week and that the salary of Miss Norton, typist in County Surveyor's department, be fixed at £2: 5: 0d per week - an increase of 5/- per week."

Colonel Quin said that as the matter of the increases had been rather sprung on the Council he suggested it should be adjourned for a month.

Mr. Corish - Why ?. I don't think it should be adjourned for a month. The facts speak for themselves in<sup>so</sup>/far as those three people are concerned. I ask Colonel Quin can he tell me how a man can support himself and wife and six children on £2:15/-.

Colonel Gibbon suggested that separate votes should be taken with regard to the question of granting the increases to each of the three officials mentioned.

Mr. Corish said he did not mind. He did not want to jeopardise the position of the married man, but that did not say that he was



dropping the others altogether.

A poll on the proposition to grant Mr. Maloney an increase of 5/- a week resulted as follows:-

For:- Miss O'Ryan, Messrs Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Corish, Cooney, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, Mayler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Shannon and Walsh (16).

Against:- Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs Brennan, Colloton, D'Arcy, Hall, Roche, Smyth and the Chairman (9).

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

For Mr. Radford's increase :- Miss O'Ryan, Messrs Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Shannon and Walsh (15).

Against:- Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs Brennan, Colloton, D'Arcy, Hall, Mayler, Roche, Smyth and the Chairman (10).

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The poll with regard to the increase for Miss Norton resulted as follows:-

For:- Miss O'Ryan, Messrs Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne and Shannon (14).

Against:- Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs Brennan, Colloton, D'Arcy, Mayler, Murphy, Roche, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman (11).

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Corish said he would like to have an expression of opinion by the members as to what they thought of the increments generally. As he had said he was prepared to modify the increments figures. Increments were a sort of stimulus in an office like the Council's that people could look forward to.

Mr. Cummins said that having regard to the fact that Mr. Corish said he intended to modify the increments himself he would propose that the matter should be adjourned to next meeting.

Colonel Quin seconded.

Mr. Corish - I am not going to agree to that. It is quite easy



to do it here. He would agree to the adjournment if the Council expressed itself in favour of increments, otherwise he would not.

The Chairman thought it was plain the majority of the Council favoured increments as they had increased three salaries.

Mr. Corish - But those are not increments. Increments are entirely different things. The reason put forward for the proposition was that I should modify my figures, but if I am going to do that, I have the right to know whether the Council agree to the principle of increments or not.

Colonel Quin - I think Mr. Corish wants to bind us. Mr. Corish - I am not wanting to bind you. I move, as an amendment to Mr. Cummins' motion, that the Council expresses itself to be in favour of the system of increments.

Mr. Gaul seconded.

The Chairman said that Mr. Cummins' motion would give Mr. Corish as good an opportunity and the members would have the figures before them next day, and could more properly make up their minds as to whether the cases deserved increments or not.

A poll on Mr. Corish's proposition that the Council should express itself in favour of the principle of increments, and that figures be submitted that day month, resulted as follows:-  
For:- Miss O'Ryan, Messrs Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne and Shannon (12).  
Against:- Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs Brennan, Colloton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Hall, Mayler, Murphy, Roche, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman (13).

Mr. Corish's motion was declared lost, and the matter was adjourned in accordance with Mr. Cummins' proposition, Mr. Corish giving notice of motion to have the question of increments considered at next meeting and to supply the figures which he proposes as increments which are to be furnished to the members of the Council prior to next meeting.



LOAN FOR GOREY SEWERAGE SYSTEM - MOTION TO RESCIND  
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The following motion, of which he had given previous notice, stood in the name of Mr. D'Arcy:-

"That the resolution of the County Council adopted at meeting of 11th November, 1929, consenting to the borrowing by County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistant of £2600 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the installation of a sewerage system in the town of Gorey be rescinded".

Under date 7th December, 1929, the Town Clerk, Gorey, forwarded copy of resolution of Gorey Town Commissioners adopted at their meeting on 3rd December thanking the County Council for their action in passing the proposed sewerage scheme for Gorey especially Colonel Quin and Mr. Hall, the representatives for Gorey area on the Health Board, for their continued support of the scheme during the preliminary discussions.

Mr. D'Arcy proposing his motion stated that at a meeting of the Gorey Farmers' Executive held on the previous Saturday it was unanimously decided to ask the County Council to postpone the matter for twelve months. There were many reasons for asking that to be done. There was evidently going to be an increase in the rates and there was a possibility that in the near future such schemes would become county-at-large charges. He understood that if the sewerage scheme was carried out the County Health Board would compel the owners of houses to put their sewerage into proper order and connect with the system. That would be a serious state of affairs. It might be urged that the scheme was essential. He believed it was not essential.- he believed it was necessary. He did not believe any greater necessity existed for the scheme than years ago. Different arguments might be advanced by medical opinion. It might be argued in support of the scheme that there had been diphtheria in Gorey, and the outbreak was due to the lack of a sewerage system. They, however, had diphtheria in all parts of the country and in the towns, where



there were sewerage and water schemes. Such an argument was, therefore, not a fair one, and he accordingly moved the adjournment of the matter.

Mr. Brennan seconded.

Colonel Quin stated he was entirely in favour of the scheme. He understood that only a week or ten days previously a child had died from diphtheria. They should think of the women and children in connection with this matter. The sewerage scheme was, in his opinion, an absolute necessity. It had been discussed for nearly three years and they had been told it was an absolute necessity. Sanitation was one of the most important things in the lives of the people. Thousands of soldiers had died through lack of sanitation, and millions of lives were saved in Japan when it was introduced. It might be very well to say there was diphtheria in the best places from the sanitation point of view, but it would be a jolly sight worse if there were no sewerage systems in those places. He knew from his experience looking after big military camps of the serious consequences which arose from a lack of proper sanitation. He did not see how that would be such a terrible thing for the owners of houses in Gorey to have to connect their premises with the system, which would be a first-class proposition for them.

Mr. J. Hall, as the proposer of the motion that the borrowing powers be granted, said he concurred with Colonel Quin's remarks. He believed from his knowledge of Gorey that there was not a town in the South of Ireland which required a sewerage system as badly. In the existing filthy state of the yards he was surprised there was not more sickness in the town. A saving of £1,700 had been made by the installation of a water supply which would be available for the sewerage scheme. That saving was due to the supervision exercised by Messrs Flood and Dunbar, engineers, and by the daily personal attendance of Mr. O'Byrne, M. C.C., during the work.



Mr. O'Byrne stated he was much surprised at Mr. D'Arcy's motion. It was nearly four years ago since the principal people of Gorey, the clergy of all denominations and the doctors considered a scheme and its necessity for the improvement of the water supply and sewerage of the town. A deputation was sent from Gorey, which included representatives on the County Council and the clergy, who submitted the matter before the Minister for Local Government. A certain grant was obtained for the execution of a certain amount of work. A sewer was laid and a septic tank was built. It was decided that the tank should be built sufficiently large to deal with the sewerage of the whole town in the hope that at a future date a general sewerage scheme would be carried out. The water supply was installed and the septic tank, which was intended to deal with a general sewerage scheme, would be almost useless unless that scheme was executed. Having mentioned that there had been a fatal case of diphtheria, Mr. O'Byrne said that there were other cases in the district hospital. He did not think the Council should hold up the proposal of the County Health Board who were the public health authority for the county to provide the sewerage scheme. He appealed to the Council not to interrupt the work which had gone so far and so successfully.

Mr. Keegan said the scheme was overdue for a great number of years. Some years ago he saw some of the existing sewers opened and they were choke full at the time. Five of the seven members of the County Council from Gorey area voted for the sewerage scheme because they considered it was necessary. The medical-officer for the town, who was primarily responsible for the health of the town, was in favour of the scheme and was to have been in attendance at that day's meeting, but wired to him that he could not attend.

Mr. M. Smyth stated that at the previous meeting the Chairman stated there had been no objection to the scheme. He (Mr. Smyth) then stated there was a big objection in the rural area.

Chairman - We heard no objection until it came here. I was



not saying there was no objection.

Mr. Smyth - I thought you might have been misled.

Chairman } I am open to conviction still on the matter.

Mr. Smyth - The people of the rural area have asked me not to support it, and we have asked to have it adjourned. It had been said there might be a change in legislation, but if the £2,600 proposed to be borrowed were placed on the Gorey area it would be equivalent to £11,000 or £12,000 on the whole county.

Chairman - There has been an argument put forward here that prominent people in the town and clergy had favoured the scheme, but I say they have no power to call for legislation for the whole Gorey union area. It might be all right for the town, but I think the people of the Gorey union area, who have to pay the piper, are just as entitled in their opposition.

Mr. Hall stated that he was a resident in the union area of Gorey and no objection to the scheme was placed before him.

Mr. D'Arcy - You didn't come to the meeting on Saturday when invited.

Mr. Hall - There were many more besides me not there.

The Chairman stated when the matter came before the County Health Board he was very often in the chair, and as they knew the rural area would have to pay he asked frequently if there were any objection raised to the scheme, and over and over they were told there was no objection. He was sorry that the objection of Messrs D'Arcy and Smyth was not put forward at the proper time. It should not be taken that the County Health Board saddled the scheme on Gorey rural area or town, thinking neither did not want it. When Mr. Hall gave notice of motion, a kind of eleventh-hour objection was raised. If that objection were substantial enough to rebut the decision of the Health Board he was quite prepared to entirely change his views. He did not want to tax the urban and rural areas if they did not want the scheme.

Mr. Gaul, as a member of the Health Board, stated he was in favour of the scheme.



Colonel Gibbon stated that at the previous meeting he asked if public notice had been given in the Press inviting people opposed to the scheme to send in their objections. As he was told that nothing of the nature had been done, as was done in the case of the Clonroche water supply scheme, he voted against the scheme, and he would continue to vote against it and against any other scheme until he was assured that the people on whom the charge would be levied were in favour of it. It was not really the little townland of Gorey which would have to pay for the scheme but the whole district.

Mr. Keegan challenged Messrs D'Arcy and Smyth to name any one of their class who were opposing the scheme.

Mr. D'Arcy - you are dreaming.

Mr. Keegan - Mention a single name beyond your own two.

Mr. D'Arcy - You are dreaming; we had a meeting on Saturday. There were eight or ten farmers present who were unanimous.

Mr. Keegan - Name a man with the two of you.

Mr. D'Arcy referred to the meeting on Saturday in Gorey as being one representative of farmers.

Mr. Keegan - You are only a convert to the Farmers' Union.

Mr. Corish - Were there many people from Gorey town invited to the meeting ?.

Mr. D'Arcy - It was a Farmers' Union meeting.

Mr. Corish - Will the Gorey townspeople say nothing towards the scheme.

Mr. Smyth protested against Mr. Keegan insinuating that no one objected to the scheme but Mr. D'Arcy and he.

Mr. D'Arcy - That's an absurdity.

Mr. Keegan stated he did not want to insinuate anything shady about Messrs Smyth or D'Arcy.

A poll was taken and there voted for the motion:- Messrs Brennan, Colloton, D'Arcy, Mayler, Murphy, Roche, Smyth, Colonel Gibbon and the Chairman (9).



Against:- Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Shannon, Walsh, Colonel Quin and Miss N. O'Ryan (16).

The motion was declared lost.

LOAN FOR CLONROCHE WATER SUPPLY - MOTION TO RESCIND

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

"That the resolution of the County Council adopted on the 11th November, 1929, consenting to the borrowing by the Co. Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistant of £1000 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the installation of a water supply in the village of Clonroche be rescinded."

Joseph Williams, Forrestallstown, Clonroche, wrote that he had had a notification from the Health Board some time ago asking his observations on the proposed water supply. Had he known that the notification was not sent to each ratepayer he would have called a meeting of all concerned in the dispensary district. It would be most unfair to voice an opinion under the circumstances. As a ratepayer he was opposed to the scheme.

Mr. Brennan said he moved the rescinding of the resolution as the ratepayers of the district had come to him and asked him that the rate for the water supply should not be launched on the district owing to the present high rates. They did not think it necessary to have the water scheme in the district at all. They were in favour of having it for the school, but not for the village. He had with him seventy or eighty names signed to a document demanding that the scheme should not go through. There had been a charge made behind his back to the effect that he went around the locality and got the memorial signed. He did not, and never stirred out of his own place.

Mr. Gaul - Who made the charge ?.

Mr. D'Arcy - It was anonymous.



Mr. Brennan - I believe there is a deputation outside and I would be very glad they would come in, if they are going to make the charge.

Mr. D'Arcy seconded Mr. Brennan's proposition, and remarked that there was very strong opposition to the scheme.

Mr. Hall said it was he who gave notice of motion to have the money borrowed for this water supply. The Health Board had called on the managers of the schools in the county to have them put into a sanitary condition. In Clonroche there were two or three schools which had no water within half a mile. He knew for a fact of children to go to water inside a ditch and drink it, and also go to a tub inside a gate. It was the people of Clonroche and the immediate district that asked the Health Board to instal the supply. It was not the members of the Board that brought the matter up at all. There was a memorial signed by the people in the village and all the ratepayers, large and small in the vicinity asking for a water supply in Clonroche. He believed that Mr. Brennan had a lot of names, but they were not from the vicinity of Clonroche.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Hall said that the people whose names Mr. Brennan had were in the paying area, but they had all got public pumps of their own which the people in the village of Clonroche were paying their share for.

With reference to the list of names handed in by Mr. Brennan, the Chairman remarked that it seemed to be a copy of signatures.

Mr. Brennan - It is a copy of signatures.

Mr. Shannon - Are you able to produce the original signatures.

Mr. Brennan - I am.

Mr. Shannon said it was nothing new to know that the scheme was passed by the Health Board. The estimated cost was £1,000 with a twenty-five years' repayment of loan. The first year it would cost 1.3d in the £.



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Chairman - I don't think you are right. I think it is 1.03d.

Mr. Shannon - It is shown that the charge on the rates will fall below 1d in the £ later. There is a new school with one hundred children, and there are five families over half a mile from water. That is a deplorable state of affairs. A pump would not be suitable as it would not supply the W.Cs' in the school. The better off people in the district had guaranteed to pay £20 per annum in addition to their subscription to the rate until the loan was paid off. The Board of Health before proceeding with the work advertised the full facts in the newspapers but not a single objection was received at the time. The principal objectors came from five districts which already had water supplies, one of which cost £80, another £110, another £130, another ~~£53~~, another £200, and another £330 of which amounts Clonroche paid its portion and did not grumble about it. He had four or five names of people - and except the Council insisted on him giving the names he would not mention them - who signed the objection to the scheme under a misapprehension. Continuing Mr. Shannon said there is what I would call a 3/6d stunt in the £ launched on the ratepayers by those who looked for objectors and naturally I don't at all blame the people who signed the objection when they thought they would have to pay 3/6d in the £.

Chairman - Was it 3s : 6d in the £ of a total, or 3s:6d in the £ per year ?.

Mr. Shannon - Of course, if you wanted to make a case you would lead the people to believe they were going to pay 3s:6d per year and they would not think of asking whether it was for a number of years or one year.

Mr. Corish submitted that the memorial produced by Mr. Brennan was not a memorial at all. It was signed by one writer and was not worth the paper on which it was written.

Mr. Brennan - I can produce the original signatures.

Mr. Cooney said they had at the Health Board representations about the inadequate water supply and a letter from the manager



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of the school asking for a water supply for school purposes. A sewerage system had been put down in Clonroche some time ago at a big cost to the country, and it was no practical use without a water supply. They had respectable residents in the village, in addition to their share of rate, paying so much per head for the upkeep of the scheme, and it was an outlandish statement for Mr. Brennan or anyone else to stampede the people with the statement that it was going to cost 3/6d in the £.

The Chairman said that taking the whole amount over the 25 years <sup>it</sup> might be possibly in the vicinity of 3/6d in the £ on the ratepayers for the 25 years, and it could be argued by Mr. Brennan or Mr. Anybody that it was going to cost the ratepayers 3/- in the £..

Mr. Corish - How could it, even over the whole period ?.

Chairman - Well, it would practically be 3/- in the £.

Mr. Corish - On an average of 1d in the £ per year it would only be 2/- and the average is less than 1d.

Mr. Gaul suggested that the ratepayers had ample time in which to send their objections to the Health Board.

Chairman - It was one of those things with regard to which they got ample opportunity to object. I admit that we did everything possible to notify the people that the charge was to be made.

Colonel Quin said that as far as he could remember it was the people of Clonroche approached the Health Board, and the matter was not brought up by any particular member. They got a large memorial and he thought all the important ratepayers and doctors and priests and other persons were in favour of the scheme. He certainly thought the board was led to believe that the scheme was wanted ~~un~~unanimously.

Mr. Murphy said he agreed with Colonel Quin, but after all if people went to Mr. Brennan he was quite right in his action



in the matter. A lot of people would go to another man to fight their case, but would not come into the open to do it themselves, and he did not think there was anything wrong with what Mr. Brennan did.

Mr. Cummins said he did not think there was any matter that came before the Council that got greater consideration than the Clonroche scheme. He did not rise to criticise Mr. Brennan, but the resolution had been passed by the Health Board, which was constituted to look after the health of the people. It was the Board's duties to look for the welfare and the health of the people. The scheme was to cost something over 1d in the £. The majority of the ratepayers in the district had a valuation of £12, and the cost to them would be 1s:6d. He held it was ridiculous that the Council should be losing their time over the matter, which was passed by the Health Board. There was not a man in the county more careful of the ratepayers' money than the very man that brought forward the motion - Mr. Hall. He asked the Council to pass the resolution for the scheme.

Mr. Keegan suggested that the list of names that Mr. Brennan had should be handed over to the Press in fairness to Mr. Brennan, and to the people concerned. If the Press did not take the list the Council should pay for its publication.

Mr. Brennan - They are going to the Press. They are going into print.

In connection with the matter the following deputation came before the Council:- Messrs Gerald Flood, J. J. Sinnott and Michael Browne.

Mr. Sinnott said that the deputation was in favour of the scheme. One thing they wished to say was that the people that signed against the scheme signed because they were canvassed, and told it was a matter of 3/6d in the £. They had the names of people there that signed because they were led to believe the charge would be 3/6d in the £1 each year.



Mr. Flood said that Fr. Kehoe, Parish priest, had the services of three water diviners - one being the late Most Rev. Dr. Cleary, Bishop of Auckland, who died so recently, and it was found impossible to produce water unless at a very great depth, and with the aid of a ram. By not bringing the water supply to the village, and dealing with the schools only, they would save about a fourth of the cost.

Mr. Brennan pointed out that he was not rated in the area and was not personally affected in any way. Some people said he went round and got the memorial signed himself but this was not the case.

The Chairman said no blame could be attached to Mr. Brennan in the matter. He only did his duty to his constituents in bringing the matter forward.

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

For the motion:- Messrs Brennan, D'Arcy, Gibbon and Smyth (4)  
Against:- Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Colloton, Cummins, Gaul, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, Mayler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin, Roche, Shannon and Walsh (20).

The Chairman, who did not vote, declared the motion lost.

#### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER OF CO. COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. Murphy:- "That, as recommended by the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, Mr. Patrick O'Hanlon, Arklow, Wellingtonbridge, be appointed a member of Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, vice Mr. John J. O'Byrne, deceased.

#### WATER SUPPLY AT BALLINDONEY

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Sealed Order (No.P.H.74463/1929), under date 15th November, 1929, was received from Local Government Department fixing the area of charge for Ballindoney Water Supply as the New Ross Dispensary District.



ASSISTANT SURVEYOR R. J. ENNIS, ACTING AS TOWN SURVEYOR,  
ENNISCORTHY URBAN DISTRICT

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The following, under date 19th November, 1929, (R/RS/32)  
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 14th  
instant and to state that having regard to the circumstances he  
would raise no objection to the Assistant County Surveyor for  
Enniscorthy District acting as Town Surveyor to the Enniscorthy  
Urban District Council, if selected by the Local Appointment  
Commissioners!"

Mr. Corish said he would certainly object to Mr. Ennis  
taking up a permanent job outside of his ordinary work. He  
thought Mr. Ennis had quite enough to do in his own area.

Mr. Cooney said he also objected to double jobs.

The Chairman said that no one opposed the granting of the  
permission more strongly than he did, but according to the letter  
Mr. Ennis would have to go before the Appointments Commissioners,  
and probably he would not be appointed at all.

Mr. McCarthy - It is only a part-time job.

Mr. D'Arcy - A man could live on it as a part-time job  
just the same.

Chairman - My opinion the last day was that our surveyors  
had whole-time jobs.

Mr. Cooney gave notice that he would move at the next meeting  
that the resolution of the Council agreeing to the services of  
Mr. Ennis being placed at the disposal of Enniscorthy Urban Council  
be rescinded.

SUPERANNUATION OF MR. JOHN J. FANNING

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Under date 21st November, 1929, the Department of Local  
Government (G.76982/29(Se)Loch Garman) forwarded copy of Order,  
under seal, consenting to the granting of a superannuation  
allowance of £96: 14: 9d per annum to Mr. John J. Fanning, late



clerk in County Council Offices

CORONERS' DISTRICTS

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

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 of the Coroners (Ireland) Act 1849 and Section 14(2) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 we hereby fix the Districts for County Coroners as follows:-

North Wexford:-

All the District Electoral Divisions in the old Rural District of Enniscorthy as follows:-

Enniscorthy Rural  
Ballindaggin  
Castledockrill  
Killoughrim  
Kilrush  
Marshalstown  
Moyacomb  
Newtownbarry  
Rossard  
St. Mary's  
Tombrack  
Ballycarney  
Ballymore  
Ferns  
The Harrow  
Kilbora  
Kilcormick  
Tinnacross  
Castleboro  
Clonroche  
Killanne  
Kiltealy  
Ballyhogue  
Bree  
The Leap  
Ballyhuskard  
Edermine  
Kilmallock  
Ballyvaldon  
Bolaboy  
Castle Ellis  
Castle Talbot  
with the town of  
Enniscorthy.

All the District Electoral Divisions in the Old Rural District of Gorey as follows:-

Ballylarkin  
Ballynestragh  
Coolgreaney  
Kilgorman,



Gorey Continued:-

Limerick  
 Wingfield  
 Ballybeg  
 Ballyellis  
 Balloughter  
 Huntingtown  
 Kilcomb  
 Monaseed  
 Rossminogue  
 Ardamine  
 Ballycanew  
 Courtown  
 Gorey Urban  
 Gorey Rural  
 Kilnahue  
 Ballygarrett  
 Cahore  
 Ford  
 Killenagh  
 Killincooley  
 Monamolin  
 Wells.

South Wexford

All the District Electoral Divisions in the old Rural

District of New Ross as follows:-

Ballyanne  
 Barzack Village  
 Clonleigh  
 New Ross Rural  
 Old Ross  
 Templeudigan  
 Whitemoor  
 Carnagh  
 Kilmokea  
 Oldcourt  
 Rochestown  
 Whitechurch  
 Adamstown  
 Barronstown  
 Carrigbyrne  
 Horetown  
 Kilgarvan  
 Clongeen  
 Dunmain  
 Inch  
 Newbawn  
 Tintern  
 Ballyhack  
 Fethard  
 Killesk  
 Rathroe  
 Templetown.

All the District Electoral Divisions in the old Rural  
District of Wexford as follows:-

Aughwilliam  
 Carrick  
 Forth  
 Rathaspeck



## Wexford Continued:-

Taghmon  
 Wexford Rural  
 Ardavan  
 Ardcolm  
 Artramont  
 Glynn  
 Kilbride  
 Killurin  
 Kilpatrick  
 Whitechurch  
 Ballymitty  
 Bannow  
 Duncormack  
 Harpurstown  
 Harristown  
 Kilcowan  
 Killag  
 Bridgetown  
 Kilmore  
 • Mayglass  
 Newcastle  
 Tacumshane  
 Tomhaggard  
 Drinagh  
 Killinick  
 Kilsoran  
 Lady's Island  
 Rosslare  
 St. Helen's with the  
 Urban Districts of  
 New Ross and Wexford.

APPOINTMENT OF VETERINARY INSPECTOR ENNISCORTHY  
 DISTRICT

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Under date 20th November, 1929, the Local Appointments Commission wrote (L.A.15/6/29) that in compliance with the statutory request received from the Wexford County Council they recommended the appointment of Mr. Frederick S. Ringwood, Abbey Cottage, Enniscorthy, as Veterinary Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts and Bovine Tuberculosis Order for Enniscorthy District. (The qualifications of Mr. Ringwood were set out in letter).

Under date 25th November, 1929, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L.3755-29) that they had received an intimation from the Local Appointments Commissioners to the effect that Mr. Frederick S. Ringwood, M.R.C.V.S., Abbey Cottage, Enniscorthy, had been recommended by them to the Wexford County Council for appointment as Veterinary Inspector for duties under the Diseases of



Animals Acts (including duties under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order) in the Enniscorthy District. The Department asked to be informed, in due course, as to the action taken by the County Council and as to the date on which Mr. Ringwood took up duty.

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

"That Mr. Frederick S. Ringwood, M.R.C.V.S., Abbey Cottage, Enniscorthy, be appointed Veterinary Inspector for old Rural District area of Enniscorthy and Enniscorthy Urban under Diseases of Animals Acts at a salary of £75 per annum for ordinary work under these Acts (including the inspection of the fairs of his district) and at a salary of £25 per annum for work in same districts in connection with Bovine Tuberculosis Order, appointment to be determined by a month's notice in writing on either side.

'This appointment is conditional on Mr. Ringwood making declaration provided by section 71 of Local Government Act 1925".

ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR

The following, under date 9th November, 1929, (D/14/15) was read from the Department of Lands & Fisheries:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Lands & Fisheries to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, and to state that application should be made to the Commissioners of Public Works in regard to the report on St. Helen's Harbour furnished to the Commissioners by their Engineer, Mr. McNeill.

'The Department understands that in order to make an effective job the shelter wall or pier should be 12 feet in height above the level of the foundation of the old pier on which the new work should be constructed, and it should have a width of five or six feet at the top. The estimated cost of this work would be:-

|                                               |        |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| Construction of pier                          | £1,200 |
| Removal of rubble from the creek and entrance | 640    |
| TOTAL -                                       | £1,840 |



'If the fishermen would do the carting of the rubble free and if the County Surveyor would be prepared to take surplus stones for road work, £400 or £500 might be saved but in all the circumstances it is estimated that the necessary work could not be completed for less than £1,200' "

The Chairman said he thought they had voted £200 in the case of St. Helen's Harbour, and they expected something similar or, perhaps, two-thirds of the total amount from the Department, but now they came along and more than doubled the amount. He thought they should write to the Minister and tell him the County Surveyor considered the work could be done for much less.

The County Surveyor said he guaranteed to do the work for the figure they had put in if the Council were allowed to do it themselves.

Mr. Corish asked if, in the event of the work costing £600, the Council would be prepared to contribute another £100 to get the work done.

Chairman - I don't know. I am not going to speak for the Council at all. I think we did all we could in the matter, and I would like to do all we could, as the work is necessary.

It was decided to inform the Minister of the County Surveyor's statement with regard to the work.

#### COURTOWN HARBOUR STORM DAMAGE

The following, under date 7th December, 1929, was read from the County Surveyor:-

"On Thursday last, 5th instant, it was reported to me that there was a large breach in the protection works, carried out some time ago at Courtown between inner basin and the open sea. On Thursday afternoon, in company with Mr. Treanor and the harbour master I made as full an inspection as possible in view of the high tide and the waves at the time. A length of the concrete



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retaining wall and bank behind has been carried away, but, owing to the protective effect of the heavy concrete blocks on the shore, the damage is not as considerable as would otherwise have taken place. The portion of the fallen wall, which is in large slabs and blocks, is such as to assist in protecting the bank temporarily, but it will be necessary, when the weather permits, to carry out ~~ext~~ensive repairs. I observed the action of the large blocks myself in protecting the shore, and I am thoroughly satisfied that this system is effective. In some places, which are endangered, I recommend that some further blocks be placed later on, and at the beach itself a wall must be built and some extra heavy blocks placed on the foreshore in front. The north end of the protected shore beyond the stone bridge over the river has not been in any way injured, and the concrete blocks here have been quite sufficient. I estimate for restoring the wall and bank and placing a number of extra large blocks on the foreshore the cost will be in or about £450, and I shall bring forward this item when dealing with the Public Works' estimate."

In reply to a query, the County Surveyor said the original work at the place cost £3,000, of which the Department put up £2,000 and the Council £1,000. He thought they should try to get a portion of the money now required or all if possible. They would have to expend the money as soon as possible to guard against further damage. He had been afraid that with the high tide on Thursday night of last week, if there had been a high sea, the damage might have gone further, but he had not heard that there had been further damage.

*to Dept of Fisheries*

Colonel Quin proposed that they should apply for the full amount required for the work.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded the resolution which was adopted without dissent.

#### KILMORE HARBOUR DREDGING

Under date 16th November, 1929, the Office of Public Works,



wrote (21713/29) regretting they could not comply with the request of the Council that their Engineer, Mr. McNeill, should attend at the meeting of County Councillors at Kilmore in connection with recent dredging operations there.

Mr. Corish suggested that the Council's request had been dismissed in a very peculiar manner. He did not think the Council should submit to that kind of treatment, and he proposed that they should again ask that he be sent down. He (Mr. Corish) believed there had been a terrible waste of money in Kilmore.

Mr. Corish's proposition was seconded by Mr. Roche and passed.

#### CLOSING WEXFORD-FERRYCARRIG ROAD

Sealed Order, under date 4th December, 1929, (IR/107/1/1929) extending the period, for allowing above road to remain closed while under reconstruction, to the 1st February, 1930, was received from the Local Government Department (Roads).

#### CONTINGENCIES FUND

The following, under date 6th December, 1929, was submitted from County Surveyor:-

'I submit list of my recommendations for allocation to Roads and Public Works as follows:-

| <u>Road No.</u> | <u>Main Roads</u> |   | <u>Section</u> | <u>County Roads</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------|---|----------------|---------------------|
| 1               | £35               | : | 1              | £10                 |
| 2               | £30               | : | 3              | £10                 |
| 44              | £45               | : | 8              | £10                 |
| 24              | £40               | : | 15             | £10                 |
| 23              | £15               | : | 5              | £10                 |
| 29              | £20               | : | 14             | £10                 |
| 48              | £20               | : | 11             | £10                 |
| 36              | £20               | : | 18             | £10                 |
| 22              | £30               | : | 22             | £10                 |
| 12              | £10               | : | 28             | £30                 |
| 16              | £10               | : | 43             | £20                 |
| 17              | £10               | : | 44             | £10                 |
| 31              | £20               | : | 38             | £10                 |
| 33              | £40               | : | 41             | £10                 |
| 72              | £30               |   |                |                     |
| 32              | £20               |   |                |                     |
|                 | <hr/> £395        |   |                | <hr/> £170          |



PUBLIC WORKS

|                        |     |        |
|------------------------|-----|--------|
| County Buildings       | £50 |        |
| Courthouses General    | £70 |        |
| Enniscorthy Courthouse | £10 |        |
| Gorey Courthouse       | £15 |        |
| Wexford Bridge         | £30 |        |
| Deeps Bridge           | £15 | £190 . |

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

"That allocations from Contingencies Funds as per requisition of County Surveyor, under date 6th December, 1929, be and are hereby agreed to."

The County Surveyor said the amount in the Contingency Fund (Main Roads) was £642 and allowing for allocation of that day it would stand at £247. The amount in the County Contingency Fund was £355 and allowing for allocations that day it would stand at £185. The Public Works Contingency Fund had a substantial balance.

DUNCANNON PIER - INJURY TO

The following report was submitted from Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, under date 21st November, 1929:-

"I beg to report that a vessel laden with pit wood and moored at Duncannon Quay pulled a bolt up out of the Pier and loosened another in a storm on Friday night last. There's no other damage done and two bags of cement would repair the damage.

'I enclose a letter from the Harbour Master by which you will see the names of the owners of the vessel".

The County Surveyor stated that the vessel concerned was the "Pasfica" owned by Messrs Kearn and Tyrrell of Arklow.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, demand cost of repairing damage as per estimate of County Surveyor from Messrs Kearn and Tyrrell.

POUND AT SALTMILLS

Under date 21st November, 1929, the following report was read from Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor:-



"In accordance with instructions I visited Mr. William Costello of Saltmills in connection with repairs carried out by him to the Pound at Saltmills.

'He pointed out to me some small repairs to the coping of the wall surrounding the pound, and also the cleaning out of the place, which he said hadn't been done for the past twenty years.

'If he is entitled to get anything from the Council I think £2 (two pounds stg.) should satisfy his claim.'

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That a sum of £2 be paid William Costello, Saltmills, for repairs carried out by him at Pound Saltmills."

#### POUND AT ARTHURSTOWN

Under date 5th November, 1929, requisition was read from the District Justice, Mr. J. V. Fahy, authorising the establishment of a Pound at Arthurstown on the lands of Mr. William Murphy and appointing the said William Murphy keeper thereof.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Colfer, that the County Surveyor report to next meeting of Roads' Committee in connection with this application.

#### CAPITATION GRANT MENTAL HOSPITALS

The following resolution, submitted by County Mental Hospital Committee, was approved on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy, seconded by Mr. Brennan:-

"That this Committee desires to bring under the notice of the Minister of Local Government and local T.D. the inadequacy of the Government Grant in aid of maintenance of patients which for the year ended 31st March last is certified as less than 25 per cent of the net cost of maintenance. That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum equal to 50 per cent of the net cost of maintenance should be refunded as such was the relief



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originally given to the ratepayers."

NEW ROSS COURTHOUSE

Mr. Cooney gave notice of motion that he would move at next meeting of the County Council that electric light be installed in caretaker's premises of New Ross Courthouse.

MANUAL INSTRUCTION PREMISES - GOREY TECHNICAL SCHOOL

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

"That the seal of the County Council be affixed to the agreement between the County Council and Mrs Byrne, the Avenue, Gorey, in respect of the letting of premises at the Avenue Gorey at a sum of 8/- per week, tenancy to commence on 20th August, 1929, and to be determinable by a week's notice in writing at either side."

DEFAULTING LAND COMMISSION ANNUITANTS

Lists giving the names etc., of various defaulting Land Commission annuitants were submitted. The total amount involved was £15,947: 7: 8d.

Miss O'Ryan stated that she and Mr. Cummins had gone into the names on the lists on which appeared certain ones of people who were well able to pay their annuities and it was not fair that the County should have to bear the liability.

Mr. Corish suggested that a Committee should be appointed to examine the lists.

Miss O'Ryan concurred and said the names of some of the biggest farmers in South Wexford appeared on the lists. She was not referring to people who were not able to pay.

It was decided that the Finance Committee examine lists at their next meeting.

The remainder of the business was adjourned.

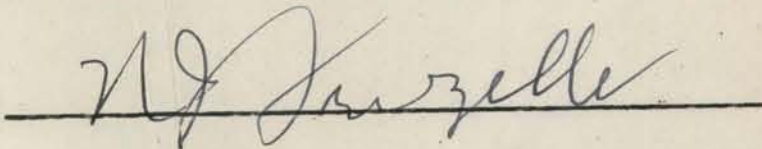
*Michael Doyle*



CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I certify the foregoing to be a correct record  
of the Minutes of Proceedings of Wexford County Council  
in respect of meeting held on 9th December, 1929.

(Signed)

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "N. J. Krzelle", is written over a horizontal line.

Secretary Wexford Co. Council.

Dated this 13th day of December, 1929.



